

# The Greatest Treasure

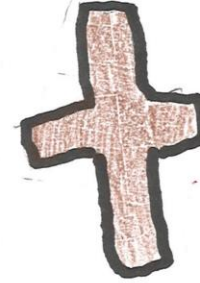


The parts of the Catholic Mass  
explained and illustrated by  
Everest Academy sixth-grade  
students.

## Entrance Procession

At the beginning of Mass, Father walks down the aisle. This is called the Entrance Procession. Father may have other people by him; they are called altar servers. They hold candles and stand next to the priest. The priest and altar servers walk down the aisle to the altar, and they bow. It represents all of us walking with the priest to offer ourselves with Jesus.

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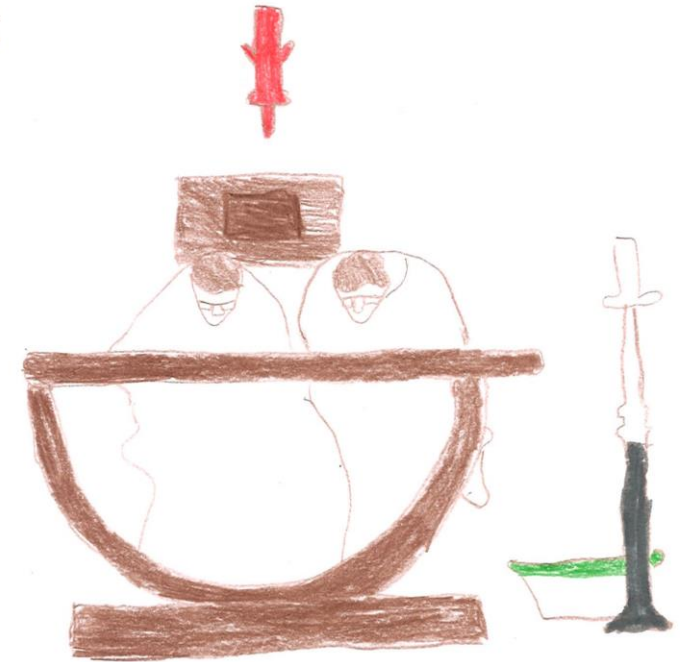


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## Kissing the Altar

The altar is the place where the lamb used to be sacrificed. It represents the cross and the table at the Last Supper. When the priest kisses the altar he is showing respect towards the cross and Jesus.

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## Collect

“Let us pray...”

The Collect is a short prayer in the liturgy. It is when Father takes our prayers and sends them up to God. It is when the priest invites us to realize God’s presence. The Collect follows the Church’s calendar, which helps us live as Jesus wants us to.

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## Penitential Rite

At this part of the Mass ,you say  
a prayer asking for forgiveness.  
While you are saying the prayer,  
ask forgiveness from God.

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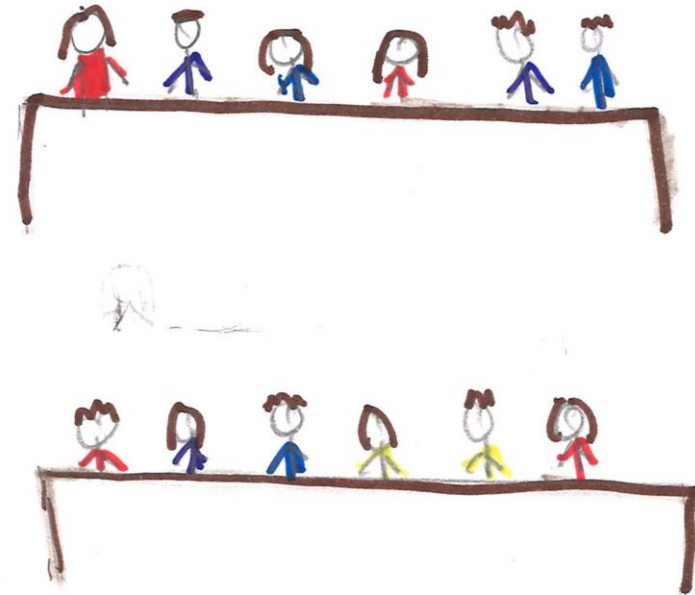
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## Gloria

The Gloria is prayed at most Sunday Masses and on other feast days. The Gloria is a prayer. We say "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will..."

