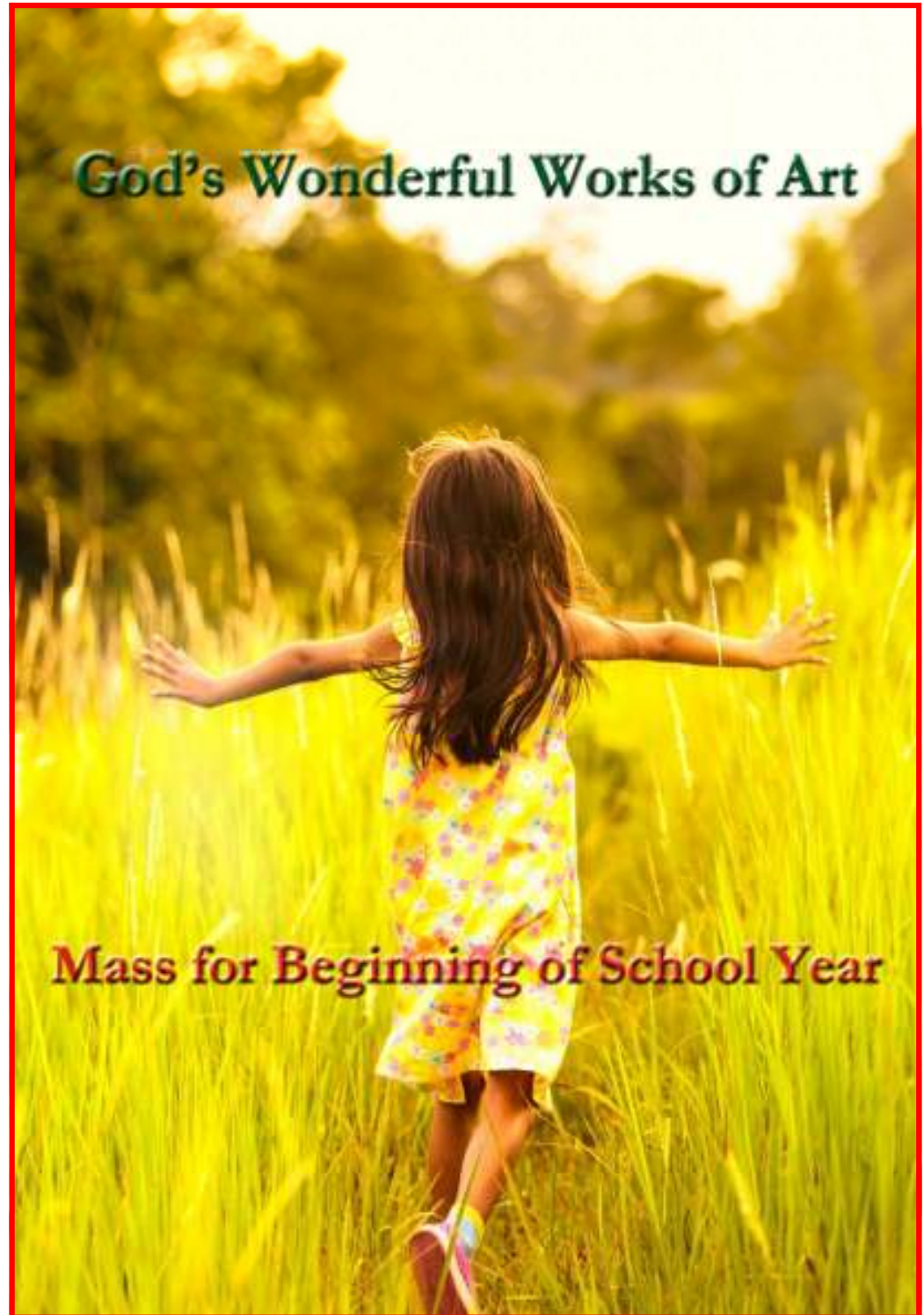




God's Wonderful Works of Art

Mass for Beginning of School Year



Prayer after Communion

Priest: As you are pleased to nourish us for eternal life with so great a Sacrament, O Lord, direct us by the ministry of Angels into the way of salvation and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn: This is the Day.

