

God's Family Celebrates the Eucharist

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 24.

❖ Catholics share a eucharistic celebration. We also call it Mass. The Mass is a meal in memory of Jesus that we share with the entire Catholic family.

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❖ Jesus said that the bread was his body and the wine was his blood. He shared himself as bread and wine with the apostles, and he shares himself with us today in Holy Communion. In the Eucharist, Jesus becomes present in the bread and wine so that we can share in his death and Resurrection.

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❖ In benediction, the priest gives us a blessing with the sacred host. We bless ourselves by making the Sign of the Cross.

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❖ If people are too sick or otherwise cannot come to church, people from the parish can bring Holy Communion to them.

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❖ Jesus compares those who hear his words but don't act on them to a man who built his house on sand. Wise people build houses on rock.

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❖ In the Liturgy of the Word, we celebrate God's speaking to us. He teaches us through his words in the Bible.

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❖ Epistles are letters written by members of the early Church. Many were written by Saint Paul. The epistles are found in the New Testament.

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❖ The Homily is an explanation of God's Word, especially of the words that we hear in the Bible reading. The Homily comes after the Gospel Reading.

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