

Dear Padre,

How long is Mass supposed to last? My sister leaves after an hour even if the priest is still talking. Shouldn't she wait until it's over?

There's no rule about how long Mass should last, but it's inappropriate to arrive late or leave before the final blessing or the end of the recessional song. People should leave early only if they get sick or if they're doctors, police officers, or firefighters called away for an emergency.

Weekend activities should be scheduled around Mass. Saturday night Masses were designed for people who work Sundays and for parishes with too few priests to accommodate everyone on Sunday. They weren't designed to make it easier to get a good tee time on Sunday morning.

It's also important to remember that local customs and traditions affect the length of Mass. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, Sunday Mass could go on for nearly three hours. When I celebrated Mass in Scotland, the pastor said I had to be done in a half-hour.

Most areas have more than one church. Encourage your sister to either grow accustomed to the tradition of the parish she attends or look for another church. As a rule, I don't think it's good to "shop around" for Mass, but if your sister is that bothered by the length of the Mass at her current church, it might be better for her to go elsewhere.

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Calendar

- Monday**
OCTOBER 10
Weekday
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday**
OCTOBER 11
Weekday
Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday**
OCTOBER 12
Weekday
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday**
OCTOBER 13
Weekday
Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54
- Friday**
OCTOBER 14
Weekday
Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday**
OCTOBER 15
St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday**
OCTOBER 16
Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13
2 Tm 3:14-4:2
Lk 18:1-8

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28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022



Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of Oct 8 – Oct 14

- Sat 6:00 pm †Steven Slaby
- Sun 11:00 am †Len Sumter
- Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
- Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
- Tue 8:00 am †Souls In Purgatory
- Wed 8:00 am †Souls In Purgatory
- Thr 8:00 am †Souls In Purgatory
- Fri 8:00 am †Souls In Purgatory

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of Oct 8 – Oct 14

- Sat 4:00 pm †John & Delores Radich
- Sun 9:15 am †Ann Newman
- Tue 6:00 pm †Ann Newman

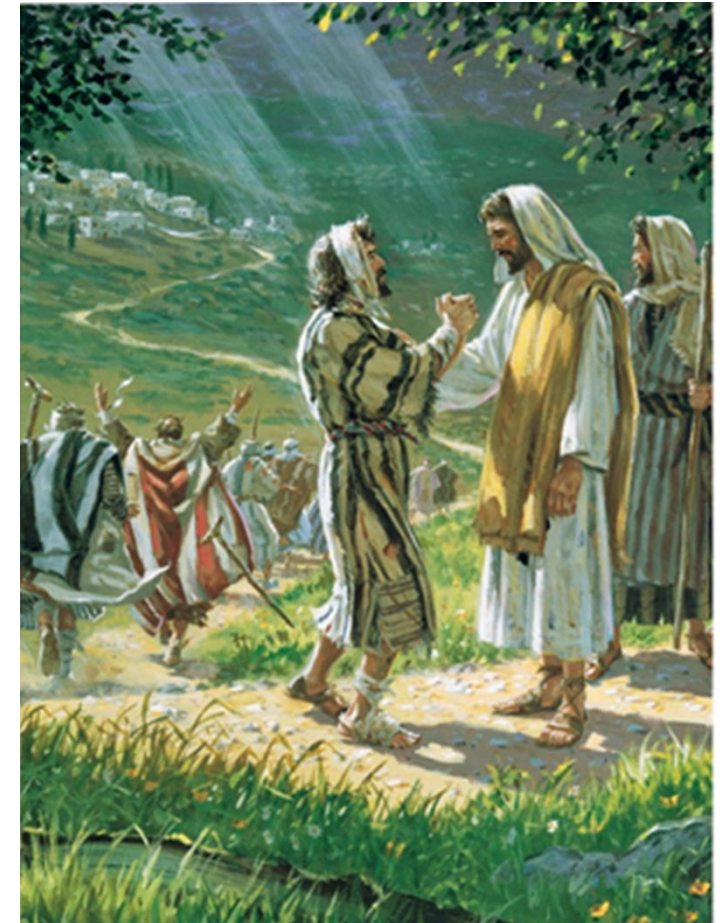
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross, with these introductory rites, because there we begin to adore God as a community. And for this reason, it is important to make sure you do not arrive late, but rather early, in order to prepare the heart for this rite, for this community celebration.

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