

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Adult Faith Formation Session 5

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Our fifth session on the Mass will explore the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This part of the Mass includes the Presentation and the Preparation of the Gifts (when bread and wine are brought to the altar) and the Eucharistic Prayer, which contains a dialogue, thanksgiving, the story of the Last Supper, Jesus' words of consecration, and our acclamation of faith.

The gifts of bread and wine brought forth in procession represent us; so does the money we've earned and have contributed to the church. The offering brings together God's creation and the "work of human hands."

We can never understand the Eucharistic Prayer fully or appreciate it completely, but we try. Our session makes connections with meals at home and with Christ's offering to the Father. He gave his friends his flesh and blood the night before he died so that they'd be able to understand what he would do on Calvary: sacrifice himself as the ultimate covenant between God and humanity. This memorial makes his saving grace present for people today. The words may change, but the core meaning never will.

Come join us! Be sure to bring your copy of *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts, Second Edition*, to the session.