



What Are You Missing in the Mass?

Thursdays, 7PM
Parish Center

Overview / Objective

- * **Who - James 3:1** - Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you realize that we will be judged more strictly,
- * **What** - draw each person more fully into the mass, understand mass parts, review weekly readings
- * **Why** - Jesus calls us to mass, and our salvation depends on it
 - * **Luke 22:19** - Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; **do this in memory of me.**"
 - * **John 6:53** - Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.**"
- * **When** - Thursdays, April 8-May 27, 7 PM
- * **Where** - Parish Center C and Online

Dates and Topics

- * **April 8 - Readings for April 11 - Sunday of Divine Mercy - Before Going to Mass**
- * **April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 1st Communion - Introductory Rites**
- * **April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Penitential Act / Kyrie / Gloria**
- * **April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Word**
- * **May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Homily / Profession of Faith / Prayers of Faithful**
- * **May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Liturgy of the Eucharist**
- * **May 20 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion Rite**
- * **May 27 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sending Forth**

Tonight's Agenda - April 8

- * Preparing for Mass
- * Readings for April 11 - Sunday of Divine Mercy
- * St Faustina / St Pope John Paul II / Divine Mercy

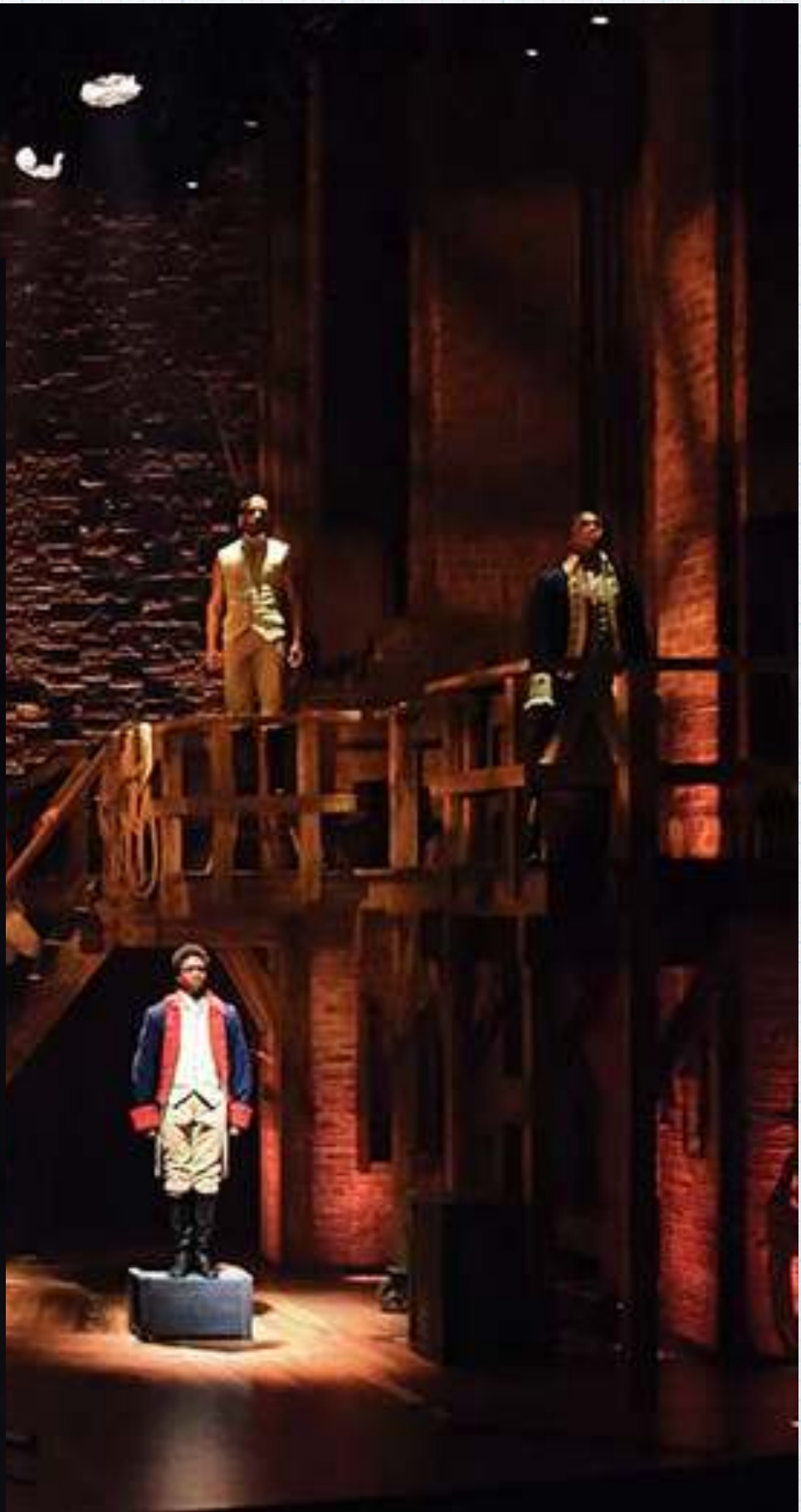


Where Do You Come From?

- * How many are "cradle Catholics"?
- * How many are married to a "cradle Catholic"?
- * How many have read the Bible cover to cover?
- * How many have never picked up the Bible?
- * How many of you know every prayer in the mass by heart?
- * How many of you say it from the heart every time?
- * How many of you have converted to the Catholic faith?
- * How many of you are married to someone who converted to Catholicism?



Preparing for Mass



Do you approach
mass as eagerly?

What is Mass?

- * **Ite missa est = Go, it is sent**
- * **Mass** is English rendering for Latin word - missa
- * English word - dismiss - also from Latin word - missa
- * Matthew 28:19 - "**Go**, therefore,
and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the
holy Spirit..."




What is Mass?

CCC 1407 - The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it

Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice

of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father;

by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.

A large number of monarch butterflies are shown in flight against a clear, bright blue sky. The butterflies are densely packed, filling most of the frame. They have characteristic orange and black wings with white spots. The text is centered in a white rectangular box with a subtle floral pattern.

