

Young Apprentices

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MYSTAGOGY: JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD

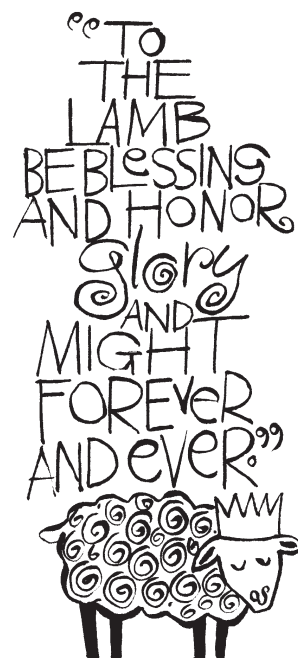
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The Communion Rite, *Roman Missal*



Sunday Word

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19 (or John 21:1-14)

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

To Help You Remember



1. Peter and the Apostles made it clear to the court officers that they must obey God rather than men.
2. In John's vision, angels, living creatures, and elders cried out that the Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive "power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing" (see today's Second Reading).
3. Jesus, whom the disciples did not recognize, told Simon Peter and those with him to cast their nets over the right side of the boat. They caught so many fish that their nets couldn't hold them all. Peter then recognized Jesus.

With My Family



Deepen

Sunday Mass has many parts. The part you know best from your initiation journey is the Liturgy of the Word, when Sacred Scripture is proclaimed. Now that you have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation, you are experiencing all of the parts of the Mass.

With your family, share the part of the Mass that is your favorite and why.

Meditate

The lamb is referred to in the Old and New Testaments and in the Mass. For example, the traditional food for Passover is a lamb, recalling the lamb's blood used to mark the doorposts of the Israelites who were freed from slavery (see Exodus 12:7). Jesus is the new Passover Lamb, who gives himself out of love for us, freeing us from sin and eternal death. "Lamb of God" is a title or description for Jesus first used by John the Baptist (see John 1:36). During the Mass, we sing the "Lamb of God" and the priest holds high the Body and Blood of Jesus 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, read today's Second Reading and listen for the two references to the Lamb. Who do you think the Lamb is? Why?

Share

Many people sacrifice to make it possible for you to have what you need in order to be safe and warm, to go to school, and to learn about Jesus.

With your family, name those who sacrifice to take care of you, teach you, help you learn about Jesus, and encourage you, and tell how each person does so.

Do

Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed his life to save us and to free us from sin.

With your family, think of something you could do to help a family member or friend in need. Make a plan to carry out your idea in the coming week.

Pray

With your family, say or sing the Lamb of God as part of your night prayer in the coming week.