

# THE MYSTERIES

## CHALDEAN MASS



### LESSON TWO

#### Intro

- Chaldean Mass is also called Raze, meaning Mysteries.
- Mass is where we come to lift our minds, while our eyes contemplate what is before us.
- The Church depends on external gestures to help the faithful express themselves and their faith.
- The Mass is making our salvation a concrete reality.

#### Church Building/Objects

The Church building is seen as the creation divided into two parts.

**The sanctuary:** located in the front, usually elevated, it represents heaven.

in the Sanctuary, we see:

- Altar: Has many symbols throughout mass. The main focus is that it is the place that Jesus dies and rises.
- Gospel
- Lamp: placed next to the tabernacle representing Jesus as Eternal.
- Tabernacle: Where the Body of Jesus is kept after Mass.
- Two podiums: They are used for the mass readings from old testament and new testament.
- Candles



**The Nave:** The larger part of the Church where people attending the Mass sit. it represent the earth.



Servers



Priest



Faithful

#### People participating at mass.

- **Priest:** Priests/Ordained Ministers representing and standing in the place of Christ during the Mass.
- **Servers/Sub-deacons/Deacons:** They are representing the angels, surrounding the altar of God. They guide the faithful in their experience of worship.
- **The people:** They are baptized individuals chosen by God to be there. They represent an earthly choir. They are the ones the Mass is being offered for.

#### Vestments/Clothing

- **Alb:** The priest wears this prior to offering mass recalling what Christ would have worn. By wearing an Alb, a Priest is reminding himself and the people that the focus is on Christ.
- **Cincture:** a Priest wears the rope around their waist as a symbol of chastity. Priest offering the sacrament must keep themselves Holy and pure.
- **Stole** – Hangs over the shoulders on top of the Alb. The stole symbolizes the authority given to the priest to offer the sacraments.
- **Cope:** Covers the shoulders of the Priest and drapes down to his ankles. This represents justice through the work of Christ that the Priest has been justified to offer the sacrament.

