



# Meet You at the Altar Mass Journal- Grades 7-9

11/14/2021- Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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were very holy and admired people who were doing good things at the time Paul was writing. Every priest, then and now, is appointed by God Himself. Jesus was also appointed by God to come to earth and make the sacrifice of the Mass. But Paul notes that a shortcoming of the priests in his time is that they cannot forgive sins. We do not have to fear, though, because Jesus, who is the most powerful priest, has come to forgive us our sins! And now our ordained Catholic priests can absolve our sins through God's power in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **A lot of people have mixed feelings about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How does it make you feel to receive this Sacrament and have your sins forgiven by God?**

7. Have you ever wondered how men become priests? It all has to do with an important word called vocation. A vocation is what God is calling each of us to do with our lives. For some people, their vocation is to get married and have a family. For other people, their vocation is to become a priest and be a minister to the Church. Men who believe God is calling them to the priesthood go to school for theology and then receive a Sacrament to become priests. This Sacrament is called Holy Orders. In Holy Orders, the Bishop, who is the head of a diocese, ordains, or makes, a man a priest. Men who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders help continue Jesus' presence on earth by doing what Jesus did, like celebrating Mass and forgiving sins. During the Mass, we say that the priest is acting "in the person of Christ." This means the priest is offering the bread and wine to God, just as Jesus did at the Last Supper, in the place of Jesus until He comes again. **Where do you see yourself in 5, 10, 20 years from now? Is there a vocation that you feel God is calling you towards? If so, what can you ask of God today to help you in achieving that?**

Parent Question:

This week's second reading talks about making sacrifices for the sake of God. What is a sacrifice you can make this week with your child that you can offer up to God?

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