

Liturgy Guide for Visitors and Guests



St. Charles Borromeo Church
Lima, Ohio

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Charles! Whether you happen to be a visitor, guest, or someone who has recently joined our parish, we are happy that you have taken time to be with us today.

We invite you to review this guide and to join as fully as possible in our celebration of the Eucharist.

The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” We gather on the Lord’s Day to thank God for all his gifts, most especially his greatest gift to us, the gift of his son Jesus. In the Mass we encounter Jesus Christ in a real and powerful way. He is present in the Word proclaimed, in the people gathered to praise God, in the priest, and in the Real Presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, which has become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This is a special place of encounter with Christ. To prepare yourself to encounter him, speak to him from your heart. Then listen for him to speak to your heart. He speaks from his sacred heart an invitation to join in the life of love in God. This life of love in God is expressed in our prayers to the Father, with the son, and in the Holy Spirit. It all begins with an encounter with Christ.

As a gesture of love and respect for the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle, where the Body of Christ is reserved, we face the tabernacle and genuflect (to bow and touch your right knee to the ground) when passing near to it. Here at St. Charles, the tabernacle is in the glassed room on the northeast corner, between two sections of the church behind the crucified Christ. A red light burns beside the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Jesus.

We encourage you to turn the page and join us in giving praise and thanksgiving to God. There are number boards located throughout the church and the cantor will announce the song number as well.

Most songs are found in the red hardback hymnals (Gather Comprehensive). Songs from the smaller paperback hymnal (Parish Hymnal) are indicated by a blue marking near the number.

The people’s prayers and responses are indicated in **BOLD**.

The Order of Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

Please stand and join in singing. The priests and ministers process to the center of the church, called the sanctuary. The priest reverences the altar and greets the assembly. All make the sign of the cross as he prays:

In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water

On Sundays, especially during the season of Easter, instead of the Penitential Act below, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water may take place.

Penitential Act

The priest invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them, using one of the following forms:

A) Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God,
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(strike our breast during the next line)

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or

- B) Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

Or

- C) Lord Jesus... Lord have mercy.
~ **Lord have mercy.**
Christ Jesus... Christ, have mercy.
~ **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus... Lord, have mercy,
~ **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
~ **Amen.**

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

(Used with Form A or B above)

Gloria

*The Gloria is sung on Sundays and holy days of obligation
except during the seasons of Advent and Lent.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

~ Amen (*please be seated for the readings from
Sacred Scripture.*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The proclamation of God's Word is always centered on Christ, present through His Word. Old Testament writings prepare for Him; New Testament books speak to Him directly. All of Scripture inspires us to live our call to be people of God.

First Reading

A lector reads from the Old Testament and concludes by saying:

The Word of the Lord.
~ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The choir or cantor sings the psalm, and the people respond.

Second Reading

A lector reads from the New Testament and concludes by saying:

The Word of the Lord.
~ Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

During Lent a different acclamation is sung.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

~ **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...

(Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)

~ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

With the thumb, we make a cross over our forehead, lip and heart as we silently pray, "Lord be in my thoughts, on my lips, and in my heart."

The gospel is proclaimed by either the priest or deacon. At the conclusion:

The Gospel of the Lord.

~ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

All sit as the priest or deacon offers a homily. Derived from the scripture readings, the homily helps us to understand the mysteries of faith and directs us to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Please stand and recite one of the following:

Profession of Faith

A Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

(all bow at the following, up to "and became man")

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man,
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or.....

B **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Universal Prayer (General Intercessions)

As a community of believers, we ask Jesus to intercede for us, as we pray for the needs of all people. Responses will vary and may be spoken or sung.

Liturgy of The Eucharist

Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper in the form of bread and wine. When we receive the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to Christ who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body. (Corinthians 10:16-17)

Members of the assembly carry the gifts of bread and wine, as well as our monetary offerings to the altar. If there is no music, the following prayers may be said aloud.

Preparation of the Altar and the Offerings

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

~ Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

~ Blessed be God for ever.

Please stand.

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the offerings

~ Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

We begin the Eucharistic service of praise and thanksgiving, the center of the entire celebration, the central prayer of worship. At the priest's invitation we lift our hearts to God and unite with him in the words he addresses to the Father through Jesus Christ. Together we join Christ in his sacrifice, celebrating his memorial in the holy meal and acknowledging with him the wonderful works of God in our lives.

The Eucharistic prayer begins with a dialogue between the priest and the assembly.

The Lord be with you.

~ **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

~ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

~ **It is right and just.**

Holy

We join with the Angels and Saints to acclaim the glory of God.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer calls for us all to listen in silent reverence, but also to take part through one of the acclamations, which follows:

Acclamation

The mystery of faith.

A) We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

All stand.

Or.....

...

B) When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or.....

...

C) Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Doxology

Through him, with him, in him, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

~ Amen

All stand.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hal-
lowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will by done, on
earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may
always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we
await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus
Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now
and forever.

Sign of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance
with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever,
~ Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

~ **And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We are invited to offer one another a sign of peace, such as a handshake.

Lamb of God

The Priest breaks the bread to be shared by all Roman Catholics who have prepared for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All kneel.

Communion

The Priest genuflects, then, holding the consecrated Host above the Altar says,

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The priest, deacon, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive, then proceed to minister the Eucharist to the congregation.

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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Prayer after Communion

All stand

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Having received the Body and Blood of Christ, we are strengthened to be the body of Christ in the world today. We are commissioned to take the Gospel into every aspect of life by loving and serving all people of God.

Greeting and Final Blessing

The Lord be with you.

~ **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

~ **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

~ or Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

~ or Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

~ or Go in peace.

~ **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional

Please join in singing as the priest and deacon recess out of church with the altar servers.

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