



# PARTS OF THE MASS: The Liturgy of the Word

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After the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the assembly's attention turns to the word of God.

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel." (GIRM, no. 29)

These words from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) challenge us with a profound truth that we need to reflect on and take to heart. The words of Sacred Scripture are not like any other texts we will ever hear. They not only give us information, but they are the way God reveals himself to us.

Through the scripture, we come to know of God's unconditional love for us and we also learn about the responsibilities involved in being true disciples. The Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy has a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. It not only tells us of God and God's desires for us, it also helps us to renew our own commitment to live the gospel every day.

### PREPARING FOR JUNE



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Catholics from every parish in the Diocese of Manchester are invited to gather for a time of prayer, fellowship, and formation in June of 2020.

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



What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29).

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### CELEBRATE



The key to the liturgy of the word is listening. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal.

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### LIVE



The Word of God calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. The Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself.

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### VIDEO LESSON



Fr. Jason Jalbert, Vicar General, Rector and Pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral, offers a quick take on the Liturgy of the Word.

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