

## **The Sacrifice of the Mass– Jesus’ Sacrifice for Us**

*“ Take this and eat it, “this is my body... Drink of this all of you...  
for this is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant,  
to be poured out on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.”*  
(Mt. 26:26-28)

**Consider the following statement:** In the sacrifice of the Mass, the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is made present. (CCC, 1382)

*Keeping the above statement in mind, read and meditate on the following passages:*

### **Scripture:**

Ex 12:1-13	Paschal lamb
Ex 12:8, 46	Paschal lamb had to be eaten
Ex 16:2-36	Manna in the desert
Mt. 26:26ff (Mk 14:22ff., Lk 22:17ff.)	– Eucharist instituted
Jn 1:29	Jesus is called the lamb of God
Jn. 6:35-71	Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
I Cor 2:14-3:4	Explains what “the flesh” means
I Cor 5:7	Jesus called “paschal lamb who has been sacrificed”
I Cor 10:16	Eucharist = participation in Christ’s body & blood
I Cor 11:23-29	receiving unworthily = guilty of his body & blood

### **Catechism:**

CCC 1322-1327	The Eucharist – Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life
CCC 1328-1332	What is this Sacrament Called?
CCC 1333-1344	The Eucharist in the Economy of Salvation
CCC 1345-1355	The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist
CCC 1356-1381	The Sacramental Sacrifice: Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence
CCC 1382-1401	The Paschal Banquet
CCC 1402-1405	The Eucharist – Pledge of the Glory to Come
CCC 2099-2100	Offering Sacrifices to God

### **Key Terms:**

**Eucharist** : The ritual, sacramental action of thanksgiving to God which constitutes the principle Christian liturgical celebration of and communion in the paschal mystery of Christ. The Eucharist is also traditionally known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Sacrifice**: A ritual offering made to God by a priest on behalf of the people, as a sign of adoration, gratitude, supplication, and communion. The perfect sacrifice was Christ’s death on the cross; by this sacrifice, Christ accomplished our redemption as high priest of the new and eternal covenant. The sacrifice of Christ on the cross is commemorated and mysteriously made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church.

**Real Presence**: The unique, true presence of Christ in the Eucharist under the species or appearances of bread and wine. The Church invites the faithful to deepen their faith in the real presence of Christ through adoration and communion at the eucharistic liturgy, and through adoration outside its celebration.