

Looking for Jesus

Edition #2

Look Closely: Table

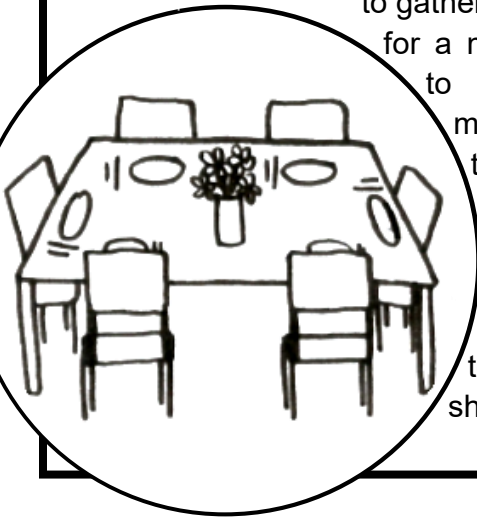
What is your favorite meal? Do you get to pick a special dessert on your birthday? Or does your family have certain foods that you eat on different holidays?

Enjoying food together with our loved ones can be a wonderful way to celebrate! We also share food on ordinary days: grabbing breakfast before school, eating lunch in the cafeteria, and gathering for dinner as a family in the evening.

Meals often center around a table. Together at a table, we share food that nourishes our bodies, but we also share conversations that build relationships. Our time spent together strengthens our families and our friendships.

Even with our busy schedules, making time to gather around the table

for a meal can help us to appreciate the many blessings that God has given us. He provides all we have, from the food that we eat to the people we share it with.



Peek Inside the Mass

Did you know that there are four main parts of the Mass? The Introductory Rite and Concluding Rite come at the beginning and the end of Mass. The Liturgy of the Word includes the Readings, the homily, and the Creed.

After the Liturgy of the Word comes the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During this part of the Mass, bread and wine are brought to the sanctuary. At the altar, the priest takes the bread and wine and prays the Eucharistic Prayer. The words of Jesus at the Last Supper are spoken over the gifts on the altar.

Then a miracle occurs! The bread and wine are changed by God's power into the Body and Blood of Christ. This change is called transubstantiation.

The altar is at the center of the Mass, on which the "sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also calls the altar "the table of the Lord, to which the People of God are invited" (CCC 1182).

After the Eucharistic Prayer, during the Communion Rite, Catholics who are old enough and are in a state of grace are able to receive Holy Communion.

Crack the Code

Use the key to find the missing words in this verse. Then use your Bible to check!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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"People will come from the _ _ _ _ and the _ _ _ _ and from the _ _ _ _ and

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the _ _ _ _ and will recline at _ _ _ _ in the _ _ _ _ of God." ~Luke 13:29

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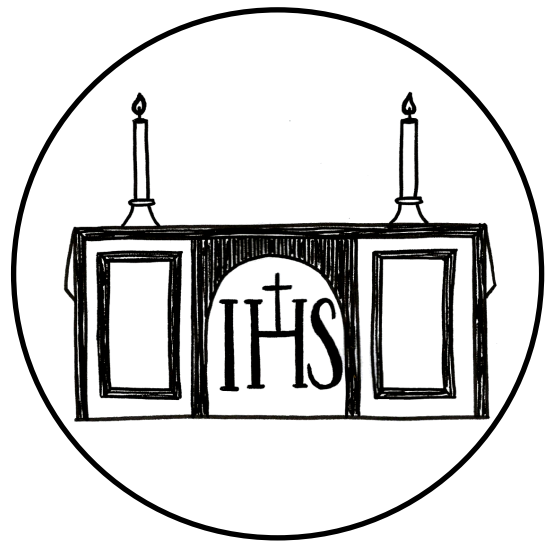
Saintly Superstars

Your family is called to help each other grow in holiness. God has given us our family to help us reach Heaven one day! One family we can look to as an example is the Martins.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin lived in France in the nineteenth century. Louis was a watchmaker and Zélie owned a successful lacemaking business. Together they prayed and went to Mass, making God the center of their marriage and family. The couple had nine children, but sadly four of their children died when they were very young. The five daughters who lived to adulthood all became religious sisters, and one of them you probably have heard of: St. Thérèse of Lisieux!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a doctor of the Church, was a Carmelite nun. She made famous her “little way” of loving God and loving others.

Zélie and Louis endured hard times together and followed God’s will for their family. Saints Zélie and Louis were the first married couple to be canonized together in modern times. They give all families a model to follow as they grow in holiness together.



I Spy: The Altar

In the center of the sanctuary of your church you will likely see something that looks like a table. Covered in a white cloth with candles on the left and the right, this special table is called the altar. The altar is the sacred place where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated.

The priest stands at the altar during Mass. The top of the altar holds the bread and wine that becomes Body and Blood of Christ. Sometimes altars can be decorated with symbols that help us think of Jesus. This altar has the letters “IHS” which are the first three letters of Jesus in Greek.

Seek & You Will Find

Can you find these ten words in the word search?

They might be across, up and down, or diagonal.

Circle or highlight the words inside the word search, and then cross them off the list as you find them!

P W T D I D X W R M G E J W C
S V N G O J O U A B W P O F O
A Z S C S B K T O R L X N L M
C T Y O A Z K K H P H I M R M
R R K K J E X Q M E E S V Z U
I T P D T L F K E S R A K P N
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C U O G L S L A R H H I P E N
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T J Y G J O Y P B Z Q L W D E
F A M I L Y L K I N G D O M L
H F Z D X Z K F U Y V Z C V T

FAMILY
TABLE
ALTAR
MEAL
SACRIFICE
COMMUNIONRITE
KINGDOM
ZELIE
LOUIS
THERESE