

KeYsis Outline

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SACRAMENTS 1: INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

Readings: Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraphs 1066-1075 The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, St. Mary's Press, pp 134-144
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Proclamation: Liturgy engages the faithful in the new life of the community and involves the conscious, active, and fruitful participation of everyone. CCC1071

I. Definition: The participation of the people of God in the work of God

- A. The public, communal, and official worship of the Church.
 - Public- It is a **sign** to the local community (A city set on a hill).
 - Communal- We do it together
 - **Mt 18:20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them**
 - Official- It is governed by the Church
 - The Celebration of the Eucharist is **the** central liturgy
 - The other six sacraments, the Liturgy of the Hours, and funerals are other liturgies

II. God's Work in the Liturgy

- A. The Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery
 - The Paschal mystery is the death & resurrection of our savior.
 - Brings forth to us in time that which is timeless
 - The paschal mystery of Christ is celebrated, not repeated.
- B. In the Liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, the work of our redemption is accomplished
- C. Liturgy is not something we do, it is something God does and we participate in
- D. Liturgy involves the conscious, active, and fruitful participation of everyone.

III. The Trinity in Liturgy

- A. The Trinity is three persons in an eternal and perfect communion with each other.
- B. Each person of the Trinity contributes to the work of God in different ways
- C. The Father is blessed and adored as the source of all blessings
- D. The Son makes present the mystery of our salvation
- E. The Holy Spirit prepares the assembly to encounter Christ

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit...

"As a being at once body and spirit, man expresses and perceives spiritual realities through physical signs & symbols." CCC 1146

IV The Celebration of the Liturgy

- A. Signs & Symbols
 - Christ uses signs
 - Look around—colors, candles, water, the bread & wine
- B. Words & actions
 - Reading of scripture
 - Kneeling, standing, sign of the cross

C. Singing & Music

- **Eph 5:19 Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.”**
- **“He who sings prays twice.” St. Augustine**
- Participation of the people of God

D. Holy Images

- All images represent Christ who became man and gave God a face.
- Images of the Blessed Mother & Saints glorify God.
- The beauty of images move us to contemplation (**Mark’s crucifix**).

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the font from which all her power flows...for it is in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, that Christ Jesus works in fullness for the transformation of men.”