

Eucharistic Revival

“Offering Ourselves with Jesus to the Father”

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1. What stood out for you in this presentation on “Offering Ourselves with Jesus to the Father”?
2. Msgr. Gilles explained that *offering* something means to set aside something for God in some way. At this point, what have you offered to God, such as a difficult situation?
3. How might you concretely become more mindful, as an individual or as a family, about making an offering at Mass? The first offering is thanksgiving, such as thanking God for the Resurrection of Jesus, the beauty of creation etc. What might it look like to begin accumulating your offering all week long?
4. The bread and wine on the altar, before the consecration, are placeholders for your offering. How could you be mindful to actually place your offerings with the bread and wine at Mass? For example, coming to Mass early enough to be settled and intentional.
5. There is only the one priesthood of Jesus Christ which comes from the Heart of God the Father. It is shared in two different ways. There is the **priesthood of all the faithful received through Baptism** which enables us to share in the three-fold mission of Jesus Christ as Priest (sanctifying – growing in charity), Prophet (preaching/teaching) and King (serving). Then, there is the **ministerial priesthood of the ordained** whose function it is to actualize the priesthood of the faithful.
There is a distinct way that the ordained priest offers the sacrifice by acting “in the Person of Christ.” We can offer our love and our prayers in union with Jesus as He offers Himself to the Father. What might a prayer be where you offer yourself in love to the Father with Jesus.
6. The Blessed Mother taught Catalina how to participate at Mass. How can you be more mindful and intentional about your active participation at Mass?
7. God the Father *wants His Son* offered to Him at Mass as the sacrifice of Calvary is made present again in the Eucharist. Our sacrifice only has value to the extent that we join ourselves with Jesus in His offering to the Father. What is lacking if a person skips Mass and “prays in the woods”?

Third Advent Presentation

8. This is the importance of Christmas: The Incarnation is God taking on human flesh in order that Jesus could offer sacrifice to the Father through a physical human body. How does that change the way you will prepare for and live Christmas?