

# Unit 2 on Mass/Eucharist

Grade 2 – 1/16 and 1/19

## KEY CONCEPT

The Mass is a celebration of Jesus. We try to make the children more familiar with all the parts of the mass so they can participate more fully.

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## Work to Facilitate Through Group Discussion

-Model the behavior and attitudes you want group members to employ

-Use encouraging body language and tone of voice, as well as words

-Give positive feedback for joining discussion

Be aware of people's reactions and feelings, and try to respond appropriately

-Ask open-end questions

-Control your own biases. Allow the discussion to flow as best as you can. Obviously, we want to present facts of the Faith so jump in to make sure this is happening throughout

***STEP 1 - WELCOME***

**TIP**

**Community Activity**

***STEP 2 - INVITE***

**TIP**

**Let us Pray**

**Say Hail Mary together**

## ***STEP 3 – DISCOVER***

### **TIP**

**Meet in the ULPC to see part 2 of Brother Francis video (The Mass: A Life-Giving Prayer) (12 minutes)**

**Summary of Mass video from last week and today (see attached sheet)**

**Activity- Color the Order of the Mass sheet**

**Question and Answer game**

- **Have children break into groups (whatever size you would like) and ask the questions. Can make it a fun game rather than a boring review.**

**Activity - Do Mass has Two Parts Sheet. Have the children draw a line from the box to the section of the mass it fits in.**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Live your Faith**

**Activity – Break into groups and make a collage. Glue picture of Jesus in the middle and then glue pictures of people helping others around him.**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

**Our Father**

## Summary of the Brother Francis Mass video:

- The Mass is a celebration of Jesus.
- We go to mass every week (Sat night or Sunday) and Holy Days.
- You should get to Church early enough so you can take time to pray and get into the correct frame of mind before Mass starts.
- The Mass is broken down into 2 parts:
  - Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- There are 3 different positions we use during Mass: Sit, kneel and stand.
- Need to show reverence (respect) during Mass because we are celebrating Jesus.
- During the first part of the Mass, the priest comes into Church in a procession. Then he greets us and blesses us. We have the penitential rite. The Glory to God is said together except during Advent and Lent.
- The people who read the 1<sup>st</sup> two readings are called the Lectors.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> reading is from the Old Testament. (Before Jesus was born)
- Then we have the responsorial psalm.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is from the New Testament. (After Jesus was born)
- The gospel can only be read by the priest or the deacon. It is from the New Testament.
- Before the gospel we do a small sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and heart. This is done to help us hear the word of God with our head, speak God's word with our lips, and understand it in our hearts.
- There are 4 authors of the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The talk or lesson the priest gives us is called the homily. Padre often gives his homily before the readings but at other parishes the priest gives the homily after the readings.
- After the homily (or the gospel at St. Albert) we say the creed.
- Then we pray the prayers of the Faithful.
- The preparation of the gifts is when the gifts are brought up during mass. These include the hosts (bread that has not yet been blessed), wine, and the collection basket.

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- The priest begins with the Eucharistic prayer.
- Consecration is when the priest takes the bread and blesses it so it can become the body of Christ. The first time this was done was on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper.
- Then the priest takes the wine (adds a little water) and blesses it so it can become the blood of Christ. The first time this was done was on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper. (Jesus did turn water into wine at a wedding before the last supper but that was not the blood of Christ as he had not died yet.)
- The memorial acclamation is said following the consecration. The priest continues with the eucharistic prayer.
- After the Eucharist we say “Amen”. We also say this during the mass. When we say Amen we are saying we agree.
- Then we say the Lord’s Prayer. Another name for this prayer is the Our Father.
- Then we turn to our neighbors and family and offer them the sign of Peace. This is done with a handshake or a hug to family. This should be done in a serious way.
- Then we say the Lamb of God together.
- When we go up to Communion we do so reverently. Can everyone receive communion? You must have received your 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in order to receive Communion. You are supposed to fast for 1 hour before receiving Holy communion.
- You can receive communion in your hands or on your tongue. We generally bow before we get communion. Some people may genuflect first or may choose to kneel when getting communion. After the Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion says “The body of Christ” you need to answer “Amen”. The host is to be consumed immediately.
- The blood of Christ is only offered at special masses at St. Albert. When it is offered, the Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion says “The Blood of Christ” and hands you the cup. You say “Amen” and then you take a small sip before handing the cup back. The Minister of Holy Communion then wipes off the cup before giving it to the next person.

