

Liturgy Lesson – An Introduction

Next week we're going to begin a series of short instructions designed to help you better understand the Mass. We'll be giving them at this time before the Mass begins so if you usually get to Mass just before it begins you may want to try to arrive about 10 minutes earlier since the lessons will be between 3-5 minutes each. There will be approximately 30 of these lessons. Each of the lessons will have three parts:

First there will be a description of *What is Happening*. Here there will be a brief description of what is going on; either what the priest is doing or what someone else in the sanctuary is doing.

Secondly, there will be an explanation of the *Meaning of what is happening*. This will entail either a brief history, a statement of what some great saint or father of the Church says about it, some ancient document or what the Bishops have to say about that part of the Mass.

Finally, a *suggestion or two* will be given about what you can do to become more a part of what is happening at that time.

It's Fr. Bush and Fr. Schmelzer's hope that you will find these instructions helpful so that we can all reverently stand at the foot of the Cross along with the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene and John and offer ourselves with Jesus to the Father.

Also, it would be appreciated if you let either Fr. Bush or Fr. Schmelzer know if there is anything they can do to make these before Mass instructions more meaningful for you. We'll also be putting them on the web page for St. Luke so if you have a connection to the internet you can look them over again or share them with a friend or family member.

We hope that these lessons will be both interesting and informative. Ultimately helping you better appreciate the glory of the Mass.