

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Think

Of course, we pray at Mass. Maybe it's less obvious, but we also think at Mass. Thinking means, first of all, perceiving and sensing what's around us. And at Mass, we are surrounded by decorated spaces, by other people, momentous words, and by the harmonies of music.

Thinking also means that we move from perceiving with our senses to understanding with our minds. We come to understand that death and sin do not have the last word. We understand that eternal life and hope have grasped us. Finally, thinking moves us from understanding to making decisions and taking action. We decide we cannot live by old habits or other people's expectations. We move freely, that is, with the freedom of the children of God.

We think at Mass. We perceive with our senses, understand with our minds, and decide with wise and free hearts. We think at Mass. We never leave quite the same as when we arrived.

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