JESUS INVITES ME TO THE FEAST

St John Chrysostom Parish
First Eucharist Preparation
Session 3
Gathering Together

• Come
• Listen
• Do
• Go
LISTEN
SILENT
Listening to the Voice of God
Listen!
The Liturgy of the Word
Hearing our Family Stories.
We hear the stories and wisdom of our great, great, great, great, great ... grandparents in faith.
How many of these Old Testament stories do you know?
The First Reading usually comes from the Old Testament. It is was written in Hebrew so it is sometimes called the Hebrew Scriptures.
We sing a prayer to God.

King David is thought to have written many of the psalms. In the psalms we sing our happy thoughts, our worried thoughts, our angry thoughts... ALL of our thoughts to God!
Second Reading

The first Christians tell us about God’s love.
The New Testament

This was written in Greek and so they are sometimes called the Greek Scriptures
Gospel Acclamation

Before we read the Gospel, we proclaim, “Yeah! God! Thank you for speaking to us!”
We hear the Good News about Jesus from one of his four evangelists.
The Good News is that Jesus came to live as one of us to teach us how much God loves us and how to live so that we can be happy.
It is proclaimed by the priest or the deacon.
The homilist helps us to understand the meaning of the Scriptures for today.
Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Creed

We tell the world what we believe.

Cre-do is from the Latin language and means what we give our hearts to.
We offer our prayers to God.

We pray for
• Ourselves
• Our world
• Our leaders
• Our sick
• Our dead
Taking our Place

Gather 'round, enter joyfully
As we walk to the table
of the Lord.
We are Church,
we are family
as we stand at the table.
The Parable of the Sower
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The Seed is the Word of God

- The Path
- The Rocky Soil
- The Weedy Soil
- The Good Soil
The seed is the Word of God.
The sower is Christ.
The soil is our heart.
SILENT
The Sower

A farmer went out to sow, he didn't have far to go,
Some seed from his sack fell onto the track,
It had no chance to grow.
The birds when they saw the seed, came down and had a good feed.
But the man who was sowing just kept right on going. Do you hear? Do you hear? The man who was sowing just kept right on going. If you've got ears, use 'em!
There was soil that was very thin, it covered the rock like a skin, The seed grew fast, but didn't last, the roots just couldn't get in. So when the sun was high, it shrivelled up to die.
But the man who was sowing just kept right on going. Do you hear? Do you hear? The man who was sowing just kept right on going. If you've got ears, use 'em!
And in the field that was sown, there was ground that was overgrown. A few of the seeds fell into the weeds, with thorns and thistles and stones. And choked by so many shoots, it never produced any fruits.
But the man who was sowing just kept right on going.
Do you hear? Do you hear?
The man who was sowing just kept right on going.
If you've got ears, use 'em!
But all the soil between was tilled and deep and clean,
And there the seed grew ripe indeed,
The best you've ever seen.
The harvest brought wealth untold, from sixty to hundred fold.
But the man who was sowing just kept right on going. Do you hear? Do you hear? The man who was sowing just kept right on going. If you've got ears, use 'em!
Place the seed in the hole at the top of the peat pellet.
Let the seed of God’s word grow in your heart as the sunflower seed grows in your garden!