

**LESSON 25 - JESUS COMES TO US: MY LORD AND MY GOD**  
**LESSON 30-JESUS IS ALWAYS PRESENT: HEAVEN OUR HOME**

**WORDS TO KNOW:**

**Transubstantiation:** is the process by which bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. The substance changes but not the appearance

**Consecration:** The substance of the bread and wine is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the e body and blood of Jesus Christ.

**Eucharist:** The term “Eucharist” originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. It is an action of thanksgiving to God (CCC 1328)

**Monstrance:** The monstrance is a liturgical vessel used to display the real presence of Jesus in the form of the Sacred Host

**Tabernacle:** The tabernacle stores and protects the consecrated hosts. A sanctuary lamp is lit whenever there are consecrated hosts in the tabernacle.

**Benediction:** A church service, other than Mass that honors Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

**Sacrament:** An outward visible sign of an invisible grace. The outward visible sign of the Eucharist is the bread and wine. The invisible grace is the real presence of Jesus.

**1. What is necessary to receive Jesus in Holy Communion?**

- a. Be in a state of grace. Make sure I confess all my sins and not committed a mortal sin.
- b. Fasting one hour before (no eating or drinking except medicine and water)
- c. Make sure I pray and listen to Jesus during Mass

**2. Why must we go to confession even if we have venial/small sins?**

It's a good idea to go to confession often even if we only have small sins, as the sacrament gives us the grace and makes us strong to keep away from mortal sin.

**3. Is there a special place where Jesus is always present in our church?**

Every Catholic Church in the world has a special place called the tabernacle where the consecrated Hosts are kept in the ciborium and placed inside. When you see a sanctuary lamp lit in the church you know that Jesus is present there.

**4. What is the special time of worship that is not a Mass is held in the church?**

This special time is Holy Hour or Benediction. The priest takes the Host from the tabernacle and places it in the monstrance. He places it on the altar where everyone can see and adore Jesus. The priest blesses the people and sing special hymns and prayers.

**5. What is Heaven?**

It is a state of perfect union and happiness with God forever. Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. *(CCC 1023)*

**6. What is Hell?**

To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. *(CCC 1033)*

**7. What is Purgatory?**

Souls who die in the state of grace (without mortal sin and desiring God) go to purgatory if they still need some purification.

**8. Who are Saints?**

Persons in heaven (officially canonized or not), who lived virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation.