

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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Our Sunday Visitor

Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we offer you our praise and thanks.

“I will offer a sacrifice of praise
and call on the name of the LORD.”

Psalm 116:17

All: God, we offer you our praise and thanks. Amen.

God's Word

Jesus said to his followers, “You cannot serve two masters.” He told them that God must be first in their lives, not money, not things that they own, or things that they want to get. **Based on Matthew 6:24**

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What Do You Wonder?

- If you follow Jesus, will you be asked to sacrifice?
- What does it mean to say that God is first in your life?

Making Sacrifices

What sacrifice did Jesus make for us?

Giving up something and making a **sacrifice** for someone else can be very difficult. Sacrifice takes love and courage. A rich young man found this out when he asked Jesus about life with God forever.

Catholic Faith Words

sacrifice giving up something out of love for someone else or for the common good (good of everyone). Jesus sacrificed his life for all people.

Last Supper the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave himself in the Eucharist.

God's Word

The Rich Young Man

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When the young man heard this . . . he went away sad, for he had many possessions. **Matthew 19:21-22**

The rich young man could not make the sacrifice because he loved his things more than he loved God.



Draw one thing you would give up to make a sacrifice.



The Greatest Gift

People sometimes make sacrifices, but Jesus chose to make the greatest sacrifice of all. Jesus' sacrifice is that he freely gave up his life on a Cross to save all people from the power of sin and everlasting death. He made this sacrifice so that you would have new life with God forever.

God the Father rewarded Jesus for his loving choice. Through God's loving power, Jesus overcame death and was raised to new life.



The Mass is a memorial celebration of Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Jesus' great sacrifice is celebrated at every Mass when we follow his command to do what he did when he shared a final meal with his disciples at the **Last Supper**.

Share Your Faith

Think Write about a time when you gave up something for someone else or when someone else gave up something for you.

Share your answer with a partner.



Members of the assembly bring forward the gifts of bread and wine during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

What will the gifts of bread and wine become during the Mass?

The second main part of the Mass is called the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. Those gathered remember in a special way Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins when members of the assembly bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. The people offer these gifts to God as a sign of their love. The priest prepares the gifts. He asks God to bless them. They will become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Now, another important part of the celebration begins. The priest leads the assembly in prayer.

Priest: "The Lord be with you."

All: "And with your spirit."

Priest: "Lift up your hearts."

All: "We lift them up to the Lord."

Priest: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

All: "It is right and just."

Catholic Faith Words

Liturgy of the Eucharist

the second main part of the Mass that includes Holy Communion

consecration through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the priest, the gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus



Underline the gifts brought forward during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest now begins the Eucharistic Prayer. He gives praise and thanks to God. He asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit. The priest repeats what Jesus said at the Last Supper:

Priest: FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU ...
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, ...
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.



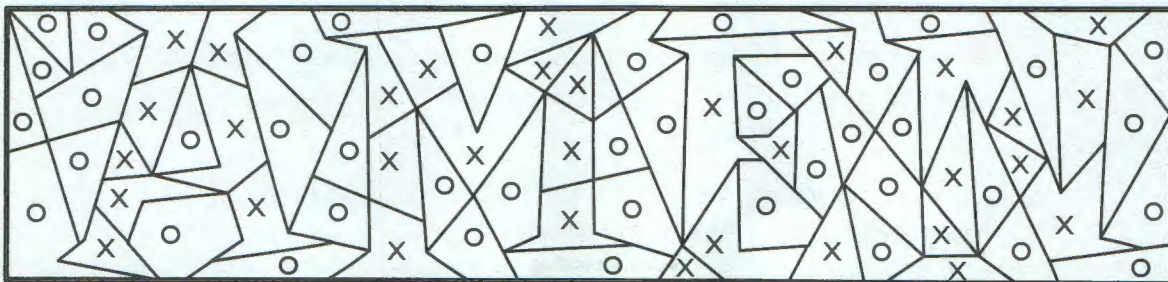
This is called the **consecration**. The bread and wine are now the Body and Blood of Christ. The assembly prays the Mystery of Faith:

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The assembly recalls all that Jesus did and offers the Father the gift of his Son. The prayer ends with everyone saying or singing the “Great Amen.”

Connect Your Faith

Find the Word Color each X with one color and each O with a different color to find the word you say at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.



Our Catholic Life

How do you remember Jesus' sacrifice at Mass?

At Mass, the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After he consecrates the bread and wine he invites everyone to say aloud what we believe about Jesus' sacrifice. He says the words *Mystery of Faith* to the assembly. We answer the priest by praying or singing a Mystery of Faith.

The Mystery of Faith is not a puzzle or a riddle. It is God's love for us, which is greater than we can ever understand completely. So, we simply say what we believe and thank God in our hearts.



Place a check mark next to one you've sung during Mass.



The Mystery of Faith

- 1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
- 2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
- 3. Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

People of Faith

Blessed Imelda Lambertini, 1322–1333

Blessed Imelda Lambertini lived at a time when children couldn't receive Holy Communion until they were twelve. She was too young to receive Communion but she would pray at Mass and make a "spiritual communion." Jesus would come into her heart, but she still wanted to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. One day, she was praying at Mass and a beautiful light with a host in it appeared over her head. Blessed Imelda is the patron Saint of children receiving their First Communion.



