

# What Are You Missing in the Mass?

**Thursdays, 7PM**  
**Parish Center**



# Dates and Topics

- \* April 8 - Readings for April 11 - Sunday of Divine Mercy - Before Going to Mass
- \* April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 1st Communion - Introductory Rites
- \* April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Penitential Act / Kyrie / Gloria
- \* April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Word
- \* May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Homily / Profession of Faith / Prayers of Faithful
- \* May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Eucharist
- \* May 20 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion Rite
- \* May 27 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sending Forth



# Where Are We?

- \* Prepared for mass
- \* Entered the doors
- \* Blessed ourselves with holy water
- \* This week we will make it to the altar
- \* Every bit of the liturgy has deep meaning
- \* Grounded in scripture

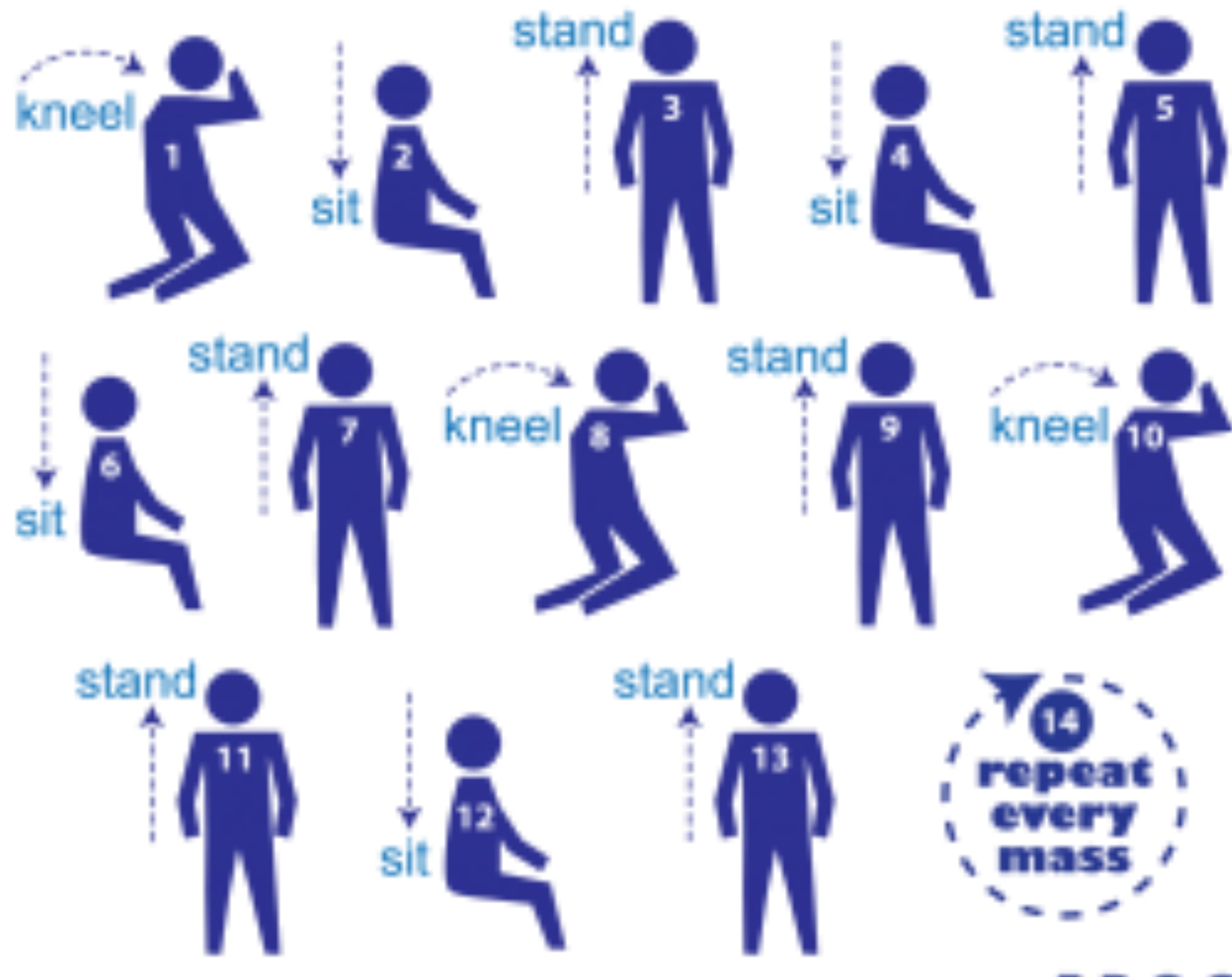




# Entrance to Mass

## Catholic Calisthenics

This exercise will bring you closer to God and may lead to eternal salvation.



