CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR MASS

PREPARING FOR MASS:
1. Thank Jesus for 10 graces received this week.
2. Ask him to tell you what to pray for during Mass. Whatever comes to mind, pray for it!
3. Laugh, smile, sing. Be the Church you want to see!

GREETING
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

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GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks, for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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Only Begotten Son,
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO PRAYER
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE
Priest: The Lord be with you. 
People: And with your spirit. 
Priest: Lift up your hearts. 
People: We lift them up to the Lord. 
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 
People: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH
Priest: The mystery of faith: 
People: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

CONCLUDING RITES
Priest: The Lord be with you. 
People: And with your spirit.

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• Merit has two different meanings: 1) Jesus merited (or earned) our salvation by offering His life as a perfect apology to the Father for our sins. 2) We merit eternal life, moved by God’s grace, by continually saying ‘yes’ to His salvation. The first speaks to what only Jesus could do (i.e. open the gates of heaven and get us in), the second speaks to doing our part to cooperate with God’s work in us.

• Worthy has three different meanings: 1) We are worthy (significant) because we are made in God’s likeness. 2) We are unworthy (incapable and undeserving) to receive salvation because of Sin but made worthy (capable) by the Cross. 3) We are worthy (suitable beneficiaries of God’s grace) when we repent and make Him our everything.

• Consubstantial: The bishops at the Council of Nicea (AD 325), in order to ensure that Jesus was professed as the eternal Son of God, equal to the Father, stated that he is “the Son of God, begotten from the Father, the only-begotten, that is from the substance of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, the same substance with the Father...”