

The Eucharist or communion.

Matthew 26 ²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat; this is my body."²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant,



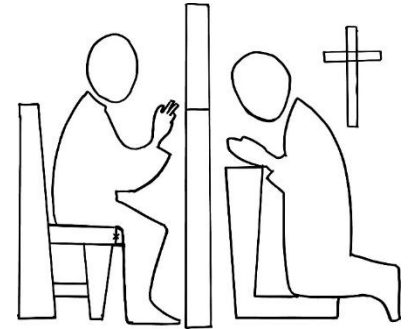
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. The communion or Eucharist is part of every Roman Catholic Church service or Mass. When you eat the bread as Jesus instituted it here for the church you symbolically state that you believe he suffered in his body on the cross for your sins. When you drink the wine you symbolically state that you believe his blood was shed on the cross and that he eventually died for the forgiveness of your sins. The communion is therefore a confession of your **faith** in the Gospel that gives Christians salvation from the penalty of sin. There are some Roman Catholic Church members that erroneously believe that the bread and wine get transformed into the physical body and blood of Jesus and by eating this you get forgiveness of sins. However, the New Testament teaches that it is **faith** in Jesus that gives forgiveness and not things we do.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever **believe** in Him would not perish but have eternal life. These erroneous members of the RCC try to prove their point with an erroneous interpretation of **John 6: 30-59**. After Jesus increased the bread in a miracle to feed thousands, he refers to his body here symbolically as living bread that came from heaven and that anyone that eats of it will live forever. He speaks of eating his flesh and drinking his blood here in metaphorical terms. All it means is that to have eternal life one must believe that Jesus has died for you sins on the cross. Eating and drinking is symbolic of believing and accepting. The bread is symbolic of his body that suffered, and the blood is symbolic of his death. In the beginning of this train of thought of Jesus he makes this statement **John 6** ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the **bread of life**; whoever **comes** to me shall not **hunger**, and whoever **believes** in me shall never **thirst**." These erroneous members of the RCC are being led astray by old medieval traditions because they are too dumb to differentiate when the Bible is using a metaphor or a parable and when it is using normal language. This was the way in which Jesus communicated his message, as we read in **Matthew 13** ³⁴All these things Jesus said to the crowd in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵This

was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

The Confession Box

When members of the RCC have committed what is in their eyes a serious sin, or when they are struggling with a sin, they go to see the Priest in the Confession Box of their church. This pastoral task of the priest is based on **James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.



The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

The box makes the conversation private. When the person has made his confession the priest states that “God has heard your confession. God forgives your sin because of the remorse you have shown to him for your sinful actions and your faith in his Son Jesus.” This is a good opportunity for the priest to pray for his parishioner to help him to do God's will as well as for any other prayer request, he or she may have.

Baptism

Babies are brought by their parents to be baptised by the priest so that their child can be incorporated into the church through the Biblical teaching they as parents will give to their child. The priest always asks them this simple question before he does the baptism: “Do you undertake to bring your child up in the teachings of the church by reading to him from The Children's Bible on a regular basis and by bringing him to attend church services



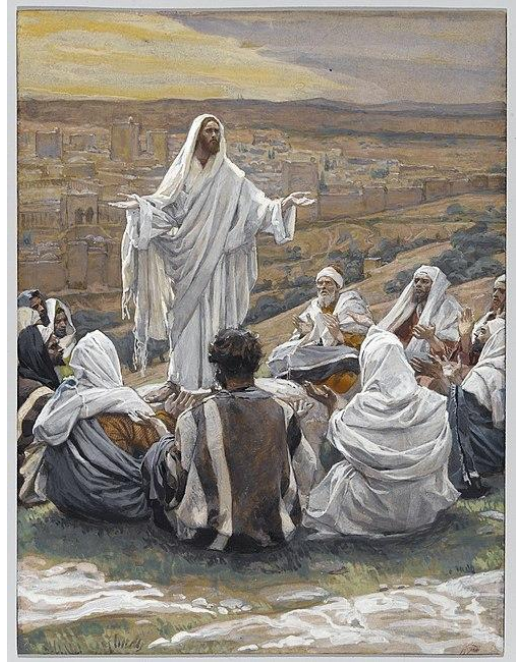
when he comes of age.” If both answers yes, he conducts the baptism by saying I baptise you (Name of Baby) in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. He then taps the forehead of the baby with some water. Some members of the RCC erroneously believe that babies are born with sin that must be forgiven. Babies are completely innocent and has no knowledge of sin and is incapable of sinning. What sin can anyone accuse a baby of committing? **John 3** ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” This implies that one must become new or perfectly righteous, like a newborn baby to be saved. With this statement Jesus makes the claim that babies are righteous and sinless. They do not need a saviour but only develop bad habits later in life because of what they learn from others around them. Sin cannot be transferred physically because it is driven by convictions that are in the mind that can enter only after birth. Your body do not control you and cannot house sin. Sin is kept alive and transferred throughout the generations by one generation teaching it to the next.

The Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer bead that Roman Catholics use to pray the only standard Christian Prayer as taught by Jesus. Each of the seven large beads represent one prayer topic or line. This prayer is a schematic layout of what Jesus regards as important aspects to pray on. Each of the seven topics can then be further extrapolated on into greater detail as shown.

Matthew 6 ⁷*And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their many words.* ⁸*Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

⁹*Pray then like this:*



2. hallowed be your name.

In this prayer you ask God that people would respect his name and identity and that who he is and what he stands for will be known by you and others. It is a prayer for a good relationship and intimacy with God. To know him you must experience his presence in your life.

1. Our Father in heaven,

You acknowledge that you love God as a Father and that you view him as your provider, protector and guide or leader. In heaven means he is the almighty God and capable of answering your prayer.

6. and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

In this prayer you are asking God to forgive you your trespasses of his laws and to help you to always forgive those who trespass against you. You can be specific about certain areas you are struggling with.

Jesus says here that we should make our needs known to God in prayer by simply stating them factually.

We should not try and convince God to answer our prayers by trying to impress him with fancy words and unnecessary long sentences. Just give him the facts.

3. Your kingdom come,

In this prayer you ask God to help you to submit your will to his authority. You can also pray for the advancement of his kingdom in the lives of others you know or for the advancement of his kingdom through the work of his church on earth.

4. your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In this prayer you ask God to help you to know his will and how you ought to live. It is a prayer for guidance.

5. Give us this day our daily bread,

In this part of the prayer, you ask God to provide in your and your loved ones daily needs, whatever they may be.

7. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

In this prayer you are asking God to help you not to give in to sinful temptations and to lead you away from their presence in your life.