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## Readings

A lector reads the first reading. The first reading is usually from the Old Testament. Then they say the Responsorial Psalm. In the Responsorial Psalm, you repeat what the lector says. On Sundays, there is a second reading too.

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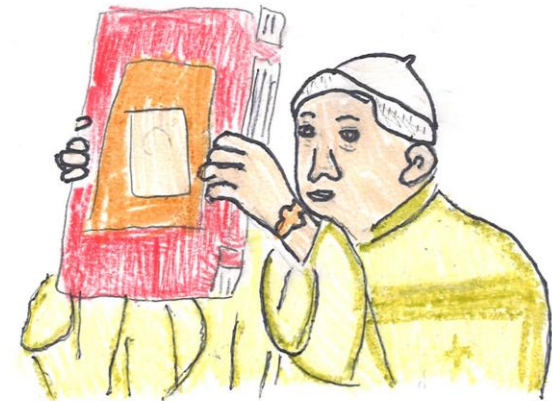
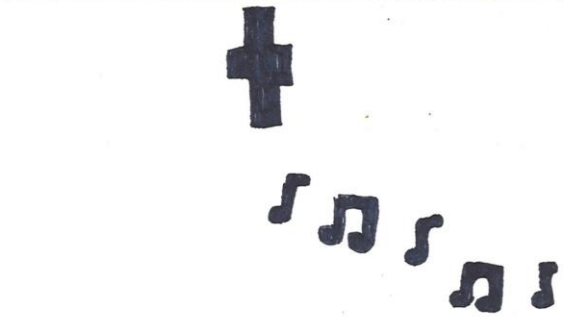


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## The Alleluia and Reading of the Gospel

After the readings, we stand for the Alleluia. After the Alleluia, we stay standing for the Gospel. This is when we listen to God's word. The Gospel refers to Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

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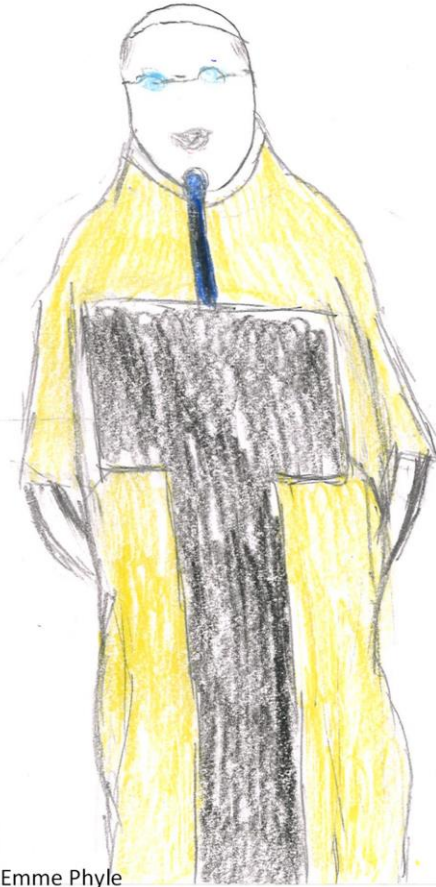
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## Homily

The homily is when the priest talks about the Gospel. A homily usually has a theme to it. The homily helps us to put the words of Christ into practice. After the Gospel, the priest explains what God has said to us. Also, he explains about Jesus's teachings. The priest encourages us to obey God and do what Jesus tells us.

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## The Creed

The Creed is a prayer that we say to express what we believe in. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and the Church.

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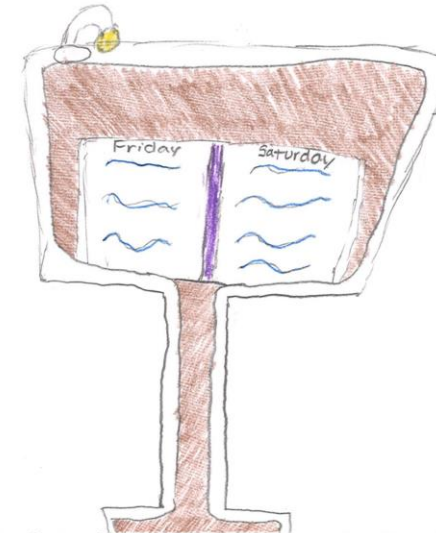


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## Prayers of the Faithful

The prayers of the faithful take place when a lector for the Mass comes up to the ambo and says what we are praying for in the Mass. They could say: "We pray for our country and everyone in it." Then we would respond with: "Lord, hear our prayer."