**How Do You
Prepare for
Mass?**

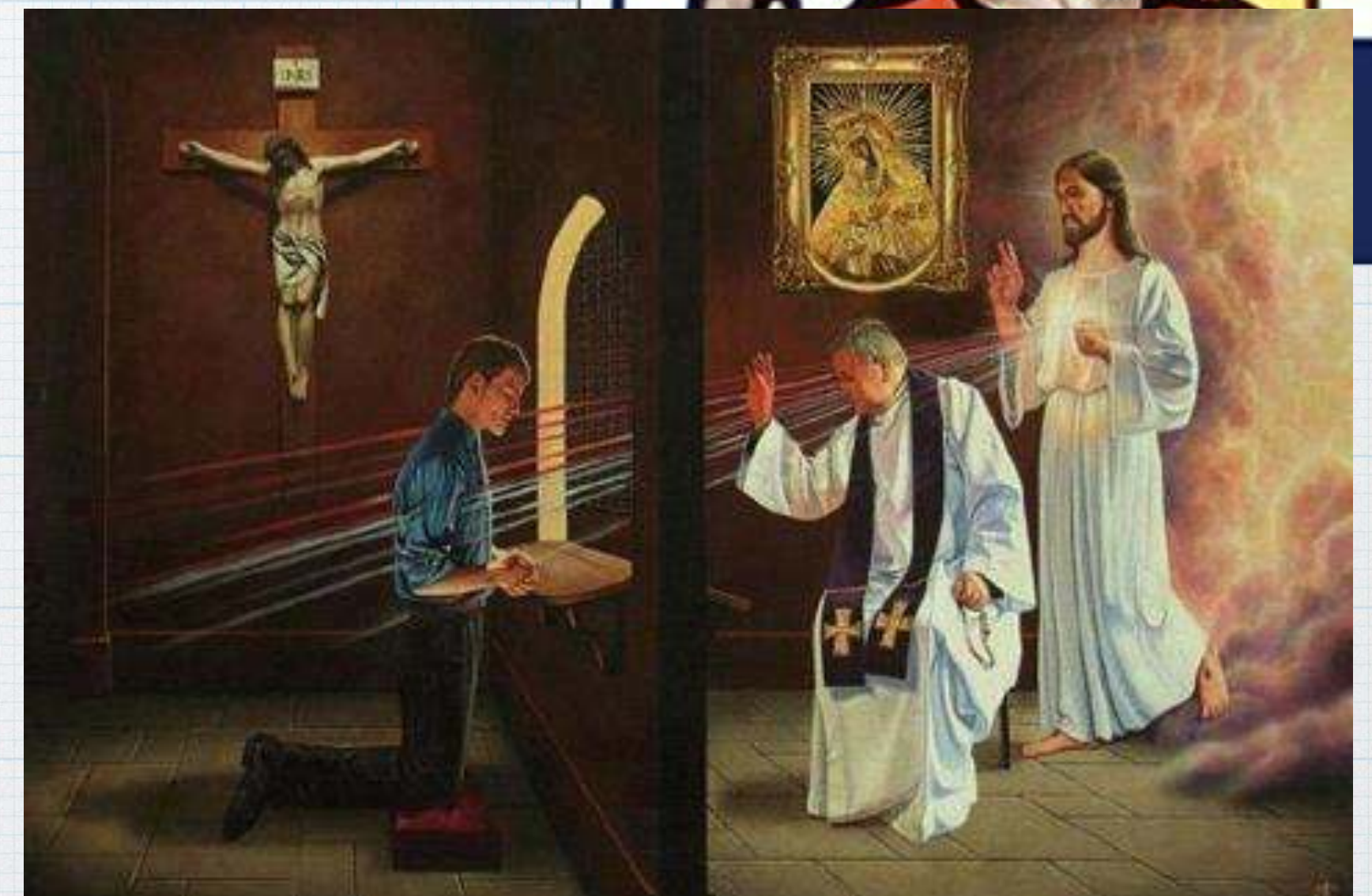
