

Queen of Angels School of Religion
Sunday Morning Classes
Grade 2 -- Preparation for First Communion

Student Text: Christ Our Life God Cares For Us Level 2 (Loyola Press)

Winter -- January

Unit IV: Jesus Gives Us The Gift of Himself

- The children will understand the meaning of the Eucharist.
- The children will learn the parts of the Mass and be able to join in.
- The children will be able to receive their First Holy Communion with love and joy.

Lesson 16: We Celebrate God's Love At Mass

The baptized are called to live united with Christ and his Church. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the Church the means to join the sacrifice of himself to the Father. At Mass we unite ourselves with Jesus. We receive the Bread of Life in order to live in Christ and be united with God and one another.

Scripture: John 6: 51-58 Christ's real presence in the Eucharistic bread and wine
1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 The Eucharist proclaims Christ's death and our future triumph over death
John 13: 14 –15 Jesus washes the feet of his disciples
John 13: 34 Love one another as I have loved you
Luke 22: 14 – 20 Last Supper – Do this in memory of me

Class Discussion:

- We will review the story of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt with Moses.
- We will talk about how important this was to the Jews and how they celebrated it every year at Passover—much the same as Americans celebrate July 4th or Mexican-Americans celebrate Mexican Independence Day or Cinco de Mayo
- We will talk about how Jesus gathered his friends together for the Passover
 - ✓ Jesus washes the feet of his disciples – service to others
 - ✓ Jesus gives his body And blood to his friends
- We will explain the word “sacrifice” as the making holy of an action and relate it to the death of Jesus. Jesus gave his life to his Father. We can offer our “holy acts” to the Father too.

Group Prayer: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. (Memorial Acclamation at Mass)

Ways to Extend the Lesson at Home:

Make up a special Grace Before Meals prayer with your child. Remind him/her of the Lord's last Supper.

At the evening meal, every person in the family tells one thing that he/she did for God during the day.

Talk about the Passover meal with your child. Read the story of the Last Supper in a children's Bible.

Read a story with your child that brings out the importance of self-sacrificing love. Talk with your child about St Tarcisus and how he sacrificed his life to protect the Eucharist.