Parts of the Mass

**Introductory Rites** – The Introductory Rites unite us as the Body of Christ and prepare us for worship

1. Entrance Procession and song
2. Sign of the Cross and Greeting
3. Penitential Rite
4. Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)
5. Gloria – omitted during Lent
6. Opening Prayer

**Liturgy of the Word** – The Liturgy of the Word is the part of the Mass when we listen and respond to God’s Word

1. First Reading – from Old Testament
2. Responsorial Psalm – usually from Book of Psalms
3. Second Reading – from epistles (letters) or Acts of the Apostles both found in New Testament
4. Alleluia/Gospel Acclamation – During Lent we do not sing Alleluia
5. Gospel – from one of the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
6. Homily
7. Profession of Faith (Creed)
8. General Intercessions/Petitions/Prayers of the Faithful

**Liturgy of the Eucharist** – The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the part of the Mass where the death and Resurrection of Jesus are made present again; our gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, which we receive in Holy Communion

1. Preparation of the Gifts
2. Prayer over the Gifts
3. Eucharistic Prayer
   - Preface (“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, Holy, Holy
   - Institution Narrative and Consecration
   - Memorial Acclamation
- Offering (Second half of Eucharistic Prayer)
- Doxology (Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.
- Great Amen

4. Communion Rite
- Lord’s Prayer
- Sign of Peace
- Breaking of the Bread – Lamb of God
- Communion
- Prayer after Communion

**Concluding Rites** – In the Concluding Rites the priest blesses us in God’s name and sends us forth to live as disciples of Jesus

1. Blessing
2. Dismissal