



A Journey through the Mass...

Greetings brothers and sisters, as we continue on our journey together through the Mass, this week we'll look at "Why we stand for the Entrance Procession at Mass".

We stand to signify that something important is taking place; we take the posture of standing as a welcoming stance, as a greeting, as an engagement into relationship. When we are seated and someone walks up to greet us, we stand up out of respect, out of friendship to greet and welcome that person. This is what we are doing here during the Entrance at the beginning of Mass. As disciples of Christ, we believe that Jesus is truly and fully present in the Eucharist. We also believe in our Lord's presence in His Word, and in the Celebrant of the Mass, who acts in *Persona Christi* (in the Person of Christ), as well as our Lord's presence in each one of us, as a gathered community of the faithful coming together to continue working on our relationship with the Lord and with one another. Let us remember that when we stand at the Entrance Procession at Mass, we do so in order to greet and welcome Jesus who is truly in our midst.

*Love & Blessings,
Deacon Ryan*



