

THE MYSTERIES

CHALDEAN MASS



LESSON FIVE

Banquet of Mercy/compassion

- Another way of saying Mass is, “The Banquet of Compassion.”
- The words mercy and compassion appear 28 times in Chaldean Mass.
- God’s Mercy is revealed to us in the Eucharist.
- The word Rahme means mercy in Aramaic and is taken from the word RHM which means mother's womb.
- A mother sacrifices for her child to protect, nourish and give life to a child so is compassion.
- Jesus shedding his blood for us is the ultimate form of compassion and mercy.
- Attending the Mass is like being in a spiritual womb that protect, and nourishes us.
- Compassion in English is derived from the latin words Com – Pati meaning to suffer with.
- God is compassionate with us by taking on the human flesh and suffering for us.



Offering the Sacrifice

- In the Old Testament, God prepared the people to leave sin and come back to Him, mainly through sacrifice of an animal.
- The offering of an animal was a sacrifice; by sacrificing the animal, we see the harm of our sin.
- At Mass, with the priest, we are offering the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- It’s not the actual blood and organs that are being offered. We are not killing Jesus again.
- The matter in which we are offering Jesus is in a sacramental way through The Eucharist.
- Through signs and symbols the same sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, becomes present to us.
- The Body and Blood of Jesus through prayers in the Mass become present in the sacramental way under the form of Bread and Wine.



In the Old Testament, the Passover meal is celebrated where a lamb is offered in remembrance of God saving His people.

In the New Testament, Jesus celebrates the Passover and institutes a new passover, the Eucharist where he becomes the offered sacrifice.



“ The Priest performs the Heavenly Liturgy through signs and symbols. ”

Theodore of Mops.



The use of the Bread and Wine in Mass.

- The fire that bakes the unleavened bread symbolizes the suffering that brings out the best in us and purifies us.
- Grapes are crushed and need time to ferment to become wine. We sometimes will also be crushed with the suffering of life until we go through transformation to become saints of Christ.

