

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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Sacraments



Our Catholic Tradition

- The Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist. (CCC, 1332)
- The Mass has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. (CCC, 1346)
- At every Mass, we hear God's Word from the Bible and pray for the Church and the needs of the world. (CCC, 1349)
- We remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for it. (CCC, 1350)
- We receive Christ's Body and Blood in Holy Communion. (CCC, 1355)

How is the Mass both a holy meal and a sacrifice?



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Gather to Worship

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we gather to worship with you.

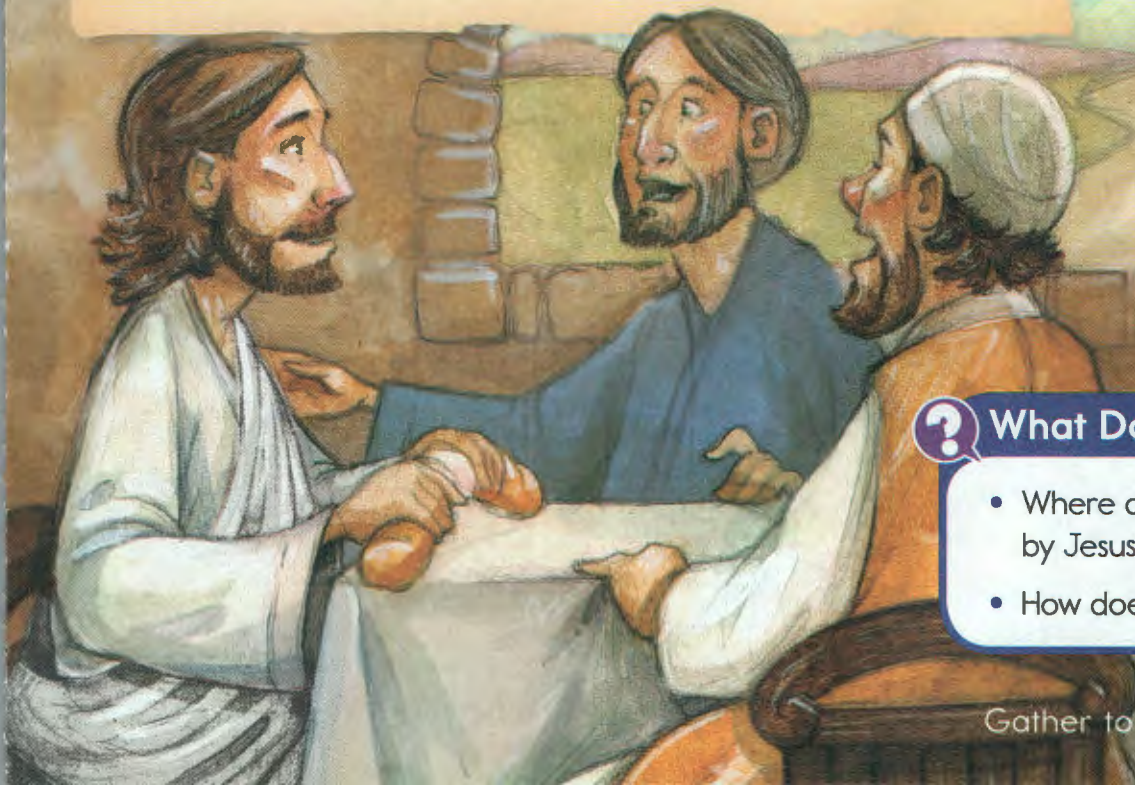
“It is good to give thanks to the LORD...
To proclaim your love at daybreak,
your faithfulness in the night...” **Psalm 92:2-3**

All: Thank you, God, for being with us
and filling us with your grace. Amen.

God's Word

“And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?’” **Luke 24:30-32**

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What Do You Wonder?

- Where do you go to be fed by Jesus?
- How does Jesus feed you?

Celebrating the Eucharist

Who gathers for the Mass?

How much do you look forward to your birthday or Christmas? We gather with people we love to celebrate and share these important events.

Celebrations are an important part of Church life, too. The **Eucharist** is the Sacrament in which Jesus shares himself with us and the bread and wine become his Body and Blood. Since the beginning, followers of Jesus have come together to worship.



Underline the things that Jesus' first followers did that your parish community does, too.



God's Word

The Community Gathers

After the Holy Spirit came, Jesus' followers met often to learn from the Apostles, to break bread together, and to pray. Some of the members sold what they had and gave the money to help the others. Still others shared their belongings with those who were in need. These followers of Jesus were very happy, and new members joined every day.

Based on Acts 2:42-47



We Gather

Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist. Every Sunday, people wave and greet each other as they walk toward their church. As we enter the church, we dip our hands in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross. This action reminds us of our Baptism.

All those gathered together make up the **assembly**. We take part in the Mass by praying, singing, and using actions to worship God.

As the Mass begins, the assembly stands. We all sing a gathering song. The altar servers enter carrying a cross in a procession. The readers, deacon, and priest follow. They are singing, too.



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Catholic Faith Words

Eucharist the Sacrament in which Jesus shares himself, and the bread and wine become his Body and Blood

Mass the gathering of Catholics to worship God. It includes the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

assembly the people gathered together for worship

Share Your Faith

Think Write one way you can get ready to take part in the Mass.

Share Talk about what happens in your home or parish before Mass begins.



The Introductory Rites

What happens as Mass begins?



Underline the responses that you say at Mass.

