

The Deacon's Corner...

Why be at Mass

There's an old song whose words that go like this, "*Oh it's nice to get up in the morning, but it's much nicer to stay in bed.*" Have you ever felt like this on a Sunday morning when you knew you had to go to Mass? Maybe when you did get up, you even felt you were performing a heroic act...an obligation.

Should we feel that way? The simple answer is "NO."

After all, why do we go to Mass? Do we do it to satisfy the Third Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day...or is there more to it.

Have you ever heard about the "Sacrifice of the Mass"? Think about that for a moment.

We are attending Mass because it is celebration of the perfect gift of Jesus who offered himself as the Victim once and for all for us on Calvary. He preceded that at the Last Supper when he broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said "*...this is my body which will be given up for you*" and taking the cup he said "*...this is the cup of my blood...it will be shed for you...that sins may be forgiven.*" Christ concluded by saying:

"Do this in memory of me."

We are at Mass. We are at the Last Supper. We are at Calvary. We are uniting ourselves with Jesus and the special gift he has given us. We are being given the chance to unit our love with his. There could be no better way that this to keep the Lord's Day holy and sanctify the days ahead.

Mass is our weekly gift to God and it must not be incomplete or damaged. Not only should be at Mass physically, we must be present mentally and understand what's going on and why. Remember, we are at the Last Supper...we are at
Calvary!

We are giving back to God the gift of his Son and the gift of the sacrifices he made for us.

Let us change the words of that old song to

"Oh, it's nice to get up in the morning, but it's much better when you start the day with the Lord."

God bless, see you at Mass...Deacon Loris