



Pastor's Message

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During our life time, all of us have made excuses not do something, we know we should do. I have done it many times. Maybe, you have too!

What are five common excuses I have heard about not attending Sunday mass?

1. ***“I don’t get anything out of Mass.”*** The Mass is a “holy time” to unite ourselves with the Lord. We should not expect it to be an activity of entertainment. It is the greatest activity we could do on earth, because we receive Jesus, in preparation for being with Jesus forever in heaven.
2. ***“I don’t have time on Sunday.”*** Our Creator God has blessed all of us with 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Think about it. 24 multiplied by 7 equal 168 hours. Most of the time, Holy Mass from start to finish is one hour. One hour is only 1/168th of your week.
3. ***“I had a bad experience with the Church.”*** Certainly, your bad experience with the Church must have been quite awful! If it was a priest or parish employee who was the cause of the bad experience, shame on them. It should have never happened. But, there are other places which we still go, that during the past we had encountered problems with people. Would we stay away from the gym, the supermarket and/or a hospital if we wanted to go, just because of the one problem person we encountered there long ago?
4. ***I don’t need to go to Mass to get close to God.”*** At Holy Mass you receive the Lord Jesus, the second person of the Most Holy Trinity, at Holy Communion. As beautiful are God’s creations of either a mountain, ocean, lake or walk through scenic wooden trail, can they compare to the opportunity to “get close to God,” by reception of the Holy Communion?
5. ***“I am a sinner; I can’t go back after what I have done.”*** Welcome to the club! If we didn’t sin, then God would have not sent His Son to save us. Consequently, if there is anyone who should be at Holy Mass, it isn’t the saints!

Please kindly understand, I am in no position to judge anyone. I am very, very far from being perfect. Only the Lord Jesus has that job at the time each of us arrives face to face with Him after our death. But, I would negligent in my job, if I decided not to pen this Message, for either you or someone you love.

I hope to see you in Church soon. I know I need to be there. No excuses.

Peace,
Fr. Marc