- After receiving communion, you go back to your pew to kneel and pray.
- After communion, the priest or deacon cleans the vessels. They wipe all the crumbs from the ciborium and then put water in the chalice, swirl it around, and drink it before wiping it down.
- At the end of the mass, the priest will say a closing prayer before giving a final blessing. Then they have a closing procession
- You should stay until the priest and his servers leave before leaving Church.

## Questions and Answers:

- Divide children into teams to make it a game
  - Can keep track of who gets answers on the white board.
1. Who is the hero of the Church?      Jesus
  2. What do we do when we enter Church for mass?      Bless ourselves with holy water
  3. The mass is divided into how many parts?      2
  4. What is the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the mass called?      Liturgy of the Word
  5. What do we do before we enter the pew as we come into Church?      Genuflect
  6. Does the priest offering forgiveness during Mass replace us going to Confession?      No
  7. What is the name of the table the priest stands by at Mass?      Altar
  8. Who is the mass all about?      Jesus
  9. How often can we go to Mass?      Every day
  10. What does saying "Amen" mean?      Yes or I agree
  11. Is the Liturgy of the Eucharist the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the mass?      Yes
  12. Are the readings said in Mass the same all over the world?      Yes
  13. When we receive Holy communion who are we receiving?      Jesus
  14. What is it called when we turn and greet our neighbors or family at mass?      Sign of Peace
  15. How often are we required to go to Mass?      Every Sunday and Holy Day

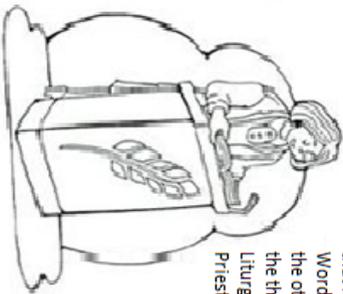
# The Mass Has Two Parts

When we go to Mass we do two things. First, we listen to Bible readings in the Liturgy of the Word. Second, we thank God

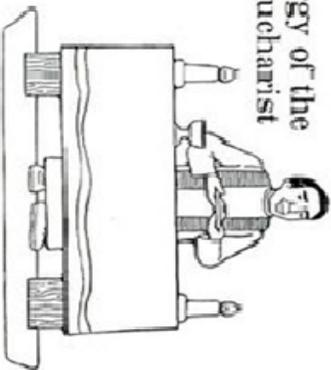
the way Jesus taught us to do, and we share the Body and Blood of Christ. We call this the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## The Liturgy of the Word

Use 2 colored pencils. Draw a line with one color for the things that happen in the Liturgy of the Word to the woman reading. Use the other color to draw a line for the things that happen in the Liturgy of the Eucharist to the Priest at the altar.

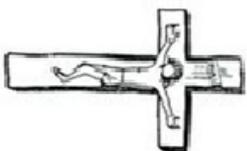


## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

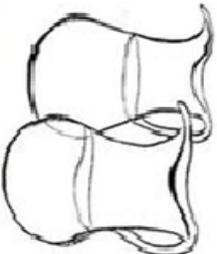
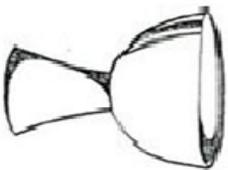