Entrance Hymn: Do This in Memory

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Dn 3: 58

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord,
praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest:

Brothers & sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and
so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

All recite together the formula of general confession:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us pray

Collect

O God, who in your unfathomable providence are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to you, that we may always be defended by their protection and rejoice eternally in their company.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

**A long, long, long, long, long time ago
there was nothing, – nothing except GOD.**

One day God said to Himself I think I'll create some things.

**On the first day God said, 'Let there be LIGHT' and there was and
God said it was good.**

**On the second day God said, 'Let there be a SKY' and there was and
God said it was good**

The U in Jesus

**Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out Jesus and not include U.**

**You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crucified.**

**Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan.
The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew,
and this word resurrection is spelled with a U.**

**When Jesus left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all -
Just like I love U.**

**So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know Jesus too?**

**It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know
But it all starts with U.**

who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Hymn: My peace

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

Priest: In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

Communion Hymns
Be Still for the Presence
Circle of Friends
As I Kneel

Reflection

**On the third day God said, ‘Let the LAND be here and let the SEA be there’ and God said it was g.....
Then God put PLANTS and TREES all over the land and God said it was**

On the fourth day God said, ‘Let there be lights in the sky’ and God created the SUN and the MOON and God said it was

On the fifth day God said, Let there be fish in the SEA and BIRDS in the air’ and there were and God said

On the sixth day God said ‘Let there be ANIMALS all over the land’ and there were and God said ...

Then God said ‘I want to create some thing really special. Something more like me’. So God created again.

**What do you think God made? (People)
And God said they were ‘Great!’**

On the seventh day God took a rest.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

A Reading from the First letter of St. John

4:7-12

My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God’s children, and we know him. God is love, and anyone who doesn’t love others has never known him. God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love is not our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Alleluia (Seinn Alleluia)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

**Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
(10: 13 -16)**

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that He could bless them by placing His hands on them. But His disciples told the people to stop bothering him.

"When Jesus saw this, He became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God! I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does." Then Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them By placing His hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
Homily**

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: *Jesus said, "you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does" Let us pray that we will take great delight in all the wonderful works of God during this coming year and that we will treat each other as precious because we each are the most special work of His creation.*

1. We thank God for this new school year and we pray it will open up lots of new discoveries for us. May we always be filled with wonder and delight in our new discoveries.

Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (sung)

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

and gave it to His disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
He took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
He gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Priest: The mystery of faith

Acclamation: Save us Saviour of the World

Priest: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of His Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Seán and Eamon our Bishops and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

2. We pray God's blessing on all the children in our school. We remember in a special way the children who have just started Primary School and we ask that they will always feel happy, & safe with us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

3. We thank God for our parents, grandparents and all who care for us. May their lives be blessed with peace and happiness and may always delight to share in our learning. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

4. We ask God to bless our teachers and enable them care for us with patience and kindness. May we in turn be cooperative and responsive. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

5. For all who make our life at school happy and content, for our Board of Management, our secretary, our caretaker and the many people in our parish who are willing to help when the need arises. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

6. We ask God to protect and guide all our past pupils especially those who have just started in Secondary School. May this new beginning for them be filled with joy and expectancy. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Priest: *Lord you love is eternal. You care for and guide our every moment, please listen to our prayers and the prayer of our hearts and grant them through the intercession of Christ our Lord. Amen*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: We Come to You, Lord Jesus

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Receive, O Lord, the offerings we bring before you as we venerate your holy Angels, and graciously grant that under their constant protection we may be delivered from present dangers and brought happily to life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.

Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, He stretched out his hands as He endured His Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and ☩ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time He was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,