



ON THE WAY TO MASS TODAY

What does Jesus mean by saying that he is the "True Vine"?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

Jesus said that He is the True Vine. He means by this that we must stay connected to Him, because we receive our life from Him. Just as a branch withers when it is cut off from the vine, we wither when we are cut off from Him.

DURING THE WEEK

We stay in union with Christ primarily through the Sacraments. How many Sacraments have you received? Ask your parents to show you the certificates.

 Read the Gospel and Color



ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

What did Jesus say we should do if we are His friends?

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Q. 574. What is a Sacrament?

A. A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

Q. 575. Are these three things, namely: An outward or visible sign, the institution of that sign by Christ, and the giving of grace through the use of that sign, always necessary for the existence of a Sacrament?

A. These three things, namely: 1. An outward or visible sign, the institution of that sign by Christ, and the giving of grace through the use of that sign, are always necessary for the existence of a Sacrament, and if any of the three be wanting there can be no Sacrament.

Q. 576. Why does the Church use numerous ceremonies or actions in applying the outward signs of the Sacraments?

A. The Church uses numerous ceremonies or actions in applying the outward signs of the Sacraments to increase our reverence and devotion for the Sacraments, and to explain their meaning and effects.

Q. 577. How many Sacraments are there?

A. There are seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Q. 578. Were all the Sacraments instituted by Our Lord?

A. All the Sacraments were instituted by Our Lord, for God alone has power to attach the gift of grace to the use of an outward or visible sign. The Church, however, can institute the ceremonies to be used in administering or giving the Sacraments.