



## PARTS OF THE MASS: Introductory Rites

### The Introductory Rites

The most holy sacrifice of the Mass is a single act of worship, which begins with the introductory rites: the Entrance, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Gloria, and the Collect. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* teaches that these “have the character of a beginning, an introduction, and a preparation.” Each aspect guides the faithful more deeply into the celebration of the Paschal Banquet. We bring ourselves physically before God, we direct our minds to the things of God, we express sorrow for sins and implore God’s mercy, and we gather our prayers as a community of faith.

Because of its position and duration, it may be relatively easy to miss the significance of the Introductory Rites. Simple as they may seem these initial acts are not so: they are a calling together of the entire Body of Christ, they are the beginning of one great hymn of praise and thanksgiving, sung together by the local church, the church around the globe, and the angels and saints in heaven!

### PREPARING FOR JUNE



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Together, we will deepen our understanding of the Church’s liturgy so that we may be sent forth into the world, glorifying God with our lives.

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### PREPARE



Make a point to be in the Church at least a few minutes before the entrance song begins. Reflect on the week past, identifying both blessings and sins to bring before the altar during Mass.

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### CELEBRATE



Like any good introduction, the introductory rites have an attention-grabbing quality. It is up to each of us, however, to make the most of them. The following resources will help in this regard.

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### LIVE



Mass with your faith community is certainly “living” it, and there are other ways to think about living these rites given their significance as a “beginning, an introduction, and a preparation.”

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### VIDEO LESSON



Fr. Jason Jalbert, Vicar General, Rector and Pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral, offers a quick take on the Introductory Rites of the Roman Missal.

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