

# St. Basil the Great Catholic Church

## Meaning of the Mass

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### Why are we even here?

Happy New Year! This is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new church year. But I gotta ask, why are we gonna spend a whole nother year coming to Mass? Why are we even here today?"

Maybe we're here to fulfill our Sunday obligation, and that's good (3rd Commandment).

Or because your parents are made you, that's good, 4th Commandment.

Maybe you're here for Donut Sunday - hate to break it to ya, that's next week.

Maybe you're here because you are struggling right now and you're looking for hope.

Maybe you're because you already know God, you love God, and you want to worship God.

It could even be the case that you don't even know why you're here, yet here you are.

There could be a lot of reasons from your perspective.

But there's also a reason from God's perspective.

You're here because the greatest story ever told - is true.

God is real. He made the whole universe so that *you* would have a place to live. You were not an accident - you were the reason. He loves you so much that He sacrificed Himself to open up the gates of Heaven where He's saving a place with your name on it. You're here because Jesus Christ, God made man, started a visible church built on Peter and the apostles and that church still exists today as the surest path back to Him, and you're part of it.

You're here because Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me" and you listened. No matter what the reasons are, what matters is that you're here - and God has been waiting for this day from all eternity - He knew you were going to be here. He foresaw it. And He can't wait to meet you, for the thousandth time, or the first.