

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Mass? Why do we rise when the priest enters the sanctuary? Why make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and end? Why do we sometimes sit, sometimes stand, and sometimes kneel? And what is the meaning of the various prayers and responses that fill up our weekly hour of worship?

The Biblical Roots of the Mass: A Scriptural Explanation of the New Roman Missal



St. Thomas More Catholic Church Parish Mission November 7–8 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Brant Pitre



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Dr. Brant Pitre will take STM Parish on a biblical tour of the Mass, using Sacred Scripture and ancient Jewish tradition to show the biblical roots of the various parts of the new Catholic Mass.

Along the way, you'll learn such things as:

- *How Mass tells us that we are entering into the "Tabernacle" of Moses in order to meet God*
- *Where the "Sign of the Cross" can be found in the Old Testament*
- *Why the two blind men cried out, "Lord, Have Mercy" (Kyrie Eleison) and what should be going on inside of us when we cry out with them*
- *Where the "Glory to God in the highest" (the Gloria) comes from in the Bible*
- *And much more...*

According to Pope Benedict XVI, in order for Christians to actively and fruitfully participate in the Mass, they must understand "the meaning of the signs contained in the rites" (Sacrament of Charity, 64). In this revealing presentation, Dr. Pitre heeds Pope Benedict's call by explaining the biblical meanings of the Mass's most significant moments, so that you can enter more fully into this most sacred of Mysteries.

Babysitting will be available for ages 0-10. Register your children before Nov. 1 by calling the church office at 275-3940.

