

Overview

In Chapter 15 the children learned that there are Seven Sacraments. In this chapter, they will continue to learn about the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

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• Jesus celebrated Passover and the Last Supper.	1340
• The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal.	1323
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• We celebrate Mass each week.	1343

Key Words

Passover
Eucharist
Mass
sacrifice
assembly

Catechist Background

How do I honor the memory of important people in my life who have died?

There are many ways in which we invoke and honor the memory of a person who has died. We tell stories about the person. We imitate them in our own lives. We do the things that they asked us to do. When we participate and celebrate at the Mass, we do all this and more to remember Jesus.

The Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples was a special Jewish feast called Passover. Passover is celebrated through a meal in which the Jewish People recall how they went from slavery to freedom. Participants at the Passover meal remember the Exodus as their own personal history.

As participants in the new Passover of Christ, we remember his dying and rising, and in faith, we do everything in “memory of him.” Our eucharistic meal is a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving through Christ to the Father.

At the Last Supper, Jesus transformed the meaning of the Passover meal by changing the

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

bread and wine into his very Body and Blood. Then, he called upon his disciples to celebrate this meal in his memory. We believe that, whenever we celebrate the Mass, Jesus is truly present to us in his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a “sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet” (CCC 1323).

The Mass is also a sacrifice, an offering and a participation in the Passion of Jesus. We recall Jesus and his Passion not simply as history, but as a person and an event that have the power to change us still. We are called to be active participants at Mass, not only in the words and actions of the prayer and ritual, but also in all that the Mass makes present to us. Our participation in the Eucharist transforms us, making us more like Christ.

How can I remember Jesus in my life?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in prayer.
- Share responses to the questions about special times with special meals.

For the prayer space: white table covering, card with eucharistic symbols, mini-loaves of bread, grapes

2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus celebrated Passover and the Last Supper.



- Read and discuss the Passover feast, and Jesus giving us the Eucharist at the Last Supper.
- Write what we can be thankful for at the Eucharist.

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The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal.



- Read and discuss the Mass as sacrifice and meal.
- Act out the meaning of the Mass.

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We take part in the Mass.



- Read and discuss the assembly's participation in the Mass.
- Discuss ways to encourage others to participate at Mass.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

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We celebrate Mass each week.

- Read and discuss Sunday and holy days of obligation, and other feasts.

- calendar
- copies of Reproducible Master 16, guide page 139C

3 WE RESPOND

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- Send a message inviting parishioners to take part in the Mass.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- colored pencils or crayons
- scissors
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 16 (back of book)

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Chapter 16 Test

- Complete **Chapter 16 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 16 (back of book)