



CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

The Mass

Proclamation Statement:

The Mass is our central act of worship, a foretaste of Heaven's liturgy. We receive Christ in Holy Communion and with Christ, we offer ourselves as a gift of love to the Father.

Opening Prayer:

O Lord Jesus, in order that the merits of our sacrifice on the Cross might be applied to every soul of all time, you willed that it should be renewed upon the altar. At the Last Supper, you said: "Do this in remembrance of me." By these words You gave Your apostles and their successors the power to consecrate and to the command to do what You Yourself did. I believe that the Mass is both a sacrifice and a memorial reenacting Your passing, death and resurrection. Help me to realize that the Mass is the greatest gift of God to us and our greatest gift to God. Amen.

Closing Prayer: Eucharistic Prayer

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.

To Make-Up a Session:

You are required to attend the sessions, however, if you are unable to attend a session, attend the **DVD makeup session the following Monday evening at 5:30pm in Kenny Hall prior to our regular RCIA session,** to view the past Monday's topic. You must sign in during the session to receive credit. Answer the make-up questions for the missed session, and turn in a copy (email or hard copy) to Teresa Vigil within a week of the missed session. Contact Teresa Vigil at: tvigil@ctking.com, 404-233-2145 x439. Make-up homework can be found on the internet: <http://www.cathedralofchristtheking.org/rciaev12> Answers may be found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, *the Bible* and "*We Believe...*".

Questions:

1. When entering Church, we dip our finger in Holy Water and make the sign of the cross. What does it mean to make the sign of the Cross and what sacrament are we remembering? (We Believe pg. 99-100)

2. Why do Catholics genuflect (facing the altar before entering their seats)? (CCC: 1378, Glossary pg. 880)

3. How do these two liturgical actions prepare you to enter into the presence of God and His Church?

4. The liturgy of the Mass is divided into two parts that form one single act of worship: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please list below the actions included in each part. (We Believe pg. 109-110, CCC: 1101, 1349, 1408)

Liturgy of the Word:

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

5. What is the role of the priest in the celebration of the Mass? (CCC: 1348, 1411)

6. The liturgy is the action of the entire Church with the Holy Spirit. In what ways do we, the people of God, “bless” our Father, the source and goal of the liturgy? (CCC: 1078, 1081-82)

7. Why do we worship on Sunday? (CCC: 1166-67, We Believe pg. 113)

8. Why is the Mass so important? (CCC: 1407, 1324, We Believe Pgs. 115-116)