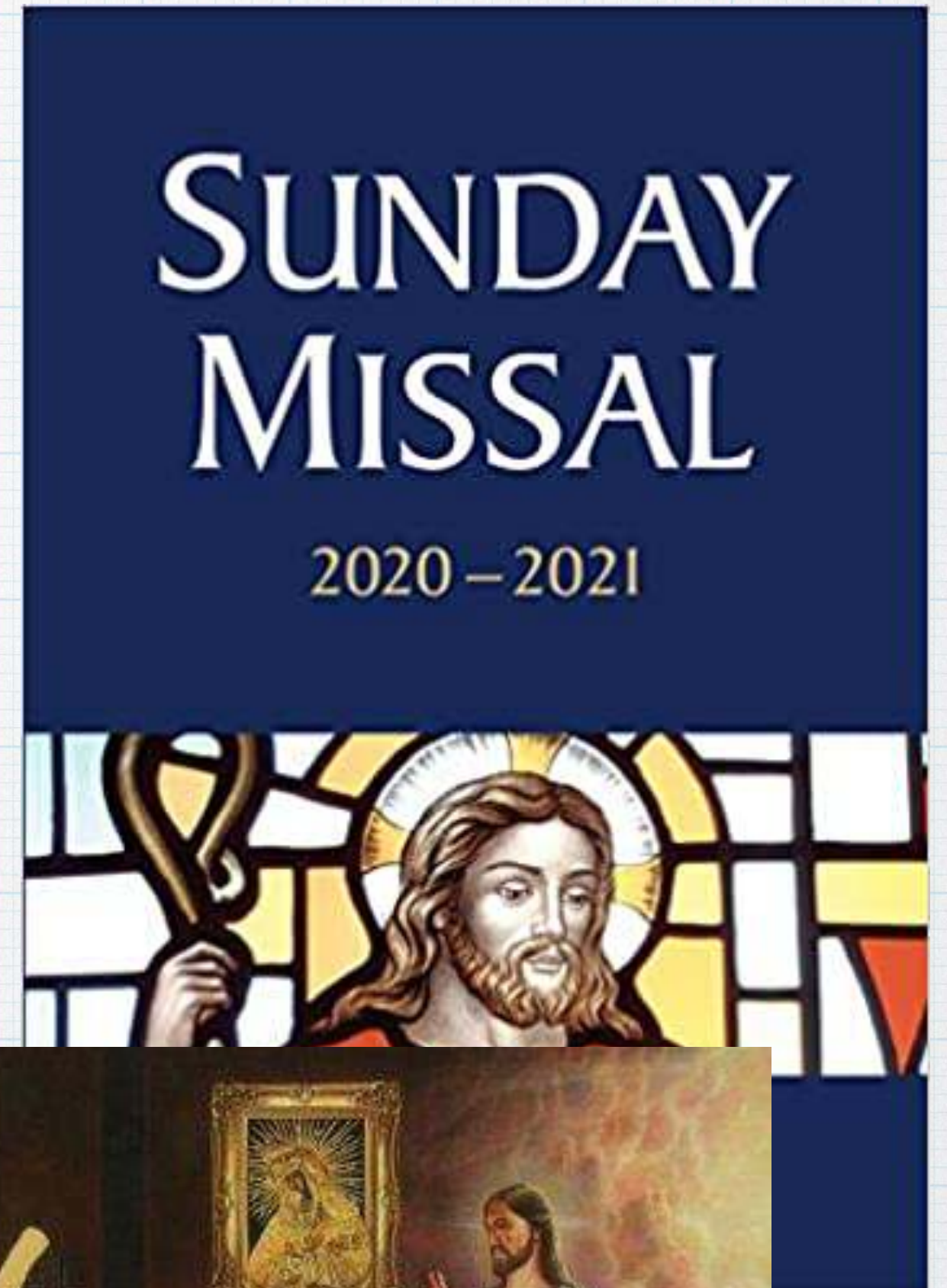
Prepare for Mass

