

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

02-07-2016 - **Liturgy of the Word**

We conclude the Introductory parts of the Mass with the Opening /Collect Prayer. Now we move on to the first major part of the Mass which is called the “Liturgy of the Word” – the Bible readings.

Vatican II teaches us that the 3<sup>rd</sup> mysterious way Jesus is present to us at Mass is through the Bible readings. The Bible is filled with stories of God interacting with people in the past, but it is the tradition of our church that God also speaks to us live in the present. God has a message for us. God’s work, the Bible, is unlike any book ever written - it has the power to touch our hearts and change our lives.

To discern God’s message to us, we really have to listen to the Bible readings at Mass. It’s not easy. There are a lot of distractions. It might be helpful to read the Sunday Bible readings before Mass. The book, chapter and verses of the readings can be found in the bulletin. There are also short commentaries to the first two readings in the music program.