

Jesus and the Sacraments

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The Catholic Church is a Sacramental Church

Jesus and the Sacraments - What is a Sacrament

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 - Outward signs of inward grace, instituted by Christ for our sanctification.
 - Sacraments have a visible and invisible reality.
 - The visible reality we see in the Sacraments is their outward expression, the form they take, and the way in which they are administered and received.
 - The invisible reality we cannot "see" is God's grace, his gracious initiative in redeeming us through the death and Resurrection of his Son.
 - His initiative is called *grace* because it is the free and loving gift by which he offers people a share in his life, and shows us his favor and will for our salvation.

Jesus and the Sacraments – What we celebrate

- How many sacraments does the Church recognize?
 - Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church recognizes the existence of seven sacraments instituted by Jesus. Can we name the sacraments?
 - The Sacraments of Initiation:
 - Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.
 - The Sacraments of Healing:
 - Penance (or Reconciliation or Confession) and Anointing of the Sick.
 - The Sacraments of Service:
 - Marriage and Holy Orders.
- Through the Sacraments, God shares his holiness with us so that we, in turn, can make the world holier.

Jesus and the Sacraments – Scripture

- Mathew 3:13-17 Jesus Baptism
- Mathew 28:19 Jesus Commissioning of the Disciples to go baptize
- Acts 2:38 Peter instructing the crowd to be Baptized and repent

- Luke 12:10-12 Jesus assuring the Apostles the Holy Spirit will guide them
- John 3:5-8 No one can enter the kingdom unless born of water and Spirit
- John 20:21-22 Jesus breathed on them to received the Holy Spirit
- Acts 1:8 Receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you
- Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost and the tongues of fire

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- John 6:35 I am the Bread of Life
- Mark 14:22-24 The Last Supper
- Mathew 26:26-28 The Last Supper
- John 6:53-55 We must eat of the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood

- Mark 2:1-12 Jesus heals the paralytic and forgives his sins
- Mark 1:15 The kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe
- John 20:23 Jesus gives the Apostles the power to forgive sin
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Be reconciled to God through Jesus

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- Luke 15:1-7 The joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
- Mathew 16:18-19 Jesus give Peter the power to forgive sins in His name
- Mathew 18:15-18 If your brother sins against you

- Mark 6:7-13 Jesus sends the Apostle to cast out demons and cure the sick
- Mark 16:17-18 The signs that accompany those who believe in Jesus
- 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 My grace is sufficient, power is made perfect in weakness

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- Genesis 1:26-27 God created man and woman in His image
- Revelation 19:6-7 The wedding day of the Lamb has come
- Mathew 19:3-6 In marriage man and woman become one flesh
- Ephesians 5:21-32 Be subordinate to one another and love each other as Christ loves his Church

- Isaiah 6:8 Here I am, send me
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 I received from the Lord what I hand on to you
- Acts 6:1-7 The need for assistants as the community grows