

HOSPITALITY AND

The Sunday Mass

Sunday Mass is the source and summit of parish life. Explore the ways Sunday Mass can bring others around the table of the Lord to share in the one saving sacrifice of Christ. The worship and praise of the Eucharist should bring us into communion with the Father through Jesus Christ.



REFLECT

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. [Romans 15:7](#)

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. [Hebrews 13:2](#)

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. [John 13:14](#)

In the power of the risen Lord, [Mary] wants to give birth to a new world, where all of us are brothers and sisters, where there is room for all those whom our societies discard, where justice and peace are resplendent. [Fratelli Tutti, 278](#)

The different cultures that have flourished over the centuries need to be preserved, lest our world be impoverished. [Fratelli Tutti, 134](#)

The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. [Gaudium et Spes, 1](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe what the experience would be for someone who comes to your parish Mass for the first time. They aren't familiar with the Catholic Church and know no one in the parish. Include all their experiences from their entrance onto the church property until they depart it.
2. How does a parish member who isn't involved in many ministries learn the names of their fellow parish members?
3. How welcomed do members of various demographic groups feel? These could include families with small children, the elderly, people from different language groups or ethnicities, and persons with disabilities. Think about how they are interacted with at liturgy, whether any of the art on the grounds reflects their demographic, what is included or not in the Universal Prayer, whether the language of liturgy is ever theirs, etc.