

Young Apprentices

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MYSTAGOGY: JESUS, THE WAY

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Jesus,
while on Earth
you fed the hungry,
you healed the sick,
and you forgave the sinner.

Use my eyes, my ears,
my hands, and my feet,
to do the works you call me to do
each and every day.
Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 6:1-7

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. The Twelve prayed and laid hands on seven men chosen to help with the work of caring for those in need. Among those chosen was Stephen, who was the first martyr of Christianity.
2. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people of God's own.
3. Jesus says that he is the way, the truth, and the life. Those who believe in him will do the works that he does, and even greater works.

With My Family



Deepen

All during your journey in the OCIA, you have heard and reflected on the Word of God. Jesus says much in today's Gospel. What do you remember? What do you think his words mean?

The second main part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, also contains the words of Jesus and words of prayer. As you think back on the Mass this weekend, what do you remember from the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

With your family, read aloud the Gospel (John 14:1-12), and share with one another your favorite words and phrases.

Meditate

In the Gospel reading, Jesus says to Philip: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). In other words, Jesus shows us the living, human face of God, his heavenly Father. All that he says and does reveals the Father to us.

At Mass the priest invites us to see Jesus present in the Eucharist when he holds up the host before us and says, "Behold the Lamb of God, /behold him who takes away the sins of the world. /Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

With your family, take time to review the four presences of Christ at the celebration of the Mass. You learned them just two weeks ago. Christ is present in the priest presiding at the Mass, Christ is present in the assembly, Christ is present in the Word proclaimed at Mass, and Christ is especially present in the Eucharist, in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Share

You have received Holy Communion only a few times since celebrating your First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Remember that Holy Communion is food for your spiritual journey and it is a source of spiritual strength. Think about where you need strength in order to live as a disciple of Jesus. Do you need more patience? Do you need stronger faith? Do you need help to be loving to someone who is hard for you to love?

With your family, talk about what being able to receive Holy Communion means to you. Share with one another where you need spiritual strength in order to live as disciples of Jesus. Pray for one another in the days to come.

Do

Complete the following on a small note card: "Almighty God, I praise and thank you for the gift of the Eucharist because . . ."

With your family, read your statement out loud. Then together place your card in the family Bible, on the family prayer table, or in a place where you can take the note out and re-read it on the one-year anniversary of your initiation into the Catholic Church.