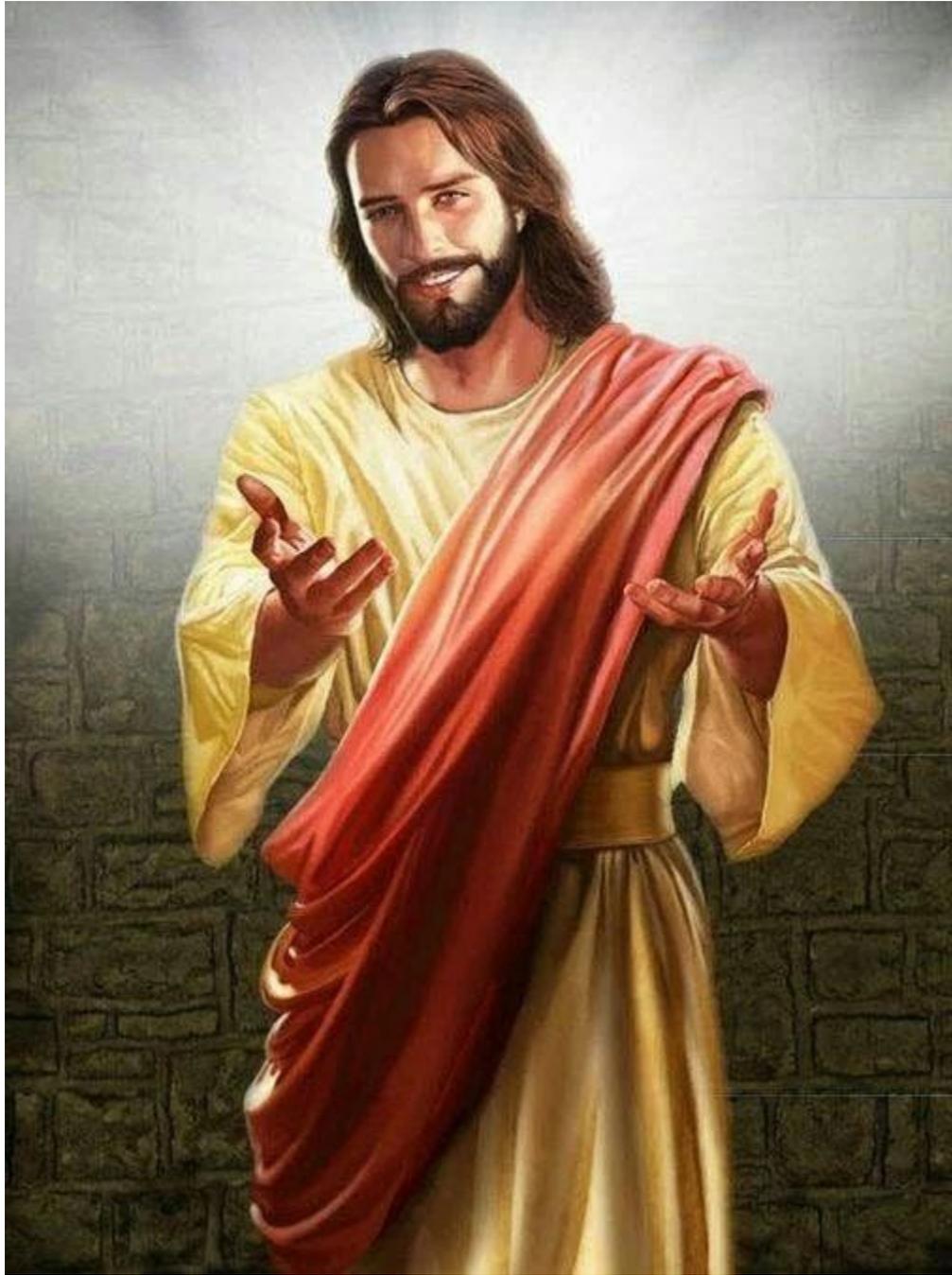
We read from the Old Testament
We read from the letters of the Apostles
We read from one of the Gospels
We sing the Alleluia acclamation
We profess our faith with the Creed
We offer Prayers of the Faithful
We offer gifts of bread and wine.
We sing, "Holy, holy, holy."
We pray the Eucharistic prayer
We pray the Our Father
We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

## Eucharist



WORD BANK	
Chalice	Wine
Candle	Water
Book	Host (bread)
Cross or Crucifix	





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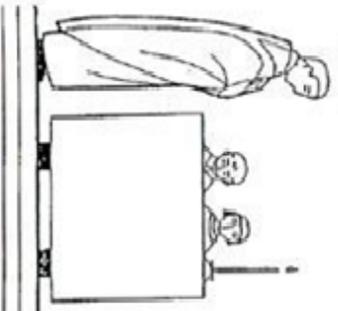


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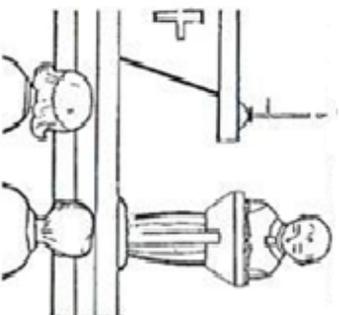
**Order of the Mass  
Entrance Rite**

The Priest comes in and greets the people in the name of Jesus.



