

Understanding the Mass Second Reading

Each week, we are explaining the different parts of the Mass - what is in the church, what we use in the Mass, and why (and how) we celebrate Mass the way we do.

*Today our topic is the **Second Reading**.*

The **Second Reading** - which is read at Sunday Mass and solemnities (special feast days) - comes from the New Testament books that follow the Gospels. These are the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of different Apostles and the Book of Revelation. All these tell of the early days of the Church, after Jesus ascended into Heaven.



In the Second Reading, we hear about the struggles that the early Christian community faced, the challenges that they experienced together, and the faith of the apostles as they tried to follow and share the teachings of Jesus.

The Second Reading is important because we find our story in their story. The words we hear in the Second Reading are not just a record of what happened long ago; God is speaking to us now.

Like the apostles and the early Christians, we come to Mass to celebrate God. We live in the same Church that they did. We share community as they did. And we try to live our lives for Jesus...just as they did!

Find these words: first, apostles, letter, second, gospel, God, amen, old, new, hymn

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