After the procession ends, the priest leads the assembly in making the Sign of the Cross. He greets everyone, saying, “The Lord be with you.” The assembly answers, “And with your spirit.” These words remind us that Jesus is present in the priest and in the people gathered together.

Next, the members of the assembly recall God’s forgiveness. The priest asks us to think of times we may have hurt others. We ask for God’s mercy and for him to forgive us for any wrong we have done during the week. We say together:

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Words of Praise

With God's forgiveness in your heart, you are better able to pray and take part in the Mass. Many times during the year, the *Gloria* is sung or prayed during Mass. The *Gloria* is a very old hymn that the Church prays to give praise and honor the Holy Trinity. The hymn begins with these words.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

After this song, the priest invites the people to pray. The priest and assembly are silent for a few moments. The priest then prays the opening prayer, and the people respond "Amen." The Introductory Rites have ended. All gathered are now ready for the first main part of the Mass.

Connect Your Faith

Unscramble the Words Find the name of the hymn that we sing during Mass.

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Our Catholic Life

How can you take part in the celebration of the Mass?

The priest leads us in the celebration of the Mass. But he is not the only person celebrating. The whole assembly gathers to praise and give thanks to God.

You are part of the assembly. You don't go to Mass to watch but to take part in the celebration. Taking part in the Mass will help you grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Ways to Join in the Mass

- Get to know the parts of the Mass.
- Learn the prayers and responses.
- Arrive on time and ready to participate.
- Greet and be friendly to the other people in the assembly.
- Join in the singing.
- Follow the actions of the priest, deacon, and other ministers.
- Listen to all of the readings and the homily.
- Show respect in the way you stand, sit, and kneel.



People of Faith

Saint Tarcisus, third or fourth century A.D.

Saint Tarcisus lived in Rome. He loved Jesus very much. One day, he secretly carried the Eucharist to Christians who were jailed because of their faith in Jesus. Some people who were not Christians discovered what he did. They wanted to take the Eucharist from him. They threw stones at him and killed him. When they looked at his robes they saw that the Eucharist had disappeared! Saint Tarcisus reminds us to always respect the Eucharist because it is Jesus.



August 15

Discuss: How can you show respect for Jesus in the Eucharist?



Learn more about
Saint Tarcisus at
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Live Your Faith

Picture Yourself Celebrating

Draw yourself taking part in the Mass with your family and with other members of the assembly.



 Let Us Pray

Prayer of Praise

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

All: In the name of the Father,

Group 1: the maker of stars and planets, oceans and mountains,

Group 2: who created all living things,

Group 3: who brought us to life and keeps us alive today
and all our days.

All: And of the Son,

Group 1: God who became man,

Group 2: who taught us and celebrated with us,

Group 3: who died and rose to save us.

All: And of the Holy Spirit,

Group 1: who guides, strengthens, and helps us,

Group 2: who remains in our hearts,

Group 3: who will be with us to the end.

All: Amen.



Sing "We Glorify You"

God the Father, we praise you.
God the Father, we bless you.
God the Father, we adore you.
God the Father, we glorify you.
Jesus Christ, we praise you...
Holy Spirit, we praise you...

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FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter is about gathering as the Church at Mass to praise God and how our community takes part in the celebration.

God's Word

 Read **Luke 24:30–32** to learn more about longing for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Catholics Believe

- Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist.
- The assembly uses songs, prayers, and actions to worship God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1141–1142 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Tarcisus of Rome, who risked his life and was eventually killed while trying to bring the Eucharist to imprisoned Christians.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Mass Second-graders may see the Mass as primarily an adult activity, but they are preparing to join together with the parish in the Eucharistic celebration on the day of their First Communion. It's important that they are able to really share in the celebration by being familiar with the liturgy and its meaning. They are ready to understand in more detail the parts of the Mass, their meanings, and how to participate fully. A child-friendly missal can assist children in becoming more familiar with the Mass and following along with the prayers, responses, and readings.



CONSIDER THIS >>>


How important is it for you to gather with those you love to celebrate important moments?

There is a reason that the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas are peak travel times. Sitting at the table with those we love feeds our soul. At Mass, we gather in celebration to give thanks and praise for the love of our God. "The Christian community, united by the Holy Spirit, gathers for worship in response to God's call. Jesus, our High Priest, is the principal agent of our celebration" (*USCCA, p. 218*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain what happens at the beginning of Mass.
- Talk about ways your family participates in the Mass and can serve in the celebration.

LET'S PRAY >>>

 Almighty God, help us be generous in our gifts to the Church. Amen.

 For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 16 Review

A Work with Words Circle the correct answer.

1. The ____ is the great celebration of the Church.

Eucharist

assembly

procession

2. At Mass, the whole ____ gathers to praise God.

class

assembly

neighborhood

3. The ____ is a very old hymn that the Church prays to give praise and honor to the Holy Trinity.

Amen

opening prayer

Gloria

4. As Mass begins the assembly sings the ____.

gathering song

Sign of the Cross

Lord's Prayer

5. Taking part in the Mass helps us grow closer to ____.

Jesus

the priest

the deacon

B Check Understanding Use the numbers 1 to 5 to put the actions in the order they happen at Mass.

6. The altar servers, readers, deacon, and priest process into the church.

7. The priest leads us in the Sign of the Cross.

8. The priest says, "The Lord be with you."

9. The assembly gathers.

10. The priest and assembly say, "Lord, have mercy."

