

## Responses to Common Excuses

### **I don't get anything out of Mass.**

Of course, Mass is not meant to be a form of entertainment, but it does join us to Christ. The more we put into Mass, the more our relationship with God and the Church will grow.

### **I am a Sinner and don't deserve to be at Mass.**

All of us are sinners, and no one deserves to be at Mass, but God invites us anyway. Furthermore, our sins can be forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession.

### **I don't need Mass to get close to God.**

At Mass Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. There is no way of getting closer to God than that!

### **I had a bad experience with the Church.**

We're sorry. It is always sad when people are hurt by the Church. We hope that you will feel welcomed at Assumption. God wants you to be close to Him, and our priests and staff are always willing to listen to you and to help you feel welcome being part of our parish

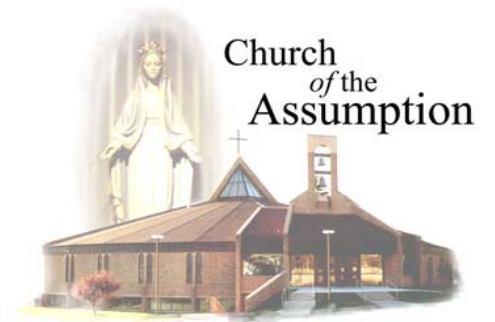


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# Top Ten Reasons to Come (Back) to Sunday Mass

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**Reason 10** When was the last time we heard anyone say that they prayed too much?

**Reason 9** The Eucharist - how many times do we get to hold the creator of the universe in our hands? (This is a trick question, it's every day if you want.)

**Quick Tip:** Do you feel alone or nervous about attending

**Reason 8** One out of every Ten Commandments tells us to worship God (attend Mass) every Sunday.

**Reason 7** It is our way to take part in the Last Supper as Jesus commanded us to.

**Reason 6** When we hear the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments at Mass, the more God's grace will impact our daily life and help make us better people.

**Reason 5** A one-hour investment can result in a week's worth of better relationships at work and at home.

**Reason 4** Mass links us to one another and to a wider community. As members of the Body of Christ we know that we need to be part of a larger community.



**Reason 3** At Mass we will hear homilies that connect the Word of God to our day-to-day lives.

**Reason 2** At Mass we can pray with our church community for the needs of the world.

**Quick Tip:** Find our Mass times & presider schedule on our website: [www.assumptionairport.o](http://www.assumptionairport.o)

**Reason 1** The world needs our prayers!

Jesus is *here*, and He wants to be *out there*. We are called to bring the Jesus we receive in the Eucharist out into a world that desperately needs to know Him.