



## **Part II - We Worship**

### **Liturgy -**

# **The Official Prayer of the Universal Church**

**II-1**



## **Damien of Molokai**

- **Canonized 11 October 2009**
- **(47th anniversary of VCII)**
- **Feast day May 10**
- **Patron of Lepers, HIV/AIDS Patients**
- **Patron of Honolulu and Hawaii**



# **Saint of the Week**



- **Ministered to Lepers of Hawaii in Quarantined Exile on Molokai from 1873-1889**
- **Built a Church and Invited Lepers to participate in Mass – Despite contagious nature of Leprosy**
- **Though not a trained physician, cleansed and dressed the leprous ulcers of his parishioners**
- **Caught Leprosy and died**
- **Martyr of Charity**
- **Because of his close contact with the Lepers and the contagious nature of the disease, his contracting of the disease was inevitable**

**Saint of the Week cont'd**



## **Liturgy**

- **From Greek meaning “Work of the Public” or “Work of the Community”**
- **Official Prayer & Rituals of the Church**
- **Encounter with the Father, Son & Holy Spirit**
- **Fountain of Grace**
- **Work of Salvation**

## **Eucharist**

**From Greek meaning 'Thanksgiving'**  
**Roots in the Jewish Sedar Meal (Passover)**  
**Refers to both the Mass and Holy Communion**

# **Big Words of the Week**



- The Mass**



# Meal of Thanksgiving



## Thanksgiving

**Gathering of family & Friends**

**Renewing family bonds**

**Giving Thanks to God**

**Renewing our spiritual ties**

**Sharing Blessings, Concerns, Gossip**

**Empathizing with each other**

**Passing down of family customs or rituals**

**Renewing family identity**

**Sharing Balutan**

**We all leave with something from each other**

**Our energies recharged**

# Thanksgiving Day Rituals



## Back to our 'big words'

**Liturgy** – work of activity of the community

**Eucharist** – in thanksgiving

Add a word we learned from before

**Ecclesia** – assembly or gathering

# The Mass as Thanksgiving Gathering



## **The Mass**

**Gathering of Christian Community**

**Renewing community bonds**

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## Liturgy

**While the Mass is central to our Community Actions, there are two other Community Actions that make up the official prayer of the Church:**

**The Sacraments; and  
The Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office)**

# Liturgy – Official Prayer of the Church



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## **Liturgy**

**Always Unfolds according to Prescribed Rite or Ritual:  
Prescribed words, actions, gestures and symbols.**

**Always involves an encounter with the Father, Son & Holy Spirit  
And, therefore an opportunity for Grace  
(sharing in the Divine Life)**

# **Official Prayer**



## Liturgy

### Some Basics:

Liturgical Year

Liturgical Colors

Cycle of Readings

The Mass

Liturgy of Word

Liturgy of Eucharist



# Preview