

“Two Minute Teaching” on the Mass

12-06-2015 - **Jesus is Here**

Vatican II taught us that Jesus is present at Mass in four ways. First, Jesus is present in the assembly – the people gathered at Mass. Jesus said *“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.”* (Mt. 18:20) When we welcome and greet people before Mass, it’s more than being friendly -- we are actually greeting and welcoming Jesus.

Many of us grew up in a time when it was forbidden to talk before Mass. I believe times have changed. Mass is our family meal. What kind of family doesn’t talk to each other before the meal - a very dysfunctional family.

Rumor has it that the pastor of St. Jude Thaddeus is the loudest talker before Mass. Who would believe such a thing?