

Pre-Mass catechesis

Lent 2

March 7/8

God has great plans for us as he did for Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David, and the people of Israel. Jesus took his closest advisors up to the mountaintop in order to give them a taste of the glory that was to come.

Each week we go to the mountain to participate in a glimpse of what the heavenly banquet will be like. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life. We come here to be refreshed, renewed, and rejuvenated in order to do the work God has planned for us. The Eucharist is our reason for being Church. At the same time, we go back to our daily lives bringing with us God's strength to lead others closer to one another and closer to God.

All of the sacraments point to the Eucharist and flow from the Eucharist. At every Mass, the other six sacraments are present: Baptism in the holy water and sign of the cross; Confirmation in our challenge to live the Gospel through the words of the scriptures and the homily; Penance when we confess our sins at the beginning of each Mass; The sacrament of the sick when we pray for those who are ill and take communion to them; Marriage is reflected in the unity between God and us as well as between Jesus and the Church; and Holy Orders where the ministers of Word and Sacrament exercise their ministry to, for, and with us.

We come to the Eucharist to receive God in order to take God to the world. How do you experience the presence of God in our liturgical celebrations?