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Jesus said to them, "i am the bread of life,
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst....
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."

JOHN 6:35, 51

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the Mass for Children

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

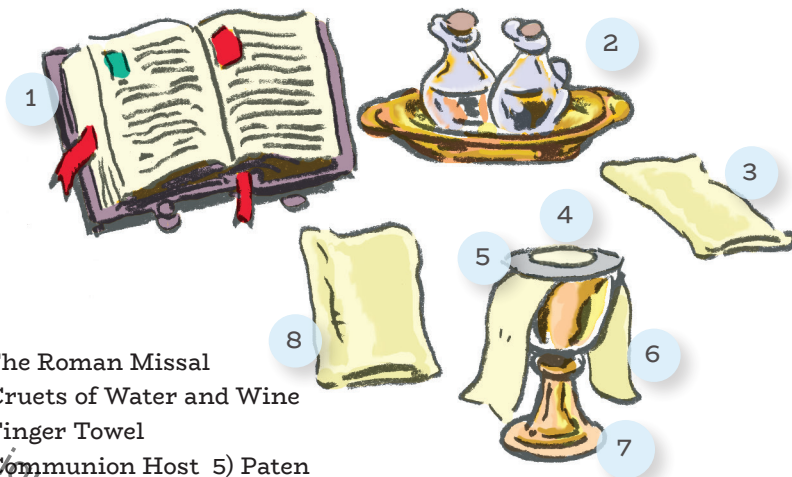
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Presentation of the Gifts (or Preparation of the Altar)

It is time to prepare the altar. Sometimes we sing a song. The ushers collect money envelopes. People carry gifts of bread and wine to the priest or deacon; they carry the gifts to the altar. We offer all these things to God. We offer ourselves and our lives to God because we love him.



What will you offer to God? Remember, you can offer him anything: your joys and sorrows, a prayer or kind act. Listen to the priest as he asks God to accept our gifts. Be ready to answer him in prayer.



- 1) The Roman Missal
- 2) Cruets of Water and Wine
- 3) Finger Towel
- 4) Communion Host
- 5) Paten
- 6) Purificator
- 7) Chalice
- 8) Corporal

Prayer Over the Offerings

The priest offers prayers of thanksgiving to God for the bread and wine. He may say them silently or, when there is no music, he may say them aloud.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

After the priest washes his hands, he prays:

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Stand

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The priest says a short prayer asking God to accept our offerings. Then we respond.

All: Amen.



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The Sign of Peace

Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Jesus gives us his peace. He wants us to be friendly and kind, and to get along with people. We can share his peace with others.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest or Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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YouTime

Smile and shake hands
with people near you.
The peace of Jesus
that is in your heart
can be shared with
everyone. How are
you a peacemaker
in your home,
neighborhood,
and school?

Communion

Kneel

The Communion song begins. We fold our hands and walk forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. We may receive Jesus Christ on our tongue or in our hands. If offered, we may drink the Precious Blood from the chalice. We feel very close to Jesus and to one another.



Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister:
The Body of Christ.

All: Amen.

Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister:
The Blood of Christ.

All: Amen.



To show your love for Jesus, bow your head before you receive the host (and drink from the chalice.) Jesus Christ gives you a great gift! He feeds you with his Body and Blood and fills your heart with love. Jesus wants you to share his love with others.

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