

God's Family Celebrates the Eucharist



CHAPTER 24 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 24**.

The entire Catholic family shares a eucharistic celebration, the Mass. The Mass is a meal in memory of Jesus.

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Jesus compares those who hear his words but don't act on them to a man who built his house on sand. Wise people build houses on rock.

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Jesus said that the bread is his Body and the wine is his Blood. He shared himself as bread and wine with the Apostles, and he shares himself with us today in Holy Communion. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ becomes truly present under the appearances of bread and wine so that we can join ourselves to his Death and Resurrection.

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In the Liturgy of the Word, we celebrate God's speaking to us. He teaches us through his words in the Bible.

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Epistles are letters written by members of the early Church. Many of them were written by Saint Paul. The Epistles are found in the New Testament.

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In a blessing called *Benediction*, the priest or deacon blesses us with the sacred host. As he does so, we bless ourselves by praying the Sign of the Cross.

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The Homily follows the Gospel Reading at Mass. It is an explanation of God's Word, pertaining to that day's readings.

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