***Prepare Your Heart and Mind**

***Read the Scriptures**

- * Are you familiar with the passages?**
- * What do they say to you personally?**
- * How do they relate to each other?**

***Receive Reconciliation**



Entering the Doors

* **Genesis 3:23 - The Lord God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken.**

* **Because of Original Sin - we will forever need Jesus Christ, our savior.**



Entering the Doors

- * What would have happened if Adam and Eve had stayed in the garden?
- * Eaten of tree of life with sin on their soul
- * **Jesus is the Tree of Life!**
- * Should not receive Holy Communion with sins on our soul
- * We receive Jesus - body, blood, soul, and divinity - in the Eucharist



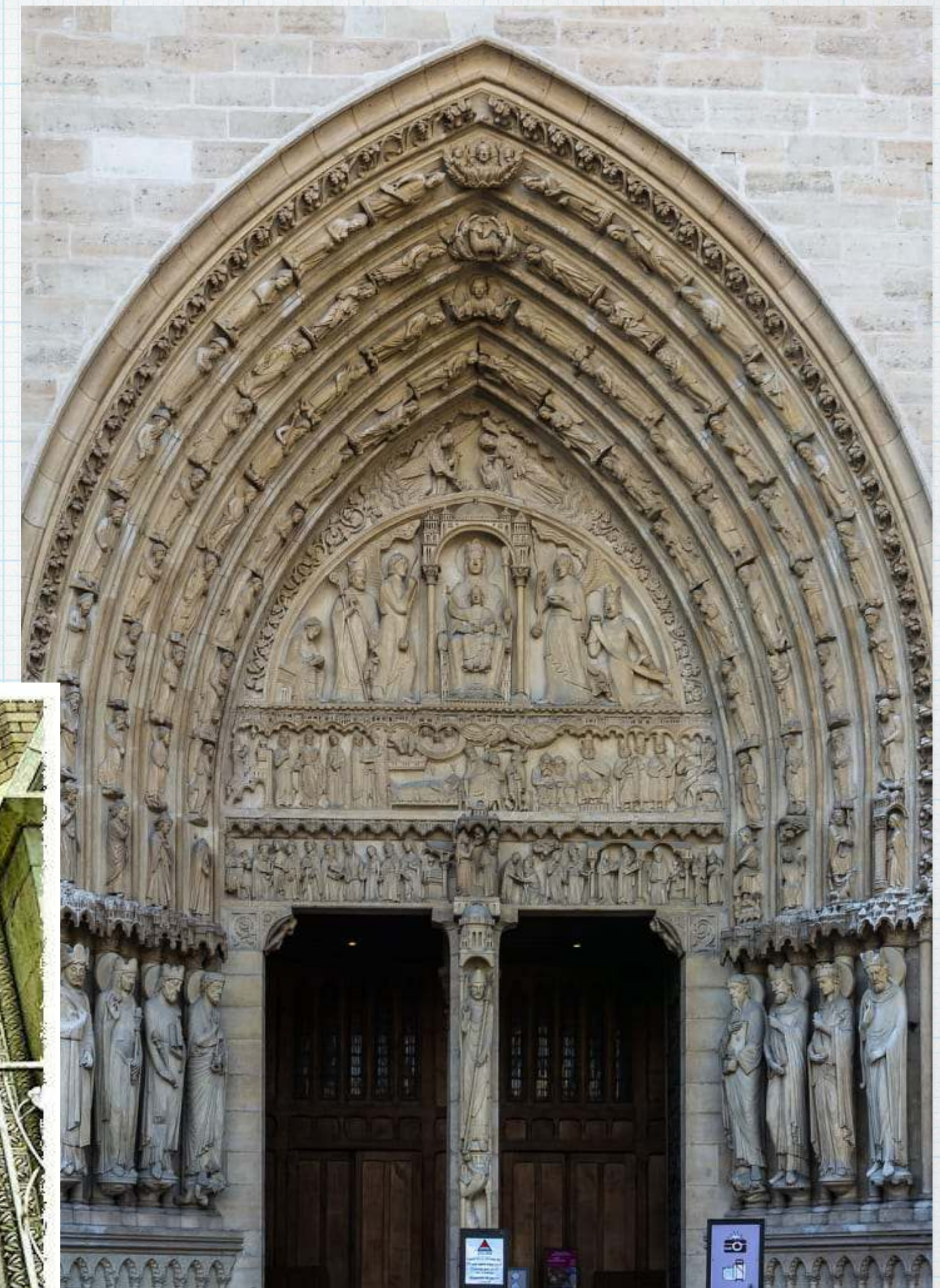
Entering the Doors

***As we approach door, do we realize our very life depends on what lies within?**

***John 14:6 - "I am the way, the truth, and the life."**



Entering the Doors



Entering the Doors

John 10:9 - "I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."



Holy Water

* **Baptismal promise - die to sin**

* **Holy water reminds us of:**

* **Repentance of sin**

* **Protection from evil**

* **Baptism**



Holy Water

- * **"Sacramental" - sacred sign that resembles a sacrament**
- * **CCC 1670 - ...prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it.**
- * **CCC 1669 - ...every baptized person is called to be a "blessing," and to bless.**



Holy Water

- * **2nd Reading Sunday - 1 John 5:6** - This is the one who came through **water** and blood, Jesus Christ, not by **water** alone, but by **water** and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.
- * **John 19:34** - "but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and **water** flowed out."



Genuflection



**3 REASONS
CATHOLICS GENUFLECT**

Readings - Divine
Mercy Sunday

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.



First Reading



* Not from The Old Testament

* St. Augustine of Hippo - 4th Century

* Easter Vigil looks back on salvation history

* Easter season looks forward from the resurrection

First Reading

*Living in unity

*Trust in God

*Radical charity

*Great grace upon them

*Selling land in promised land was
HUGE deal



The Psalm

Let the house of Israel say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,

“His mercy endures forever.” **R.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,

but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory

in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us be glad and rejoice in it. **R.**

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
His love is everlasting!**

The Psalm

Fifth Book of Psalms

*Psalms 107-150

*Main theme - God **among** us

Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good;
His love is everlasting!

Psalm 118

*Hymn of thanksgiving

*Begins with litany

*Describes people calling upon God

*God's rescue is recounted

Cornerstone - the insignificant becomes divine

Second Reading

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way, we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.** The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.



The Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, **"Peace be with you."** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