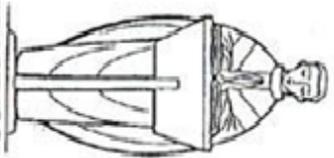
**THE LORD SPEAKS**

When the lector or the Priest reads the readings it is God who speaks to us.

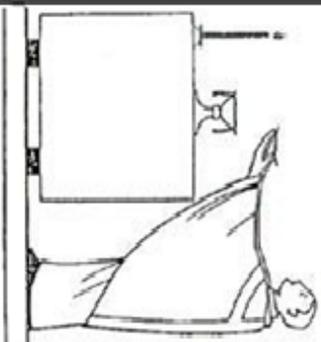


**THE CREED  
WE PROFESS OUR FAITH**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  
The people raise their prayers to the Lord.

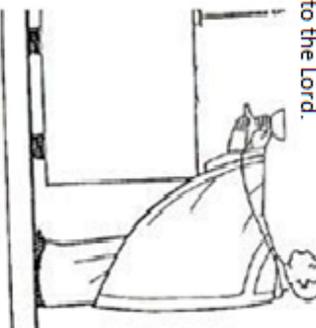


**Presentation of the Offerings 1**  
Bread and Wine is taken to the altar for the Eucharistic celebration. Each of us presents to God his life and daily work.



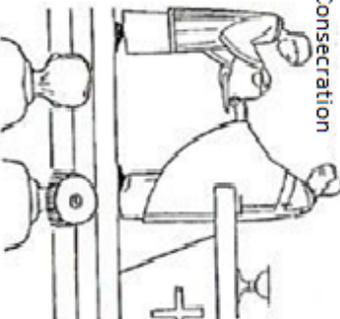
**Presentation of the Offerings II**

The priest prepares the bread and wine to present it to the Lord.



**WASHING OF THE HANDS**

The Priest washes his hands as a Symbol of purity before Consecration



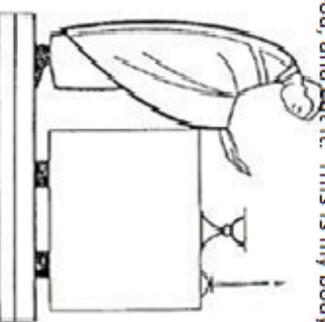
**THE PREFACE**

This is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for giving us salvation. It ends with the praise acclamation to God by all people. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



**CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD**

The Priest does as Jesus did at the Last Supper, saying Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body.



**CONSECRATION OF THE WINE**

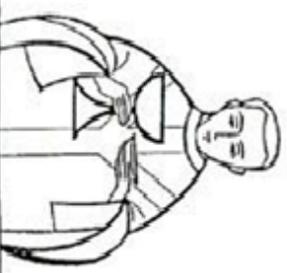
The Priest changes the wine into the living Blood of Jesus, uses the same words as Jesus uses at the Last Supper.



Take this, all of you and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all men so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

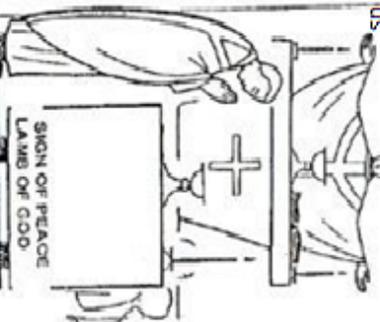
**The Great Amen**

We give our assent to all that has taken place at the end of the Eucharistic prayer.



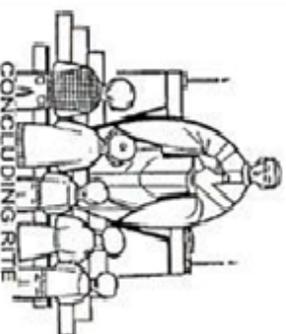
**The Lord's Prayer**

We speak to God our Father in the words that Jesus taught us



**Holy Communion**

The Priest gives communion to the people



**CONCLUDING RITE**  
We receive God's blessing from the Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.