



Part II - We Worship

Liturgy - The Official Prayer of the Universal Church

Damien of Molokai

- Canonized 11 October 2009
(47th anniversary of 2nd Vatican Council)
- Feast day May 10
- Patron of Lepers, HIV/AIDS Patients
- Patron of Honolulu and Hawaii



Saint of the Week



- **Ministered to Lepers of Hawaii in Quarantined Exile on Molokai from 1873-1889**
- **Built a Church and Invited Lepers to participate in Mass – Despite contagious nature of Leprosy**
- **Though not a trained physician, cleansed and dressed the leprous ulcers of his parishioners**
- **Caught Leprosy and died**
- **Martyr of Charity**
- **Because of his close contact with the Lepers and the contagious nature of the disease, his contracting of the disease was inevitable**

Saint of the Week cont'd



Thirteen Focus Words from Part I – We Believe

Paradigm
Sacrament
Faith
Reconciliation
Trinity
Agape

Incarnation
Triduum
Paraclete
Witness
Pilgrim Church
Ecumenism
Apocalypse



Liturgy

- From Greek meaning “Work of the Public” or “Work of the Community”
- Official Prayer & Rituals of the Church
- Encounter with the Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- Fountain of Grace
- Work of Salvation

Eucharist

From Greek meaning 'Thanksgiving'
Roots in the Jewish Sedar Meal (Passover)
Refers to both the Mass and Holy Communion

Focus Words of the Week

- **The Mass**



Meal of Thanksgiving

11/20/16



Thanksgiving

Gathering of family & Friends

Renewing family bonds

Giving Thanks to God

Renewing our spiritual ties

Sharing Blessings, Concerns, Gossip

Empathizing with each other

Passing down family customs or rituals

Renewing family identity

Sharing Balutan

We all leave with something from each other

Our energies recharged

Thanksgiving Day Rituals



Back to our 'big words'

Liturgy – work of activity of the community

Eucharist – in thanksgiving

Add a word we learned from before

Ecclesia – assembly or gathering

The Mass as a Thanksgiving Gathering

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The Mass

Gathering of Christian Community

Renewing community bonds

Giving Thanks to God

Renewing our spiritual ties

Sharing the "Word," Our Concerns, & Mercy

(Requesting it from, and extending it to, each other)

Passing down of community customs or rituals

Renewing community identity

Sharing the Eucharistic Meal

Returning Home with Agape

We all leave with something of God and of each other

Our energies recharged

The Mass as a Thanksgiving Gathering



Liturgy

While the Mass is central to our Community Actions, there are a few other Community Actions that make up the official prayer of the Church:

The Sacraments

The Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office); and

The Liturgical Blessings

Liturgy – Official Prayer of the Church

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Personal and/or Private Devotions such as:

The Rosary,

Stations of the Cross,

Veneration of Relics,

Litany of the Saints (outside of the Mass),

Are encouraged as signs of faith and hope; however these devotions, even though often conducted in large groups or 'assembly', are not considered liturgy or official prayer.

Devotions as distinguish from Official Prayer

We also utilize **Sacramentals** such as

Holy Water

Holy Oils

Candles

Incense

Medals

Scapulars

Crosses / Crucifixes

**Items that facilitate prayer or help us experience
the goodness of God.**



Liturgy

**Always Unfolds according to Prescribed Rite or Ritual:
Prescribed words, actions, gestures and symbols.**

**Always involves an encounter with the Father, Son & Holy Spirit
And, therefore an opportunity for Grace
(sharing in the Divine Life)**

Official Prayer

Liturgy

Some Basics:

Liturgical Year

Liturgical Colors

Cycle of Readings

The Mass

Liturgy of Word

Liturgy of Eucharist



Preview



Take Aways:

**The Mass is a Thanksgiving Event
Community getting together to celebrate**

Reading Assignment:

**Privilege of Being Catholic
Chapter 7 – The Eucharist**