

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

### ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*We shall consider for our Walk through the Mass series for this week The Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word is connected to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the former prepares us for the latter. At the table of the word, the priest and other ministers present from the ambo readings, chants, homily, and general intercessions. In the way this part of Mass is structured, the sacred word is proclaimed and we respond to it: The general instruction of the Roman Missal has the following words to say about this part of the mass:*

***In the readings, explained by the homily, God is speaking to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and nourishing their spirit; Christ is present to the faithful through his word. Through chants the people make God's word their own and through the profession of faith affirm their adherence to it. Finally, having been fed by this word, they make their petitions in the general intercessions for the needs of the Church and for the salvation of the whole world (GIRM, 33).***

*Next week, we shall be looking into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the other table from which we are fed the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Meanwhile, let us take time to listen attentively and respond with all that we are to God who makes Himself known to us in His Sacred Words in the Liturgy of the Word.*

*In His Word,*

*Fr. Bernard, OP*