



Glossary

absolution (page 83) forgiveness of our sins by the priest in the name of Christ and the Church and through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Annunciation (page 95) the announcement to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Son of God

Apostles (page 15) the twelve men whom Jesus chose to share in his mission in a special way

Ascension (page 28) Jesus' return in all his glory to his Father in Heaven

assembly (page 62) the community of people who gather for the celebration of the Mass

Assumption (page 95) the truth that when Mary's work on earth was done, God brought Mary body and soul to live forever with the risen Christ

Baptism (page 50) the sacrament in which we are freed from sin, become children of God, and are welcomed into the Church

Beatitudes (page 77) Jesus' teachings that describe the way to live as his disciples

Bible (page 8) the book about God's love for us and about our call to live as God's people: the Bible is the Word of God.

bishops (page 34) men who have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and as the successors of the Apostles continue to lead the Church

Blessed Trinity (page 10) the three Persons in one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

celebrant (page 51) the bishop, priest, or deacon who celebrates a sacrament for and with the community

charity (page 78) or love, the greatest of all virtues that enables us to love God and to love our neighbor

Chrism (page 51) perfumed oil blessed by the bishop

Church (page 29) the community of people who are baptized and follow Jesus Christ

Communion of Saints (page 94) the union of the baptized members of the Church on earth with those who are in Heaven and in Purgatory

Concluding Rites (page 64) the last part of the Mass in which we are sent to love and serve the Lord each day by bringing the peace and love of Jesus to everyone we meet

confession (page 83) telling our sins to the priest in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Confirmation (page 52) the sacrament in which we receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in a special way

conscience (page 83) our ability to know the difference between good and evil, right and wrong

contrition (page 83) being sorry for our sins and promising not to sin again

conversion (page 82) turning back to God with all one's heart

Corporal Works of Mercy (page 89) acts of love that help us care for the physical and material needs of others

covenant (page 70) a special agreement between God and his people

deacon (page 36) a baptized man who in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, has been ordained to serve the Church by preaching, baptizing, performing marriages, and doing acts of charity

diocese (page 34) local areas of the Church, each led by a bishop

disciples (page 15) those who follow Jesus

divine (page 14) a word we use to describe God

Eucharist (page 56) the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus is truly present to us under the appearances of bread and wine

faith (page 78) the virtue that enables us to believe in God and all that the Church teaches us

grace (page 41) the gift of God's life in us

hope (page 78) the virtue that enables us to trust in God's promise to share his life with us forever

Immaculate Conception (page 95) the truth that God created Mary free from Original Sin and from all sin from the very first moment of her life, her conception

Incarnation (page 14) the truth that God the Son, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, became man

Introductory Rites (page 62) the part of the Mass that unites us as a community, prepares us to hear God's Word, and to celebrate the Eucharist

Kingdom of God (page 16) the power of God's love active in our lives and in our world

Last Supper (page 20) the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before he died

Liturgy of the Eucharist (page 63) the part of the Mass when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ

Liturgy of the Word (page 62) the part of the Mass when we listen and respond to God's Word

Marks of the Church (page 35) the four characteristics of the Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

Original Sin (page 9) the first sin committed by the first human beings

parish (page 36) a community of believers who gather together to worship God and work together

pastor (page 36) the priest who leads the parish in worship, prayer, teaching, and service

penance (page 83) a prayer or an act of service that we do to show we are sorry for our sins

Pentecost (page 29) the day the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples

pope (page 34) the Bishop of Rome who leads and guides the Catholic Church

priests (page 36) baptized men who are ordained to preach the Gospel and serve the faithful, especially by celebrating the Eucharist and the other sacraments

Real Presence (page 20) the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist

Resurrection (page 22) the mystery of Jesus Christ rising from the dead

sacrament (page 41) an effective sign given to us by Jesus Christ through which we share in God's life

sacrifice (page 57) a gift offered to God by a priest in the name of all the people

saints (page 94) followers of Christ who lived lives of holiness on earth and now share in eternal life with God in Heaven

Savior (page 22) a title given to Jesus because he died and rose from the dead to save us

sin (page 83) a thought, word, deed, or omission against God's law

Spiritual Works of Mercy (page 90) acts of love that help us care for the needs of people's hearts, minds, and souls

Ten Commandments (page 70) the laws of God's covenant given to Moses for all the people

virtue (page 78) a good habit that helps us to act according to God's love for us

Works of Mercy (page 89) the loving acts that we do to care for the needs of others