

1. What does the triple nuance of "liturgy" add to our understanding of participation in the Mass?
 - What it adds to my understanding is that God, who is ever faithful and with me always, is with me helping me to do the work.
 - This brings to mind Matthew 11:28-30 where Jesus says {28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."}
 - Jesus calls me to be yoked with him, to work right along side of him. He will help me to do the work by which I am saved for eternal life. For certain I cannot do this work on my own, but God also does not want to do all the work for me. We work together because we have a relationship of love.
2. "Sing the Mass!" was a favorite phrase of Saint Pius X. What do singing the Mass and participation in the work of God have in common?
 - To sing to God is to pray to God and actively participate in the prayer. It is not a concert where the work is done for me by the performers. It is a joint effort where God has provided the inspiration for the song, the music, my abilities and talents. Together, using what God has provided and my own willingness to participate in the work, we work side by side. In my heart I know that I am not a great singer but what I have is what God has given me, and I make the choice to use it in the liturgy. The only judge of my talent in this case is God and I'd like to think that to him, my singing is a celebration of the love we share.
3. If the liturgy is the work that Christ accomplishes on our behalf, what are some instances in the Mass where this is made explicit?
 - Sins are forgiven
 - Prayers are heard and answered
 - Scriptures with a personal message for me from God is there, if I should choose to do the work needed to hear and understand it
 - Most importantly God does the work of changing the substance of our communal gift of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Of all the instances of Christ working in the Mass, to me this is the most perfect. Food for the journey!
4. Why is it important to know that Christ is the principal liturgist and the foundational minister of every sacrament?
 - Each sacrament is a means by which I can encounter the living God with my senses, my intelligence, my wisdom. The invisible God becomes a touch point for me in this world within the sacrament. Christ became one of us so that we might become like him. To feel his real presence in the sacrament is to affirm my faith and bolster my hope. He is my perfect father, my friend, my confidant, my travel mate, my lover, and so much more. How wonderful to have him right there with me with each sacrament.