

We Celebrate God's Love

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WE GATHER

✝ Let us stand to pray.

Group 1:

“Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
worship the LORD with cries of gladness;
come before him with joyful song.”

Group 2:

“Know that the LORD is God,
our maker to whom we belong,
whose people we are.”

Groups 1 and 2:

“Give thanks to God, bless his name;
good indeed is the LORD,
Whose love endures forever.”

Psalms 100:1-3, 4-5

☀ Name communities to which you belong. What do you do together in these groups?



WE BELIEVE

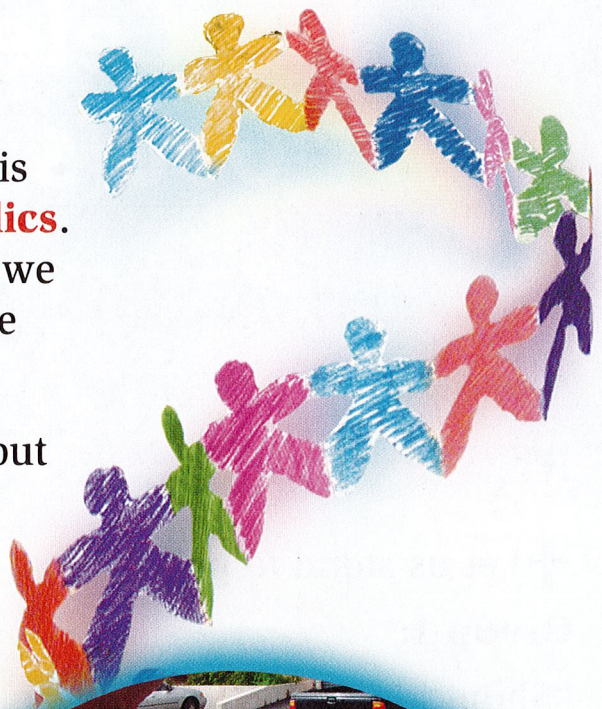
We belong to the Catholic Church.


We belong to the Church community that is called the Catholic Church. We are **Catholics**. We become members of the Church when we are baptized. We are led and guided by the pope and bishops.

Some of the things that Catholics throughout the world share and celebrate are:

- the belief that Jesus is the Son of God
- the belief that Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to save us
- God's life and love
- a call to help and serve others as Jesus did.

We worship and work together in communities called **parishes**. Our parish communities are led and guided by priests. They work with men and women of the parish. The whole parish serves the needs of others, especially the poor, sick, and lonely.



 Complete the sentence by writing the name of your parish.

I belong to

_____ parish.

Catholics celebrate God's love by praying and worshipping.

Jesus and his disciples often shared and celebrated their faith in God. **Faith** is a gift from God. It helps us to trust God and believe all that he tells us.

Catholics, too, gather to celebrate their faith in God and his love. We **worship** God. This means we give him thanks and praise. When we gather to worship, God is with us. We often praise God with words from Scripture:

“Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; worship the LORD with cries of gladness; come before him with joyful song.” (Psalm 100:1-2)



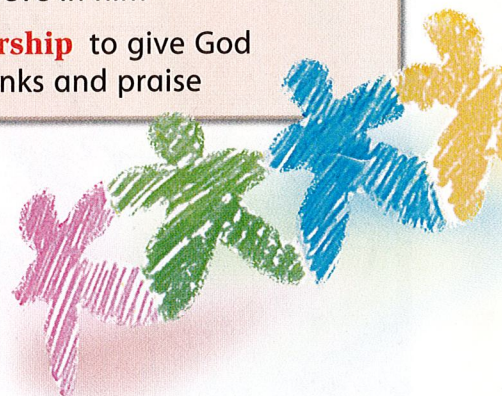
Key Words

Catholics baptized members of the Church, led and guided by the pope and bishops


parishes communities that worship and work together

faith a gift from God that helps us to trust God and believe in him

worship to give God thanks and praise



We gather as a parish community each week at Mass. We celebrate all that Jesus has done for us through his life, his Death, and his Resurrection. We celebrate that Jesus is with us always. We praise God the Father, through his Son, Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Spirit. God gives us the strength to go out and share his great love.