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By: Vaughn Mulrenin

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Altar

This is when Father lays out a white cloth called the corporal to put the gifts on. After he does this, the gifts are ready to be brought up to the altar.

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## Offering of the Gifts

In the offering of the gifts somebody walks the gifts down the aisle to the priest. God gives us wheat to turn into bread and grapes which he turns into wine. We have to work to make these things, and so that is our offering to God. He gives us an offering back by letting the priest turn the bread and wine into Jesus's Body and Blood. God can always make his offering bigger and better than ours. So we work for him, and he gives us something huge in return.

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### Preparation of the Gifts

The preparation of the gifts is when Father has the gifts on the altar and he is getting them ready. He picks up the wine and water and pours a lot of wine and a little bit of water in the chalice.

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### Prayer Over the Gifts

Before the consecration, Father prays over the gifts and blesses them. This is the prayer he says: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have received the (bread/wine) we offer you: fruit of the (earth/ vine) and work of human hands, it will become for us the (bread of life/ our spiritual drink).

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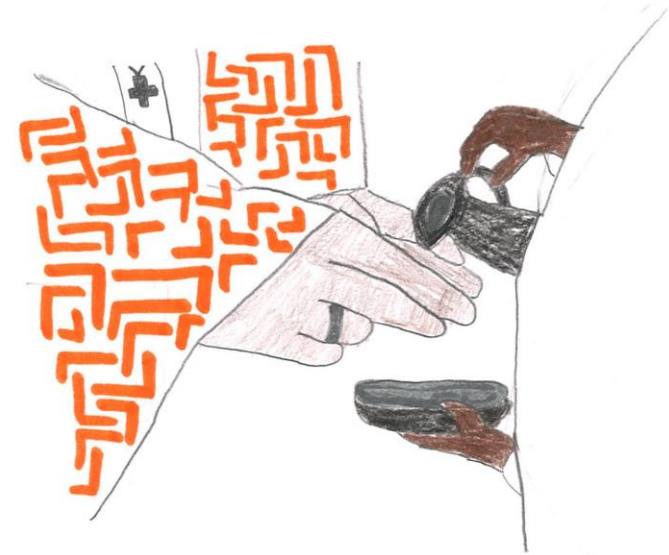


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## The Washing of Hands

Father washes his hands to prepare to consecrate the Eucharist! The washing of hands reminds us that we need purity of heart as we prepare to receive Him.

By: Hannah Megala



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## Preface and Sanctus

We consider the coming sacrifice of Jesus in light of the season of the year or the feast day.

The preface ends with the “Holy, holy, holy” for the adoration with angels and saints announcing his coming.

By: Morgan Woodbury



By: Lilly Kurkowski

### Invocation of the Holy Spirit

The priest puts his hands over the gifts and asks the Holy Spirit to come upon them and make them holy so that they become the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then the priest continues with the consecration.

By: Emme Phyle



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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Consecration

The consecration is when the priest holds up the consecrated host and then the chalice with Jesus's blood. As he holds them up for people to adore, he and the people offer the Holy Sacrifice, Christ's Body and Blood, to the Father.

