

ABOUT THE MASS:

The Mass is the unbloody renewal of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. Since the Sacrifice of the Mass thus continues the Sacrifice of the Cross, the picture of the Crucifixion might well be hung above the altar during the Mass. Custom has it that a Crucifix is above the altar during the Mass.

The OFFERTORY

The CONSECRATION

The COMMUNION

are the THREE PRINCIPAL PARTS OF THE MASS.

The Offertory is essential because through it we offer to God the gifts of bread and wine which are to become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Consecration, and Communion are essential because they repeat what Christ did at the Last Supper when He instituted the Mass.

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At the CONSECRATION of the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus take the place of the actual bread and wine. This we call the TRANSUBSTANTIATION - - where the substance of the bread and the substance of the wine are actually changed into the substance of the Flesh and the substance of the Blood.

If the TRANSUBSTANTIATION is removed from the Catholic Worship, the Church of Jesus Christ is no longer Catholic. The only Church, of all churches, that has Transubstantiation is the Catholic Church.

At Holy COMMUNION, Jesus unites Himself with us. Communion is the final part of the sacrifice, because the complete destruction of the Victim must be realized if the act is called an act of sacrifice. In Holy Communion, the Victim is consumed, and the Sacrifice is then complete.

In the prayers said immediately after the Consecration the priest asks the saints in Heaven to intercede with God both for the souls in purgatory and for the sinners, yet living, on earth. These prayers illustrate how the Mass is a bond of union for the Communion of Saints.

All who hear Mass do not receive the same fruits because each person receives the benefits of the Mass in accordance with his devotion.

In the Mass, Christ is truly the Victim of the Sacrifice, just as He was the Victim of the Sacrifice of the Cross, but in the Mass Christ does not actually suffer and die. On Calvary Christ really died, His Body and Blood being actually separated from each other. But now He is glorious and immortal so that there is only a mystical or symbolic separation of His Body and Blood in the Mass. This separation takes place in the two separate Consecrations of the bread and the wine in the Mass.

WE CANNOT HAVE RELIGION WITHOUT
SACRIFICE BECAUSE IN WORSHIPPING
GOD WE NEED A SACRIFICE AS BEING
PRIMARILY OUR EXPRESSION OF THE
HIGHEST FORM OF WORSHIP: ADORATION!