



Week #1: Where are we going?

1. FEELING LOST AT MASS AND IN LIFE

- a. Do you often feel lost at Mass?
- b. The Lectionary presumes we all know the story of Scripture, but how many of us really do?
- c. "The Mass is boring! I don't get anything out of it!"
 - i. Mass isn't entertainment, but what is it?
 - ii. What are we supposed to be doing and saying at Mass?
- d. Do you feel lost in life?
 - i. Why am I here?
 - ii. Where am I going?
 - iii. How do I get there?

2. REROUTING: A 14-WEEK JOURNEY

- a. OLGC clergy to look at our Mass experience and life experiences by looking at what God says to us in Scripture.
- b. God has revealed the answers to our questions in the stories that are Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- c. We will focus on God's story (His love story) during the homily on Sunday and also a deeper look on Wednesday evenings.

3. LONG-TERM GOALS

- a. To be in sync with the vision and hope of the Archbishop
 - ii. To become a missionary archdiocese, which means becoming a missionary parish
 - iii. Missionary parishes have missionary disciples of Jesus
- b. How will we reach these goals?

4. A LOOK AHEAD

5. WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

- a. Bring a Bible
- b. Bring a pen
- c. Have an open mind

"Human life is a journey. Towards what destination?

How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history.

But to reach him we also need lights close by—people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way."

Pope Benedict Spe Salvi

QUOTE: When you are the captain of your own soul, though, and have cast aside all the maritime charts showing you the safe route through dark waters, navigating only by your own stars, it's easy to make a shipwreck of your life. You wake up one day and wonder, Where am I? How did I get here? How do I get home?

Dreher, Rod: How Danté Can Save Your Life, pps. 54-55.

QUESTIONS for reflection/discussion:

- 1. What is my experience of Mass?
- 2. Have I ever felt what Dreher describes above?
- 3. Do I know THE STORY? Do I even care? Why? Why not?
- 4. Who are the guides in my life? Why do I trust them?





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For next week:

Read the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*) found at olgcparish.net/rerouting.