## Catholic Mass Gymnastics



The "Someone is trying to pray behind you"



The "Person in front of you is sitting while you try to kneel"



The "Letting someone get into your row"



The "Stepping over someone not going to Communion"



The "Running after child rushing altar"



The "Find the way through the crowd after Mass"



# Entrance to Mass

- \* Purpose to the movements
- \* Presence of Jesus and Priest in Persona Christi
- \* **Matthew 18:20** - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.





# Entrance to Mass

## Exodus 33:7-10

Moses used to pitch a tent outside the camp at some distance. It was called the tent of meeting. Anyone who wished to consult the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.

Whenever Moses went out to the tent, **the people would all rise and stand** at the entrance of their own tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.

As Moses entered the tent, the column of cloud would come down and stand at its entrance while the LORD spoke with Moses.

On seeing the column of cloud stand at the entrance of the tent, **all the people would rise and bow down** at the entrance of their own tents.





# Entrance Hymn

- \* Mass is communal prayer
- \* We join our voices together
- \* **Matthew 16:24** - Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must **deny himself**, **take up his cross**, and follow me."
- \* **CCC 1140** - It is the **whole community**, the Body of Christ united with its head, that celebrates





Those who  
sing, pray  
twice!

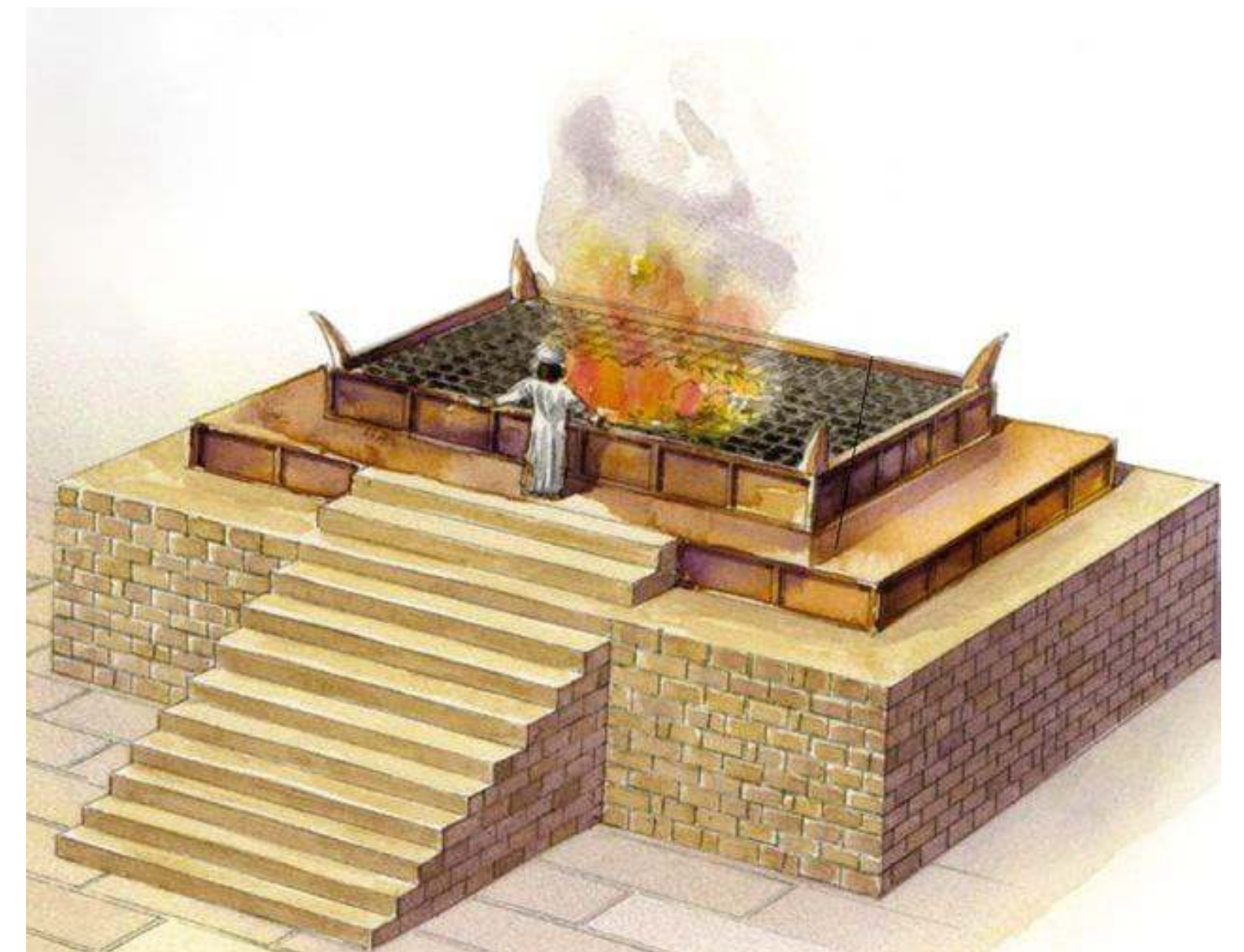




# Veneration of Altar

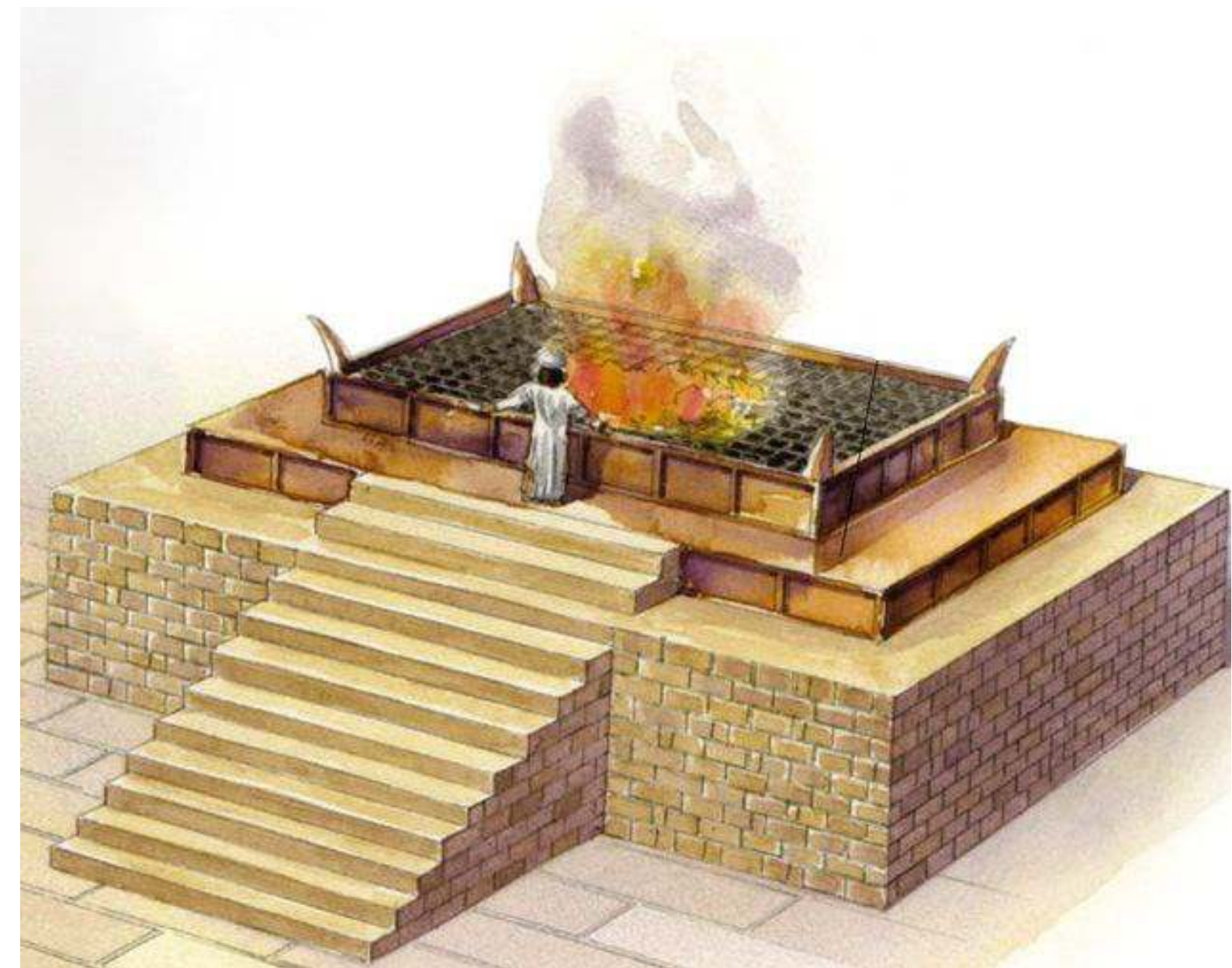
\* **Exodus 20:24** - An altar of earth make for me, and **sacrifice upon it** your burnt offerings and communion sacrifices...

