

## LESSON 22: OFFERING JESUS TO THE FATHER

We have listened to God's Word, professed our Faith, and interceded in the Prayer of the Faithful. Now we come to the most important part of the Mass – the Offertory. During the Offertory of the Mass, bread and wine are taken to the priest and placed on the altar. We also offer Him our hearts, all that we think, say and do and money generously given in the collection as a sign of our love. All these gifts are soon to be joined with Jesus



Honoring the coming of Jesus, we join with the angels in praising Him: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might....Hosanna in the highest." Then the priest bows over the bread and wine and says Jesus' words at the Last supper, "This is My Body.... This is the Cup of My Blood". At this moment of Consecration, the bread and wine changes into Jesus' Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This is called Transubstantiation.

### Words to know:

- Eucharist:** The sacrament in which Jesus comes to us in the appearance of bread and wine; the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- Offertory:** The part of the Mass which bread and wine are brought to the altar as a gift to God.
- Consecration:** The part of the Mass when the bread and wine changes into the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- Divinity:** The nature of God.
- Appearance:** how something looks.
- Host:** The round wafer of bread used at Mass. At the consecration it is changed into Jesus, the Bread of Life.

### Questions and Answers

1	What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the Sacrament which contains the real presence of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the appearances of bread and wine, for the nourishment of souls.
2	Is the same Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist who was born on the earth of the Virgin Mary? Yes, the same Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist, Who is in Heaven, and Who was born on earth of the Virgin Mary.
3	When do the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus? The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus at the moment of the Consecration during Holy Mass.

4	<p>After the Consecration, is there nothing left of the bread and the wine?          After the Consecration, neither bread nor wine is present any longer, but there remains only the "species" or appearances, without their substance.</p>
5	<p>When the Host is broken into several parts, is the Body of Jesus Christ broken?          When the Host is broken into several parts, the Body of Jesus Christ is not broken, but only the appearances of the bread; the Body of Our Lord remains whole and entire in each of the parts.</p>
6	<p>Is Jesus Christ found present in all the consecrated hosts of the world?          Yes, Jesus Christ is present in all the consecrated hosts of the world.</p>
7.	<p>What is Transubstantiation?          According to the teaching of the Catholic Church, the bread and wine is transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. However, the outward appearance does not change. This is transubstantiation.</p>
8	<p>What are the four ends or purpose for Holy Mass?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adoration. Act of loving adoration where we worship God our Father.</li> <li>2. Thanksgiving. All that we are and have comes from God, who is all giving.</li> <li>3. Atonement. Atonement for all our sins and of the whole world. This is present at every Holy Mass.</li> <li>4. Petition. The mass is a powerful form of prayer. Bring your petitions to Jesus who is present on the altar and he will grant it provided they be fitting for us.</li> </ol>