

Mass

Attending Mass every week is important because we can worship with others and because we can receive Jesus in the Eucharist. The host and the wine are transformed into the real body and blood of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.. We call this *transubstantiation*.

There are five parts of the Mass

1. Introductory Rites
2. Liturgy of the Word
3. Liturgy of the Eucharist
4. Communion Rite
5. Concluding Rites

We are to read page 47 in our VENTURE WHAT THE CHURCH BELIEVES AND TEACHES HAND BOOK.

Here are the parts of the Liturgy of the Word. - The readings come from the Bible.

1. **First Reading** - comes from the Old Testament.
2. **Responsorial Psalm** - Comes from the Bible Book of Psalms.
3. **Second Reading** - Comes from the New Testament.
4. **Alleluia, Gospel Acclamation** - We sing praise for the Gospel.
5. **Gospel Reading** - Comes from the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John
6. **Homily** - Priest or deacon talks about how we can live according to what is described in the readings.
7. **Profession of Faith** - We recite what we believe as Catholics - Apostles or Nicene Creed.
8. **Prayer of the Faithful** - We pray for the church and for each other.