\* **1 Kings 9:3** - The LORD said to him (Solomon): I have heard the prayer of petition which you offered in my presence. I have **consecrated this house** which you have built and I set my name there forever; my eyes and my heart shall be there always.





# Altars of the Old Covenant.....





**St. Augustine:**

Old Testament *revealed* in New Testament

New Testament *hidden* in the Old Testament

*Jesus' death was plan A all along!*



# Veneration of Altar

- \* Kiss a sign of greeting → reverence for temples and gods
- \* Primitive altar in catacombs → tomb of a martyr
  - \* Relics were placed beneath the altar
  - \* Kiss seen as a greeting to the saints
- \* Family table honored before meals → meals considered sacred
- \* Stone Altars → symbol of Christ → cornerstone of our church





# Veneration of Altar

- \* St. Ambrose: "The altar represents the Body of Christ and the Body of Christ is on the altar."
- \* Priest, acting in the person of Jesus Christ, re-presents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of sacrifice and the table of the Lord.





# Sign of the Cross

**Ezekiel 9:4** - and the LORD said to him:  
Pass through the city, through the midst  
of Jerusalem, and mark an X on the  
foreheads...

Early  
Hebrew



Middle  
Hebrew



**Matthew 28:19** - Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit,

**Revelation 7:4** - ...a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed...



# Sign of the Cross

Fr. Jeremy Driscoll O.S.B., writes,

- \* A **solemn and more meaningful beginning** cannot be imagined.
- \* Expresses the central event of our Christian faith
- \* Trace it over our own bodies indicating that event shall make its force felt on our bodies
- \* Cross touches my body and shapes it for what is about to happen.
- \* **Reveals the mystery of the Holy Trinity** in the Death of Jesus on the Cross





**Beginning Mass  
with the sign of the  
cross summarizes all  
that is about to  
happen**





# Peace be with You

The priest expresses his desire that the **dynamic activity of God's spirit** be given to the people of God, enabling them to do the work of transforming the world that God has entrusted to them.





*et cum spiritu tuo*  
*and with your spirit*



\* More precise translation

\* English is only major language to need to change translation

Spanish —> Y con tu espíritu

German —> Und mit deinem Geiste

Italian ~> E con il tuo spirito

French —> Et avec votre esprit



# *et cum spiritu tuo*



- \* Only addressed to an ordained minister

- \* *spiritu* refers to gift of the Spirit received at ordination

- \* People respond to the priest in assurance of:

  - \* Divine assistance of God's spirit

  - \* Help to use charismatic gifts given in ordination

  - \* Fulfill prophetic function in the Church



# Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter



# First Reading

## **Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter said to the people:

“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death,





# First Reading

...but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, **that your sins may be wiped away.**"





# Reconciliation

the ***restoration***  
of friendly relations



# Reconciliation

- “You” put to death the author of life
- God reversed the trial and crucifixion
- Glorified His Son and offered salvation



***Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.***



# Psalm

## Lord Let Your Face Shine on Us

**4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**

When I call, answer me, O my just God,  
you who relieve me when I am in distress;  
have pity on me, and hear my prayer! **R.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;  
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him. **R.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance  
shine upon us!

You put gladness into my heart. **R.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,  
for you alone, O LORD,  
bring security to my dwelling. **R.**





**Majority of Psalms were  
originally composed for liturgical  
worship**

**Themes:**

- **Security of one who trusts in God**
- **Inner peace of those who sincerely  
repent**



# Second Reading

## 1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **Advocate** with the **Father, Jesus Christ** the righteous one. **He is expiation for our sins**, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. This way we may be sure that we know him is to **keep his commandments**. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.





# Reconciliation

John 14:16 - Jesus is the first advocate

- \*Intercessor in heaven
- \*Greek term ~ legal terminology
- \*Attorney / mediator / comforter / controller
- \*Not one fully encompasses the meaning





# Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Lk 24:32

**Lord Jesus, open the  
Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while  
you speak to us.**

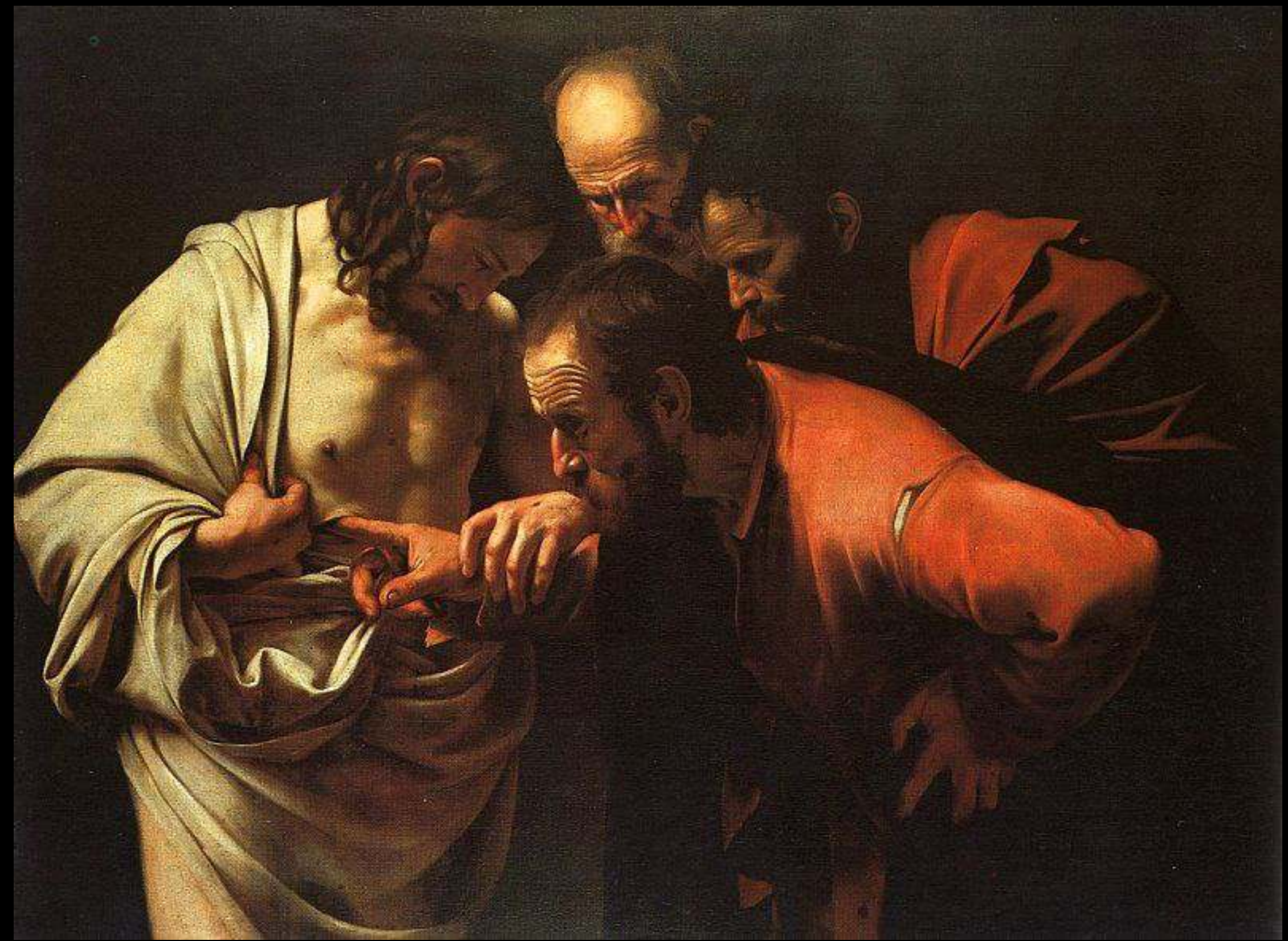




# Gospel

## Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have. And he said this, he showed them his hands and feet.





# Gospel

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of



baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the **forgiveness of sins**, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."





## Road to Emmaus

- A little village located 7 or 8 miles from Jerusalem
- First mass -
  - "beginning with Moses and all the prophets,"
    - ▶ Jesus is the Word of God
  - "took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them"
    - ▶ Jesus is the Eternal Sacrifice



- Participate in His body through the **Liturgy of the Word**  
AND participate in His body through the  
**Liturgy of the Eucharist**
- For God seeks souls, wishing not so much to impose His truth, as to attract us to Himself



# Reconciliation

- Old Testament Foreshadowing
  - Isaiah 53:5 - But **he was pierced for our sins**, crushed for our iniquity. **He bore the punishment** that makes us whole, **by his wounds we were healed**.
  - Hosea 6:2 - He will revive us after two days; **on the third day he will raise** us up, to live in his presence.
- Jesus speaking:
  - Luke 9:22 - He said, "The **Son of Man must suffer greatly** and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."



# *Our Father*



Pater noster qui es in coelis,  
sanctificetur nomen tuum;  
adveniat regnum tuum,  
fiat voluntas tua,  
sicut in coelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie,  
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,  
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.  
et ne nos inducas in tentationem  
sed libera nos a malo.  
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be 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.  
Amen.



# Questions and Discussion

