

## **“Two Minute Teaching” on the Mass**

01-31-2016 - **Opening Prayer – Collect**

After the Gloria, the Presider says “Let us pray” and then there are a few moments of silence for our personal prayers. I personally connect this part of Mass with the Emmaus story (*Lk 24: 13-25*). On that Easter day, the risen Jesus appears to two of his disciples as they were walking from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus but they do not recognize Jesus. Jesus asked them “what’s happening ... what are you talking about?” They were upset because Jesus the Nazarene was crucified and now his body was missing. After the “Let us pray,” we tell the Lord “what’s happening in our lives” in the silence of our hearts.

After a few moments of silence, the Presider says the Opening Prayer, which is called the “Collect.” The presider collects all the people’s personal prayers and lifts them up to the Father through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit.