

# *The Year of Faith*

## *Catechesis on the Mass*

### **The Gloria**

We continue our explanation of the Mass with the Gloria. The Gloria is said or sung on every Feast or Solemnity, and on every Sunday except during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.

After having begged for God's forgiveness and healing, we recall the heavenly glory to which we are called after finishing our time in this valley of tears. We begin with the words "Glory to God in the highest..." which are the words of the angels which announce the birth of the Lord.

The four ends of the Mass are all included in the Gloria. We adore God, we offer thanksgiving, we beg for forgiveness, and we ask for our prayers to be received and answered. The Gloria is then the high point of our preparation for what is to come at Mass, as we place our personal lowliness in the holy presence of God's greatness and glory.

Next week, we cover the Collect [kol-ekt].

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