



## St. Mary Church Mass Bulletin Requirement Grade 2

### A PRECIOUS GIFT

“The Eucharist is Jesus’ gift to us and the fulfillment of his promise to be with us always. It’s central to God’s saving plan of love. Many Catholics seem to take the gift of Sunday Mass for granted and choose to be absent from Mass. In the early Church, Christians didn’t enjoy the freedom of religion that we in the United States do today. They faced persecution by Roman authorities for attending Mass.

The convenience and legality of Mass today shouldn’t cause us to lose sight of how precious it is. Catholics around the world brave great inconvenience and persecution to receive what we may take for granted. Pope John Paul II recalled living under religious oppression and situations of faith triumphing over persecution. Mother Teresa of Calcutta instructed new priests to “celebrate each Mass as if it is your first, your last, and your only Mass.”

Let us anticipate and participate in each Mass as if it could be our last or only Mass. Let us never take for granted this encounter with God each Sunday.” **CARDINAL SEÁN P. O’MALLEY, OFM CAP**

As you know, our Catholic faith requires us to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, your child is required to return at least 20 of those Mass bulletins by assigned date. Bulletins will be stamped in the parish hall only after Mass has ended. Please do not leave Mass early, Mass does not end until the closing hymn is finished. Your child will need to write his/her first and last name prior to getting bulletin stamped/signed.

**Mass Bulletins should be handed in to teacher weekly.**

Any questions please call Mary Ferri 203 743-4557