**THE ORDER OF THE MASS
Liturgy of the Word**Directions: Fill in the 12 blanks below. Use The Order of the Mass booklet to help you!

 **Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**First Reading**

This reading is usually from the Old Testament or the Acts of Apostles. The first reading always connects with the Gospel.
 A reading from the book of Genesis…
 Lector: The Word of the Lord **All: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Responsorial Psalm**

This allows the people to “respond” to the Word of God. The Psalms are part of the Old Testament.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Reading**

 This reading is from the New Testament. The second reading
 does not necessarily connect with the Gospel.

 A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians…
 Lector: The Word of the Lord  **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

Alleluia means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!” and that is why we don’t sing Alleluia during the season of Lent. Instead we sing: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**

This is the verse sung or said in between either the Alleluia’s or the Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ… This can be sung by a cantor, read by the lector, read by the priest or deacon or it can even be omitted.

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A homily is a reflection on the readings proclaimed during the Liturgy of the Word. The Priest, Deacon or Bishop helps us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_what God is speaking to us through the Scriptures. During a daily Mass this may be omitted. A homily is different from a sermon. A sermon is long preaching on whatever topic the preacher wants to talk about. Other faiths experience sermons, we, as Catholics, experience homilies.

**Profession of Faith**

**Nicene Creed**

The Council of Nicea was a gathering of Bishops in the early 300’s. They came together to put a prayer together to express what exactly we believe as Catholics.

**I believe in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (bow) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**General Intercessions or Prayer of the Faithful or Petitions**

 The priest, deacon or lector will pray these prayers.

For example: We pray for the Holy Father, all Bishops and Priests that they may lead us all to heaven.

We pray to the Lord…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Then the collection is taken)