

CONCLUDING RITES

YOU WILL NEED:

- CLOTH (COLOUR OF THE SEASON)
- WHITE FELT CIRCLE CUT INTO FOUR QUADRANTS
- 10 PEG PEOPLE, 1 PRIEST (WHITE MATERIAL TO REPRESENT ALB WITH MATERIAL THE COLOR OF THE SEASON TO REPRESENT CHASUBLE AND STOLE)
- BIBLE
- BREAD ON A PLATE
- GRAPE JUICE IN CHALICE/WINE GLASS
- CARDS: CONCLUDING RITES, BLESSING (SEE BELOW)

Lay seasonal cloth down. Place the quadrants on top of the underlay to form a circle as in illustration above.

Place the peg figures, including the priest, around the circle facing inwards to represent the community gathered.

Trace your finger around the circle as you say:

When we celebrate Mass we come together as the community of God.

Point to each quadrant as you say:

We can look at the Mass as being made up of four parts.

Hold the card 'Introductory Rites'

The first part, called the Introductory Rites, gathers us together into the community that is the body of Christ.

Place Introductory Rites card in quadrant 1.

Show the card 'Liturgy of the Word' as you say:

The second part is called the Liturgy of the Word.

Place Liturgy of the Word card in quadrant 2.

Hold up the Bible as you say:

During the Liturgy of the Word we listen to the Scriptures, the Word of God.

Place the open bible in quadrant 2.

Show the card 'Liturgy of the Eucharist' as you say:

The third part is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist we remember what Jesus said and did during the Last Supper. We give thanks to God and we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Place Liturgy of the Eucharist card in quadrant 3.

Hold the card 'Concluding Rites' as you say:

The Concluding Rites bring the Mass to an end.

Place Concluding Rites card in quadrant 4.

Hold the card 'Blessing' in one hand and make the sign of blessing that the priest makes with the right hand as you say:

The priest blesses us in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Place the Blessing card in quadrant 4 below 'Concluding Rites'.

Turn the figures out toward the students as you say:

The priest sends us out to take Christ into our world. The priest says, "Go forth, the Mass is ended."

And we say, "Thanks be to God."

Pause for a while before wondering with the students.

I wonder which part of the Mass you like best.

I wonder in which part/s of the Mass you feel close to Jesus.

I wonder how we can take Christ into our world.

I wonder why the Mass is so important for Catholics.