

THE MASS AS CELEBRATION

Intent of these jottings.

- ✓ *A simple explanation for children of the Mass and its parts*
- ✓ *Comparing the mass to a joyful celebration*
- ✓ *Only a short sketch is given of the Eucharistic celebration.*
- ✓ *Enlarge, comment and adapt..*

Introductory talk.

What things we need to have a party?

BEFORE THE PARTY:

- A Host, that calls the party.
- A joyous occasion to celebrate
- A hall or a lovely spot.
- Invitees to be called to the party.
- Invitees have to accept the invitations.
- They have to get ready for the party.
 - ✓ Cleaning and grooming themselves.
 - ✓ Getting some presents for the host.

AT THE PARTY:

- Greeting the Host.
- Being Welcome by the host..
- Talking and enjoying each others company.
- Music and singing
- Offering the presents or gifts they brought.
- Eating and drinking.

AT THE END OF THE PARTY

- Thanking the Host
- Farewell
- Going home happy.

AFTER THE PARTY

- Remembering the party and the one who invited them..
- deepening their friendship and love with him

THE MASS AS GOD'S PARTY CELEBRATION

Have you ever realized that the Mass –The Eucharist– is like having a party with God?

GOD INVITES US TO THE HIS PARTY.

1. God is our host
2. God calls us, invites us to his house – the Church - to have a party with him.
3. The reason is that He wants us to celebrate with Him the great and happy event of Jesus His son coming into our world, to live with us, to teach us, to show his love, to die for us, **Error! Not a valid link.**and his final victory – his resurrection - when he will take us to his heavenly home..

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR GOD'S PARTY

- We accept his invitation with joy
- We to go for the party, not by force and grumbling but with joy and love.
- We make ourselves presentable; clothes, grooming, etc.
- We have to bring some presents for Jesus, something that God will like?
- What does God want most of all from us? What does He like most?

AT GOD'S PARTY

Welcoming One Another

(Welcoming Rites)

- **Going to the Church on time.**
- **Greeting the Host and those present.**
(First words the priest addresses to those present.)
- **Unity, love and friendship**
(Penitential Rite)
- **Thanking and praising our Hoast. - the one who invited us.**
(The Glory to God in the Highest) .

Speaking to and Listening to our Host - God Our Father)

(Liturgy of the Spoken Word)

- **God Speaks to Us and We Listen to Him.***(Listening to the Readings)*
 - 1st. Reading from the Bible.
(God speaks to us through the prophets)
 - Psalm
(A song of praise Jesus Himself had sang)
 - 2nd Reading The Gospel
(God speaks to us through Jesus)

- The sermon. The Priest explains the meaning of the word of God.
(*Homily*)
- **We Speak to God and He listens to us.** Talking and Praying to God for one another, for the needs of others and of the world.
(*Prayers of the faithful.*)-

Exchange of Gifts

Liturgy of the Incarnated Word of God

- **Offering the bread and wine along with ourselves to God.**
(*Offertory rite*).
- **Changing the bread and wine we offered into the body and blood of Jesus**
(*Consecration rite*)
- **Offering the Gift of peace to all the invitees.**
(*The rite of peace*)
- **Receiving the gift of Jesus -The Son of God - in our hearts,**
(*The rite of Communion*).

AT THE END OF GOD'S PARTY

Thanksgiving Liturgy and Dismissal rite

- **Silent thanks giving**
- **Last prayers of thanksgiving,**
- **Last Blessing**
We are sent out to the whole world to let people know the love God the Father and His Son Jesus have for us.
(*Go in peace, the Mass is ended.*
You are sent out to love God and one another)