

THE MYSTERIES

CHALDEAN MASS



LESSON SIX

Jesus the new offering

- The story of Abraham being called to offer his son is the story of God offering His only Son.
- John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not perish, but have eternal life."
- God provides the offering, and the offering is Jesus.
- Eucharist is about God giving His Son as a sacrifice for us to receive and to be sanctified.



Offering Jesus Crucified at Mass:



- The sub deacons bring the bread and wine up to the altar. This is a reenactment of the angels that accompanied Christ to His last moments and to His Death.
- The Priest picks up the bread and wine and lays his hands in the shape of the cross as he recites a prayer which:
 - a. Emphasizes that the Eucharist celebration is by the command of Christ.
 - b. Emphasizes that the Eucharist is to be celebrated and to be offered until His second coming.
- The priest covers the bread and wine with a veil symbolizing the burial of Jesus.

Reenactment of Christ's sufferings:

- a. Opens a window for all the sufferings of humanity to be joined to the actual moment that Jesus died on the Cross.
- b. As Jesus was on the Cross, He saw all the sufferings of the world.

The Rite of Peace

- The peace we exchange at Mass, is the peace that comes from the work of Christ.
- Jesus brought peace between earth and Heaven.
- In mass we are bringing peace between Heaven and earth after Original Sin destroyed it.
- When we sin, we are doing something against who we are and it does not reflect our identity.
- The original sin of Adam and Eve that brought disruption between us and God, poisoned the mind of human beings through taking something that did not belong to them.
- Now we prepare ourselves to eat His Flesh and by the Grace and Mercy of God it will allow us to be purified and to be in peace with God.
- The priest touches the altar and exchanges peace with the deacon or sub deacon who exchanges peace with the people.
- The priest says Peace be with you and the people respond, With you and with your spirit.



Incensing the Sacrifices on the altar

The priest incenses the Bread and Wine with reverence. Church Fathers explain this part of mass represents John 19:40 when the Body of Jesus was put in a linen cloth with spices and flowers in the burial moment.