

Getting Ready for Chapter 14

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We Receive the Gift of Jesus

Some gifts are so great that we remember them for a lifetime. Other gifts, such as fresh air and clean water, we hardly give any thought to at all. This chapter presents the concept of Jesus in the Eucharist as gift.

Children will learn that we remember the Last Supper at Mass. They will discover that Jesus is present in the bread and wine. Lastly, they will learn how to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

ACTIVITY

It's All Set Teach your child how to set the table. Show where to put the plates, glasses, napkins, and silverware. If possible, put candles and flowers on the table. Explain that, just as the altar is set in a particular way for Mass, so the family table should be set for a meal.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Listen carefully to the words of consecration. As you receive Communion, think about what you have heard.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Teresa of the Andes (1900–1920)

Juanita was born in Chile. She took the name Teresa of Jesus as a Carmelite nun. She soon became sick with typhoid fever and died. In 1993, she became the first Chilean to be canonized.

Patron Saint of: sick people and all young people
Feast Day: July 13



A Prayer for the Week

O Lord, we give thanks for the great gift of Eucharist. We recognize the Eucharist as Jesus' greatest gift. May we share all our gifts with others. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Passover Meal Jesus' Last Supper was a Passover meal to commemorate freedom of Jews from Egyptian slavery. Foods at this meal have special meaning. The Matzo, or unleavened bread, represents manna which fed the Israelites in the desert; bitter herbs symbolize the harshness of slavery; the lamb recalls the sacrifice at the first Passover; and the egg symbolizes new life in the covenant with God.

You can read about Jesus' Last Supper in Matthew 26:17–30.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Music

Jesus Christ Superstar is a rock opera about the life of Christ with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. The story is about the last week of Jesus' life, and it tells about the guilt Judas experiences when he betrays Jesus. The scene that depicts the Last Supper recreates the relationship of Jesus with the Twelve Apostles.

Originally performed on Broadway in 1971, the show ran from 1972 to 1980 in London. It opened on Broadway again in April, 2000. *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the first musical to incorporate rock music, gives us an opportunity to take a new look at a very familiar story and think about it in a fresh way.