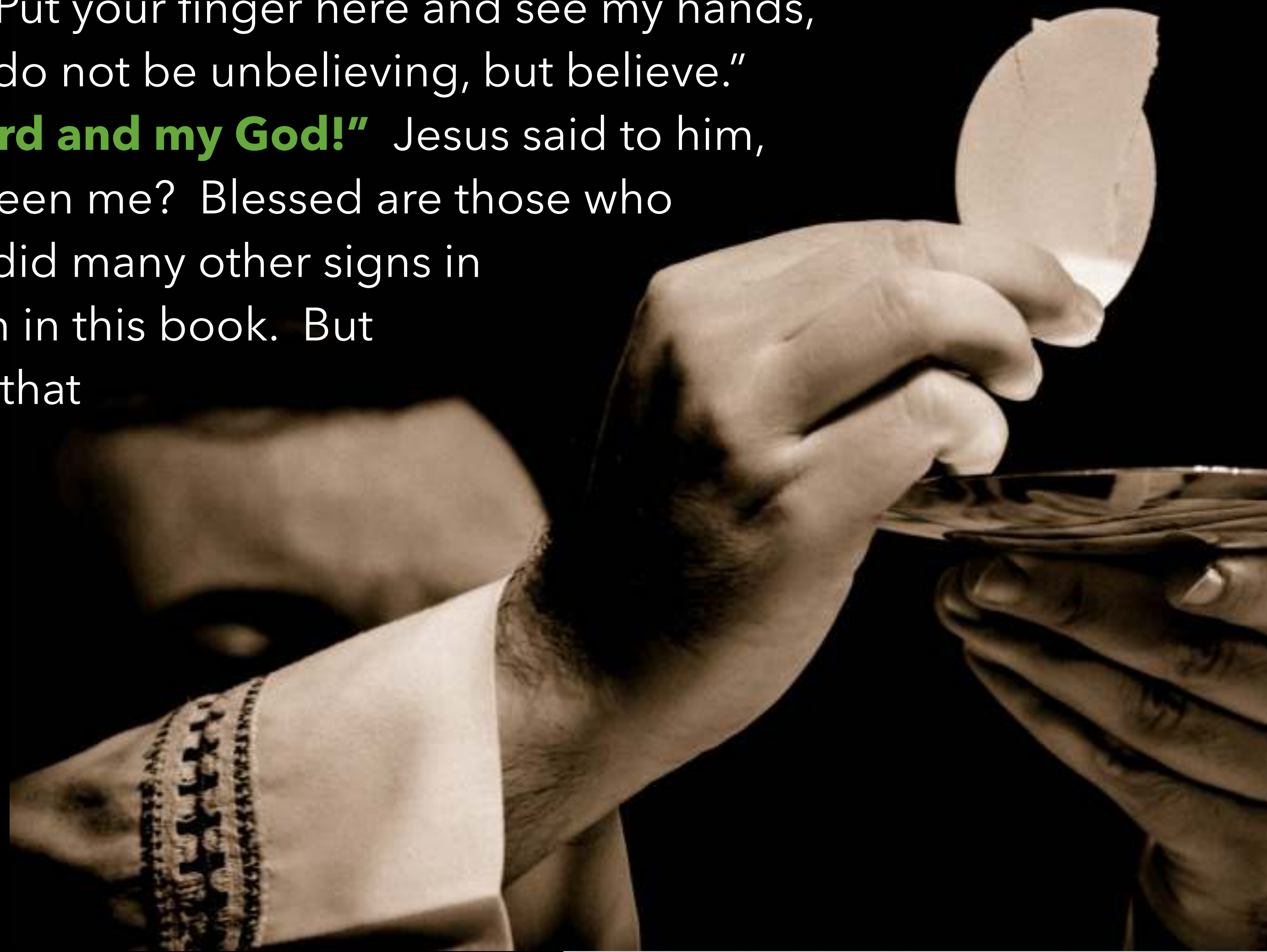
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."



