

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THE MASS



Mass Series Conclusion

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After receiving the blessing of God through the priest, the priest or deacon tells those who are assembled any number of dismissals: "Go forth, the Mass is ended", "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord", "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Regardless of what is used, the idea is the same: go into the world with what you have received.

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Sometimes the dismissal uses the word "forth," which merriam-webster.com defines as "onward in time, place, or order" or it can also mean "out into notice or view." The encounter with the Lord at Mass should always be a moment to go deeper in our spiritual life: do I walk away knowing Christ better? Do I more deeply understand what it is He has done for me? Every time I receive the Eucharist, I should do so with greater love, greater desire, greater reverence. As I leave, I am already looking forward to the next time I come to Mass so that I can be even more ready for the next time.

But we are also going out, "into view" of the world. The world watches us...and waits! Whether they know it or not (and regardless of whether we know it or not!) the world waits for the One that we have: Christ. We go into the world to proclaim the Gospel, wherever we are and in whatever we are doing. The world around us longs for the One that we have met at Mass. What can I be doing to help those around me come to know Him?

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This week's *In Spirit and Truth* is written by Fr. Matthew