

Tridentine Community News

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Classic Catechetical Diagrams

These timeless diagrams from *Know Your Mass, My Catholic Faith*, and similar classic catechetical books express a tremendous amount of truth, of interest to children as well as adults.

KNOW YOUR MASS CHAPTER TWO: TWO MASSES IN ONE

BEFORE YOU STUDY THE MASS PART BY PART YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE MASS AS A WHOLE. THE WHOLE MASS IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS:

- 1. THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS**
FOR: CATHOLICS AND THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING TO BECOME CATHOLICS.
TO: OFFER PRAYER AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTION.
- 2. THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL**
FOR: CATHOLICS ONLY.
TO: RE-OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS, AND RECEIVE OUR LORD IN HOLY COMMUNION.

The diagram shows the Mass divided into two parts. The Mass of the Catechumens includes Kyrie, Gloria, Collects, Epistle, Gospel, and Sermon. The Mass of Fulfillment includes Offertory, Consecration, and Communion. A note states: "ONLY CATHOLICS HAVE A RIGHT HERE" pointing to the Mass of Fulfillment. Another note says: "INSTRUCTION STARTS HERE" pointing to the beginning of the Mass. A final note says: "FIRST WE PRAY" pointing to the beginning of the Mass. The diagram also shows the Altar of Christ's Sacrifice and the Table of Christ's Banquet.

THEN LOOK AT THE STEPS ANOTHER WAY. IN THE PRAYER PART WE USE THE FOUR GREAT FORMS OF PRAYER. IN THE TEACHING PART GOD USES HIS THREE GREAT MEANS OF INSTRUCTION.

The diagram shows the Mass as a staircase of steps. The steps are: ENTER MASS OF THE FAITHFUL, CREED, SERMON (THE CHURCH SPEAKS), GOSPEL (JESUS CHRIST SPEAKS), EPISTLE (APOSTLES AND PROPHETS SPEAK), COLLECTS (WE ASK GOD FOR HIS GIFTS), ADORATION THANKSGIVING (WE ADORE AND THANK GOD), REPARATION (WE ASK GOD'S PARDON), and PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR AND INTROIT. The diagram also shows the four great forms of prayer: PETITION, ADORATION THANKSGIVING, REPARATION, and COMMUNION. The three great means of instruction are: THE CHURCH, JESUS CHRIST, and INSPIRED MEN.

The diagram shows the altar and its components. It includes: AT LEAST TWO CANDLES MUST BE LIT DURING MASS, ALTAR CARDS WITH PRAYERS ON THEM, SURPLICE, CLOTH FOR WIPING PRIEST'S HANDS, DISH FOR WASHING PRIEST'S HANDS, MISSAL OR BOOK OF MASS PRAYERS, TWO CRUETS (BOTTLES) ONE-WATER, ONE-WINE, CREDENCE TABLE, CASSOCK, BELL TO BE RUNG AT MASS, and IN CENTER OF ALTAR IS AN ALTAR STONE HOLDING RELICS OF SAINTS. The diagram also shows the Altar of Christ's Sacrifice and the Table of Christ's Banquet.

SYMBOLS of the CHURCH

YOU HAVE SEEN THE PICTURES OF ANIMALS, PLANTS AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE ON THE WALLS AND WINDOWS OF YOUR CHURCH. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN? THESE PICTURES ARE CALLED SYMBOLS.

(A SYMBOL IS SOMETHING THAT STANDS FOR SOMETHING ELSE.) EVER SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, THEY HAVE BEEN USED TO TEACH THE TRUTHS OF OUR RELIGION.

The diagram shows various symbols of the church: THE GREEK LETTERS ALPHA (A) AND OMEGA (Ω) OFFER APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF ALTARS. THESE TWO LETTERS ARE THE FIRST AND LAST LETTERS OF THE GREEK ALPHABET. THEY SHOW THAT GOD IS THE BEGINNING AND END OF ALL THINGS. THE DOVE REPRESENTS THE HOLY GHOST. THE CROSS STANDS FOR FAITH. THE ANCHOR STANDS FOR HOPE. THE HEART STANDS FOR LOVE, OR CHARITY. THE FISH WAS A FAVORITE SYMBOL OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS. IT REPRESENTS OUR LORD. THE MOST IMPORTANT SYMBOL, OF COURSE, IS THE CROSS. THE ORDINARY CROSS, CALLED THE LATIN CROSS, REPRESENTS THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF CROSSES. HERE ARE THE PICTURES OF SOME OF THEM. THE CHI RHO (☩) IS MADE OF TWO GREEK LETTERS, THE CHI (Χ) WHICH LOOKS LIKE OUR LETTER "X" AND THE RHO (Ρ) WHICH LOOKS LIKE OUR LETTER "P". CHI AND RHO ARE THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE GREEK WORD FOR CHRIST. THE CHI RHO IS A SYMBOL OF OUR LORD. DARS OF WHEAT AND BUNCHES OF GRAPES ARE SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST. BREAD IS MADE FROM WHEAT, AND WINE IS MADE FROM GRAPES. THEY REPRESENT THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD.

The diagram shows the Church's relationship with Heaven, Earth, and Purgatory. HEAVEN: THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT. EARTH: THE CHURCH MILITANT. PURGATORY: THE CHURCH SUFFERING. The diagram also shows the four great forms of prayer: INTERCESSION, PRAYER, RELIEF, and PRAYER. The three great means of instruction: INTERCESSION, PRAYER, and INTERCESSION. The diagram also shows the four great forms of prayer: INTERCESSION, PRAYER, RELIEF, and PRAYER. The three great means of instruction: INTERCESSION, PRAYER, and INTERCESSION.

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The diagram shows various priestly vestments: AMICE (FRONS), ALB, CHIFFONIER, MANIPULE, STOLE, FODRE WITH FRONTAL VEIL, WHITE FOLIO VESTED, GONNA CHASUBLE (BACK), CASSOCK, SURPLICE, and CROPE (BACK). The diagram also shows the Altar of Christ's Sacrifice and the Table of Christ's Banquet.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/14 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Vigil of the Assumption)

Sat. 08/18 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Saturday of Our Lady)

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