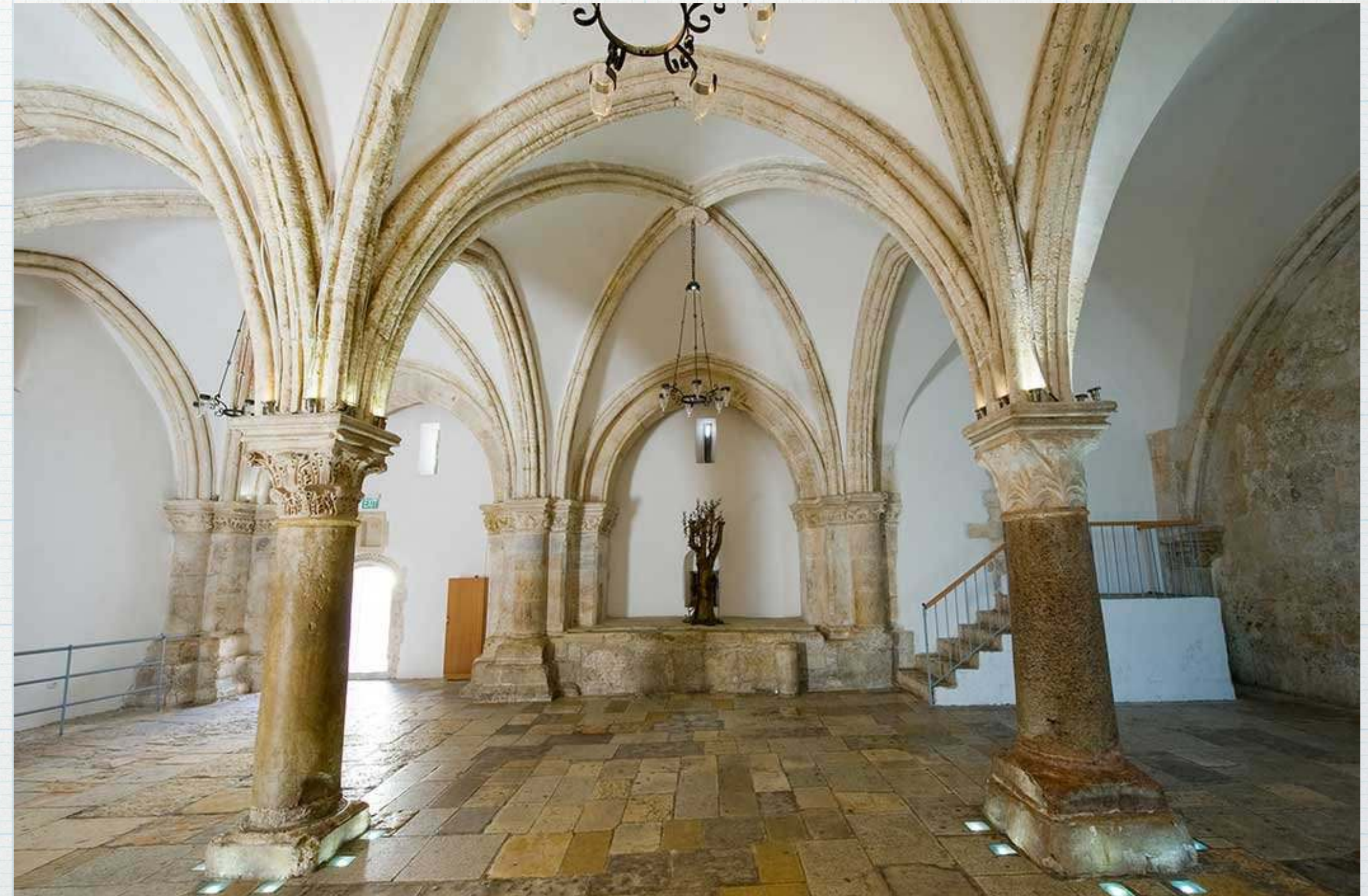
The Gospel

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it in my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered him and said to him, **"My Lord and my God!"** Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



The Gospel

- * Apostles hiding behind locked doors out of fear
- * Jesus can appear in their midst, in flesh, despite the locked doors
- * "Peace be with you."
- * After revealing His wounds, Jesus breaths the Holy Spirit and institutes the sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Gospel

At the moment of the Consecration, bow the head and say silently "My Lord and my God", acknowledging the Presence of Christ on the altar.