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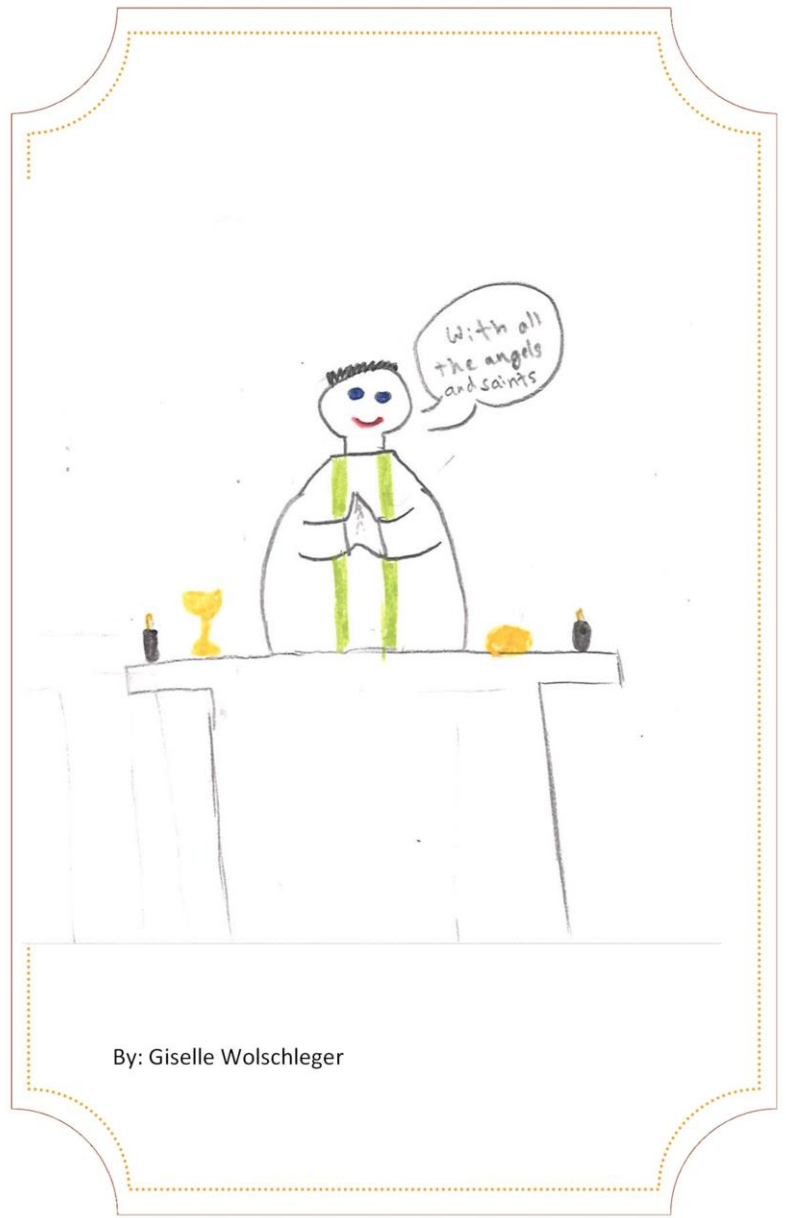


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## Eucharistic Prayer

After Father lifts the chalice and the host, he says some prayers for the Church, the living and the dead.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Great Amen

Towards the end of the Eucharistic prayer, we join the priest in giving glory and honor to God the Father through Jesus by saying or singing the Great Amen.

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## Communion Rite

### The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is the Our Father. During the Our Father, the priest says, "At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say." We say, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." Also, we begin to prepare for Holy Communion by praying as Jesus taught us to pray.

By: Lauren Earnhardt



By: Palin Leahy

## Communion Rite

### Rite of Peace

The Rite of Peace is when we grant everyone peace. To be true, it has to come from your heart! Father will say, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." We shake hands with the people around us to wish them the peace of Jesus.

By: Hannah Megala



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## Communion Rite

### Breaking of the Bread

Father breaks the consecrated host and puts a piece in the chalice, symbolizing the presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the risen Jesus.

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## Communion

Communion is when we receive Jesus in our hearts and receive the best type of grace. Jesus is always with us and you receive him when you are free of mortal sin.

The priest holds the host before the person receiving it. Then they say, "Amen."

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### Concluding Rite

The Concluding Rite includes two parts: the Prayer after Communion and the Final Blessing.

The Prayer after Communion is when Father says a prayer after everyone receives Communion and he is back by the altar. The Final Blessing is when Father blesses the people with the Sign of the Cross. Then, he processes out while we sing the final song, and then we leave.

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We dedicate this book to Everest Academy. Thank you  
for teaching us about our faith. We also dedicate it to  
all those people who need our prayers so that they can  
trust in the power of the Mass.

