

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

### **05-29-2016 - Concluding Rite**

The Mass ends with a short “Concluding Rite”: brief announcements, a blessing and a sending forth.

There are four optional prayers of sending: “Go forth, the Mass is ended,” “Go in peace,” “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,” and “Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.” I like the last two sendings because they convey the idea that we carry the Mass with us by how we live our lives for Jesus.

The people respond to the sending prayer with the words “Thanks be to God” ... not thanks that the Mass is finally ended, but “thanks” to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all they are doing for us and through us to the world.

**“Now , You Know the Rest of the Story!!!”**