

A FAMILY OF *Faith*



JANUARY ENGLISH GUIDE YEAR 2

- ❑ **VERSES OF THE MONTH:** 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7 AND JOHN 6:51
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 108, 111,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 54, 55, 74.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH:** ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 112, 140-141
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 79-80.

Overview Lesson 6 The Eucharist, Jesus, the Passover Lamb

This lesson examines the Eucharist as a sacrifice, and its foreshadowing in the Old Testament – especially as seen in the Passover. In the Old Covenant, God saved the physical lives of His people, the Israelites, through the blood of the lamb. In the New Covenant, Jesus saves the spiritual lives of His people through the shredding of His own Blood. It is this sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood that we commemorate every time we celebrate the Eucharist at Holy Mass.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 116,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 81.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 6:** Parent's Guide: Page 115.

Overview Lesson 7 Holy Mass and the Effects of the Eucharist

This lesson examines the celebration of the Mass and how the gifts of bread and wine are transformed in the Body and Blood of Jesus. When we receive Holy Communion, our souls are strengthened, our venial sins forgiven, and we are united with other Christians in the Body of Christ. Only Catholics in a state of grace should receive Communion in order to receive Jesus' Body and Blood worthily. We should receive Holy Communion reverently and often.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 131,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 81.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 7:** Parent's Guide: Page 130.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Parent's Guide: Page 110.

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. A solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is also a Holy Day of Obligation – a day when Catholics are required to attend Holy Mass.

Catholics honor the Virgin Mary for many reasons, such as her faith in God and her perfect obedience to His will. On January 1 we honor Mary's motherhood. Jesus has two natures – He is both fully God and fully man. Jesus existed with the Father from all eternity, but when He came down from Heaven and became man, He was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is Mary's son: The Word made Flesh. Therefore, it is fitting to say that Mary is the mother of God Incarnate: Jesus Christ.

Celebrate this solemnity by going to Mass as a family and adding a statue or icon of Mary to your prayer corner (or another prominent place in your home).

BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 108, 111,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 54, 55, 74.
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 116, 131,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 81.
- ❑ **Explain that Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117-120, 125-128,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57-63, 65-72.
- ❑ **Understand that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 132-139,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 75-78.
- ❑ **Explain some of the Old Testament roots of the Eucharist, and why Jesus is called the Paschal Lamb.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 121-129
 - ❑ Activity Book Pages 56 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 122) 57-63, 73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129).
- ❑ **Tell you about St. Thomas Aquinas.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 140-141,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 79-80.

January in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **What is the Eucharist?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117-120, 132-135,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57-63, 65-73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 75-78.

- ❑ **Por qué Jesús nos dice que consumamos su cuerpo y sangre?**
 - ❑ Guía Para Padres: Páginas 105-107, 119-122,
 - ❑ Libro De Actividades: Páginas 118, 129-136, 146
(respuestas en Guía Para Padres: Página 116), 150, 152, 154, 156.

- ❑ **Why does Jesus tell us to consume His Body and Blood?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117- 120, 132-135,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 59, 65-73 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 75-78.

- ❑ **Why and how should we receive Holy Communion?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 136-139
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 59, 75-78

In Lesson 6 your children learned:

- ❑ **All of our Faith flows from, and points toward, Jesus in the Eucharist.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117-120,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57-63, 65-73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129).

- ❑ **Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 121-129,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 56
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 122), 57-63, 65-73 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129).

In Lesson 7 your children learned:

- ❑ **At every Mass, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 132-137,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 59, 75-76, 77, 78.

- ❑ **When we receive the Eucharist we are separated from sin, and united with Christ and other Christians.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 138-139,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 58, 59, 60, 63, 65-73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 75-78.

- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 110, 111, 113, 116, 117-120, 121-123, 124-128, 129, 131, 132- 135, 136-137, 138-139, 140-141, 142.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 55, 56 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 122), 57-63, 65- 73 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 74, 75-78, 79-80, 81.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals January

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 116 and 131. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Thomas Aquinas Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Thomas on Parent Guide pages 140-141 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.”</i> (1 Corinthians 5:7) and <i>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that i will give is my flesh for the life of the world”</i> (John 6:51)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Eucharist in the Parent's Guide pages 213-228, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ At every Mass, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. ❑ When we receive the Eucharist we are separated from sin, and united with Christ and other Christians.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Mass in the Parents Guide on pages 231-236 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ All of our Faith flows from, and points toward, Jesus in the Eucharist. ❑ Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, by going to mass with your family and adding an icon of Mary to your prayer corner (or another prominent place in your home).