



# Water and Wine

As the priest is preparing the gifts at the altar, have you ever noticed what he pours into the chalice? He begins by pouring wine from the wine cruet. But then he adds a small amount of water from another cruet. Why are both water and wine added to the chalice?

The mingling of the water and wine symbolizes the union of Christ's humanity (water) and divinity (wine). It represents the coming together of divinity and humanity in the person of Jesus in the Incarnation. It also points to our call to share in Christ's divine life.