 Color this word we use in worship.

Alleluia



Our Church celebrates with seven special signs called sacraments.


The Church celebrates with signs. But the signs the Church uses are different from ordinary signs.

The special signs the Church celebrates are the Seven Sacraments. A **sacrament** is a special sign given to us by Jesus. God makes us holy through the sacraments. Jesus gave us these sacraments so that we can share in God's own life.

We gather as a Church community to celebrate these sacraments. We become stronger in faith. We grow as followers of Jesus.

As Catholics...

In the Catholic Church, our parish is like our home. Millions of Catholics all around the world gather in their parish communities. In their parishes, Catholics praise and worship God. They celebrate the sacraments. They learn more about their faith. Together they do good works for the people in their communities and in the world.

 Tell what happens when we celebrate the sacraments. Put these words in correct sentence order.

share life own God's in We

Jesus is present with us in the sacraments.

Through God's gift of faith, we believe Jesus is with us. Every time we celebrate the sacraments, Jesus is with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. The sacraments help us to live as friends of Jesus.

Key Word

sacrament a special sign given to us by Jesus

The Seven Sacraments

Read Along

Baptism We become children of God and members of the Church. We receive the Holy Spirit for the first time.

Confirmation This sacrament seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens us. Confirmation makes us stronger followers of Jesus.

Eucharist This is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. We receive Jesus himself in Holy Communion.

Penance and Reconciliation In this sacrament, God forgives our sins. We tell our sins to the priest. We are given God's forgiveness and peace.

Anointing of the Sick This is the sacrament for those who are sick or are in danger of death. The priest prays that they may be healed in body, mind, and spirit.

Matrimony In this sacrament, a man and a woman become husband and wife. They promise to love and be faithful to each other always.

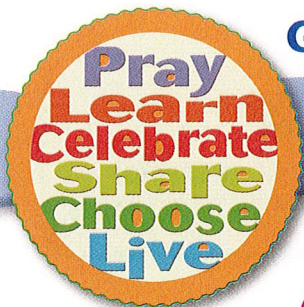
Holy Orders In this sacrament, a man becomes a deacon, a priest, or a bishop. He then serves the Church by leading and guiding God's people.

WE RESPOND



Which of the Seven Sacraments are you looking forward to celebrating this year?

Talk to Jesus about ways you are getting ready to celebrate these sacraments with your parish community.



PROJECT

Show What *you* Know

Use the code to find the **Key Words**.
Tell what each word means.

A	C	E	F	H	I	L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	W
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

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Complete this membership card.

(your name)

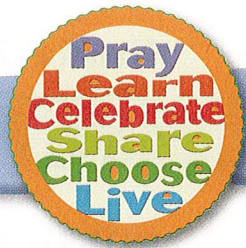
belongs to the Catholic Church.

(your name)

is a member of _____ parish.



DISCIPLE



Make it Happen Solve this riddle.

I am a sacrament that is celebrated
by a man and a woman.
I make them husband and wife.
What sacrament am I?

Now write your own riddle about one of
the sacraments. Ask a friend to guess it.

What sacrament am I?



Reality Check

Which sacraments have your
family members celebrated?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism | <input type="checkbox"/> Anointing
of the Sick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation | <input type="checkbox"/> Matrimony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharist | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Orders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Penance and
Reconciliation | |

Take Home

Finish the sentence using words from
the box.

pray sing go to Mass act like Jesus

My favorite way to worship God is to

Ask your family members to share
their favorite ways to worship God.

CHAPTER TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. Jesus and his disciples _____ shared and celebrated their faith in God.
 often never
2. Faith is a gift from God that helps us to trust in God and believe _____ that he tells us.
 some things all
3. The Church celebrates _____ Sacraments.
 Twelve Seven
4. _____ gave us the sacraments.
 The disciples Jesus
5. When we celebrate the sacraments, we become _____ in faith.
 stronger weaker

Circle the correct answer.

6. Are the sacraments the same as ordinary signs? **Yes** **No**
7. Do we worship God when we praise him? **Yes** **No**
8. Are parishes communities that worship and work together? **Yes** **No**

9–10. Write two things that all Catholics share and celebrate.