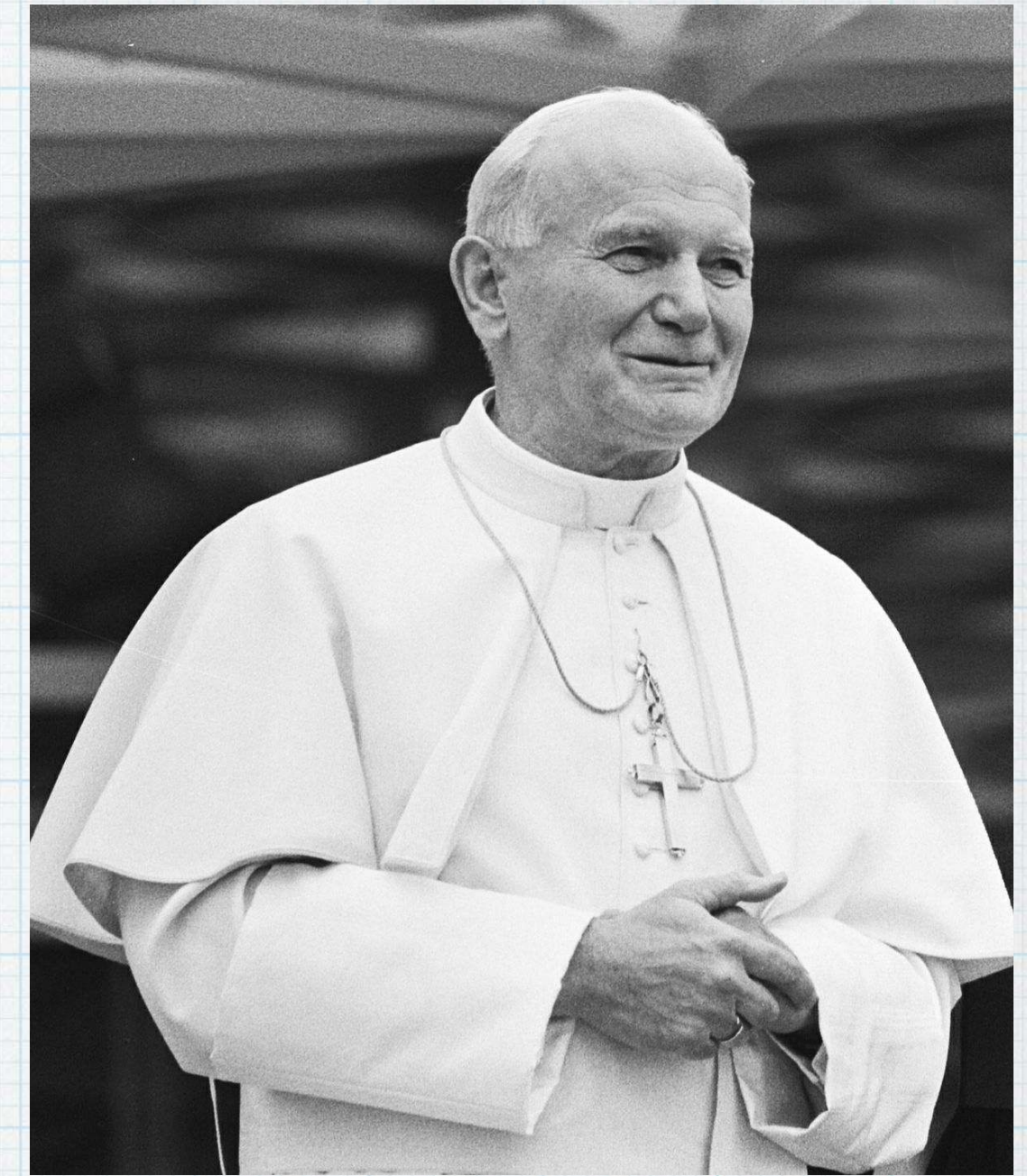
St Faustina

- * Poor family, struggled during World War I
- * Only three years of simple education
- * Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland
- * Humblest tasks - kitchen or garden
- * Received extraordinary revelations from our Lord Jesus
- * Jesus asked Sister Faustina to record these experiences
- * Notebooks known as *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*
- * Contents are God's loving message of Divine Mercy
- * Canonized on 30 April 2000 by St John Paul II



St Pope John Paul II

- * Strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy
- * Wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy
- * Described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems
- * Surprised world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday
- * On that day, he declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."



Be apostles of Divine Mercy under the maternal and loving guidance of Mary.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."



Questions and Discussion

The background image shows the interior of a modern church. The most prominent feature is the high, vaulted wooden ceiling with exposed dark wood beams. The architecture is symmetrical, with a central aisle leading to an altar area. In the foreground, there is a long, low table with a white cloth, flanked by two tall, dark wood candle holders. To the right, there is a wooden pulpit with an open book. The floor is made of light-colored stone tiles. Stained glass windows are visible on the walls, and several pendant lights hang from the ceiling.

- Why should we know what is going on at mass?
- How can we enrich our mass experience?
- What are we called to do as Catholics before, during, and after mass?
- What was your biggest "A-ha!" from tonight?

Our Father



Pater noster qui es in coelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum;
adveniat regnum tuum,
fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in coelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie,
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.
et ne nos inducas in tentationem
sed libera nos a malo.
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.