

The Elevation of the Host and Chalice denote the lifting up of Christ on the cross ; and in as much as the Host and Chalice are exhibited apart, the ceremony declares the separation of Christ's soul from His body, and His blood from His veins.

The division of the Host into three distinct parts shows the three substances of Christ, viz : the divine of His person, the spiritual of His soul and the material of His body ; and whereas one of the said parts is put into the Chalice, and as it were, buried therein, thereby is signified Christ's body in the sepulchre ; likewise its mingling with the blood demonstrates that the divine personality was never separated, either from His soul in the descent into hell, or from His body lying in the sepulchre.

The *Pax* and *Agnus Dei* makes us call to mind that Our Saviour (being the innocent Lamb without a spot) has reconciled us to God, His Father, by His death and passion ; accomplishing His triumph at the resurrection, being the true Paschal Lamb.

The priest's benediction, given at the end of the Mass, represents the particular recommendation where Christ did recommend His Church at the rendering of His soul into the hands of His Heavenly Father.



It ordinarily happens that God permits those who judge others to fall into the same, or even greater faults.

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O Mary, every step of thine upon earth is either a lesson or a benefit ! Queen of Heaven, Mother of Mercies, in thee is life, joy, and hope of the earth !

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God respects not the arithmetic of our prayers, how many they are ; nor the rhetoric of our prayers, how elegant they are ; nor the music of our prayers, how melodious they are ; nor the logic of our prayers, how methodical they are ; but the sincerity of our prayers, how heartsprung they are.