

GRADE 5: CHAPTER 16

UNIT 6: Sacraments

CHAPTER 16: Gathered as One (pages 223–232)

Key Concept: The wheat bread and grape wine become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Participation in the Mass is a duty and privilege.

Catholic Faith Words: *Real Presence, Communion of Saints.*

Discover (pages 224-227)

- Gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the most important thing Catholics do because it unites us with Christ and one another.
- Jesus is present in the assembly, priest, Word of God, and especially in the Eucharist!
- The Sunday Eucharist is an opportunity to meet God through Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- The Priest acts in *persona Christi* (an ordained minister) as he leads the Mass.
- The Deacon proclaims the Gospel and assists with distributing Holy Communion.
- Within the Church community, members of the Church serve in the liturgical ministries.
- In our prayers and personal offerings, we all participate in the Mass and our faith tradition.

“The Body and Blood, together with the soul and divinity” of Christ is “truly, really, and substantially contained” in the “Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374.*)

- This doctrine distinguishes the belief of Catholics from that of Protestants, who believe that the communion rite is only a symbolic commemoration of the Last Supper.
- On page 224 read the Scripture: Communal Life; Acts 2:46-47.
 - How and with whom are we united in the celebration of the Mass?
 - What are the sights, sounds and actions that make you feel welcome at Mass?

Live:

- Print and complete **Chapter 16 Handout: Eucharist Word Puzzle.**

Family + Faith (pages 231-232):