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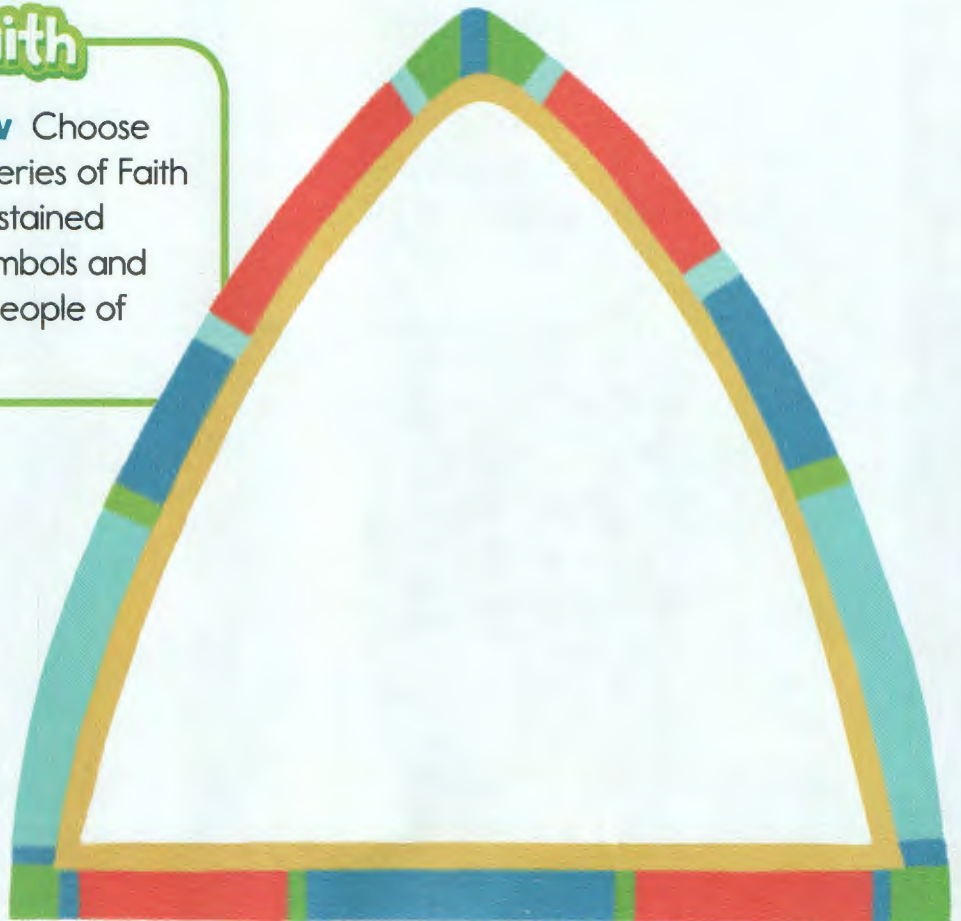
Discuss: What is one message about Jesus you can share with someone?



Learn more about
Blessed Imelda at
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Live Your Faith

Design A Window Choose one of the three Mysteries of Faith and design your own stained glass window using symbols and pictures that remind people of this statement of faith.



 Let Us Pray

Prayer of Remembrance

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.


Leader: God our Father, your Son Jesus gave his life for us.
Be with us as we pray.

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the
Corinthians.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23–26.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

 Sing “We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord”
We proclaim your Death, O Lord.
Jesus died for us.
We profess your Resurrection.
Jesus lives with us.
Until you come again,
we wait in joyful hope!


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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter discusses how we celebrate Jesus' sacrifice and gift of himself in the Eucharist at Mass.

God's Word

 Read **Matthew 6:24** to see what Jesus says about sacrifice and serving God.

Catholics Believe

- The Eucharist is a memorial of the sacrifice Jesus made.
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second main part of the Mass.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1356–1358 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Blessed Imelda Lambertini, the patron Saint of children receiving First Communion.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Liturgy of the Eucharist Many second-grade children have heard the words of the Liturgy of the Eucharist without fully realizing or understanding what they mean. It is hard for children this age to understand how and why Jesus gave himself as a sacrifice for all of humanity. The ritual form of this portion of the Mass will help your child to continue to reflect upon and grow in his or her understanding of Christ's sacrifice and its meaning for each of us.



CONSIDER THIS >>>


What have you sacrificed for your children as a gift of love?

Becoming a parent sets one on a lifelong journey of sacrifice—sacrifices that come from love. This love gives us a glimpse of the love and sacrifice of Jesus. “In a self-centered culture where people are taught to extend themselves only for something in return, the sacrifices each of us make, following the example of Jesus, who freely sacrificed his life in love for all, point to the reality and power of God’s love for us” (*USCCA*, p. 221).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Have your child explain what a sacrifice is and how Jesus sacrificed for us.
- Talk with your child about when he or she will have First Communion.

LET'S PRAY >>>

 Blessed Imelda Lambertini, pray to God for us that we may receive Holy Communion with reverence. Amen.



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

Chapter 18 Review

A Work with Words Write the letter of the correct word or words from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

1. Jesus' great was his Death on the Cross.
2. The become the Body and Blood of Jesus.
3. Jesus said, "Do this in of me."
4. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people say, .
5. The is a memorial of Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Word Bank

- a. memory
- b. sacrifice
- c. Amen
- d. Mass
- e. bread and wine

B Check Understanding Draw a line to complete the sentences in Column A with the correct words in Column B.

Column A

6. At Mass, the priest prays the
7. We remember what Jesus said at
8. The second main part of the Mass is the
9. The Mystery of Faith is
10. The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the

Column B

- Eucharistic Prayer.
- God's love for us.
- the Last Supper.
- Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Great Amen.

