

In my position, I hear plenty of different (and conflicting) opinions about ministry (both in religious education as well as youth ministry). I also hear different (and conflicting) opinions about Mass from all over the Diocese with different Catholic circles. This is in regards to musical tastes, homilies, applauses, dancing, children crying, etc. There are even catholics who are against the English Mass and want only the Traditional Latin Mass (with Gregorian chant, veils, incense, etc.)

I think it's great to have preferences and opinions (I certainly have my own as I personally like Latin and chant and traditions), but I also think these have the potential to become idols that get in the way in the spiritual life. I think the **weekday** Mass is beautiful because it's simple and free of these "extra's" that we obsess over (or some of us who obsess over). We have to remember the bigger picture of God, the King of the Universe, being so humble as to come into our lives at Mass to be with us, to give us strength for our journey to heaven and that all we really need are the essentials from the "Deposit of Faith", like Holy Orders to have a priest celebrate Mass, the Eucharistic consecration, etc.

Rules are definitely necessary and have an important place in our faith, but we also shouldn't lose sight of the bigger picture and the heart of our faith.