

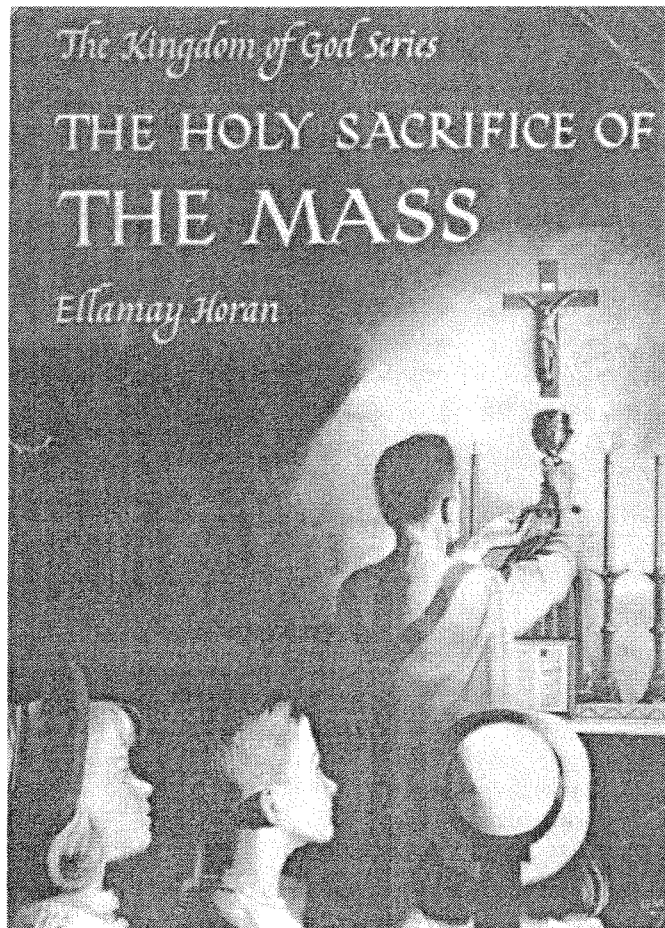


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LESSON PLANS

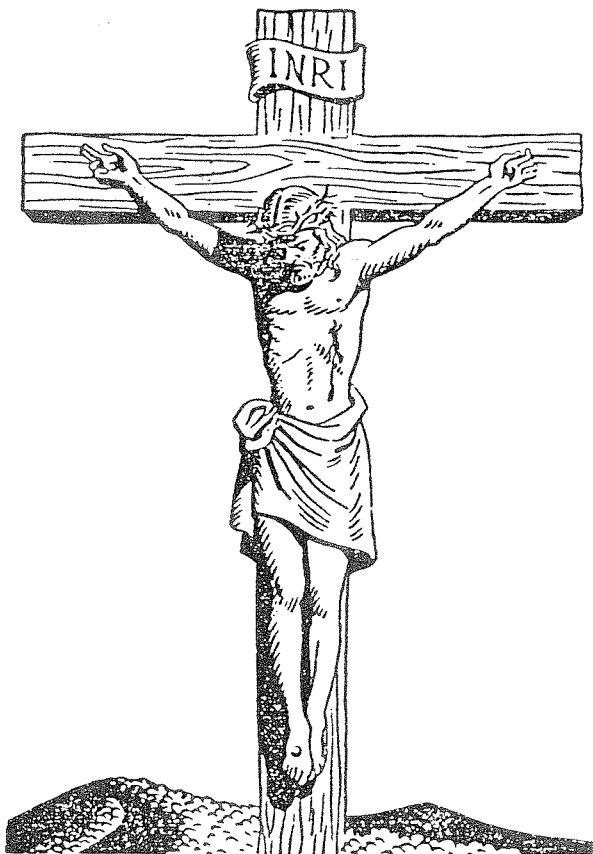
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If you teach a child to fish, you feed him for life.

UNDER THE OLD LAW:

Man had cut himself away from God,
his **LOVING FATHER**.
Man offered sacrifices to God,
the best things he possessed.
Man wanted to make up for sin,
but he could not.

WHY?

Man's gifts were not perfect;
lambs, bread, grain—
Man could not offer them
in the right way
because **GOD**,
who is **DIVINE**,
had been offended,
and man was only **HUMAN**.



UNDER THE NEW LAW:

Jesus Christ offered on Calvary
THE PERFECT SACRIFICE.
Jesus Christ shed His precious blood
on the Hill of Calvary,
in satisfaction for the sins
of all men.
This act of sacrifice is the greatest
act in all history.
Only this Perfect Sacrifice could unite
man to God.
Jesus offered to the heavenly Father
A VICTIM WORTHY OF HIM.
Christ, the eternal priest, made
THE PERFECT OBLATION.
Christ offered to the eternal Father
all that man had tried to offer:
perfect adoration,
perfect thanksgiving,
perfect petition,
perfect reparation.



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TEACHING:
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INTRODUCTION - "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," is designed for children in grades five through eight. However, it could be also be applied to children in lower or higher grades than those indicated.

The parent or teacher should read the 'Foreword' and 'Introduction' in the front of the book as well as the letter written by a priest enclosed with the lesson plans.

The "KEY" leaflet referred to in the "Introduction" is not available. However, an answer key for the book is available from Our Lady of Victory School for \$2.50.

INSTRUCTIONS - The enclosed lesson plans contain guidelines to study THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS in 38 weeks. Lessons and Exercises are assigned weekly. Also enclosed are Mid-Term and Final Exams along with the answer keys.

We hope to eventually incorporate this book in our religion program, but at this time, please ignore all references to send material to school.

VERY IMPORTANT - If you wish to use the book more than once, have the child or student write the answers to the exercises on a separate sheet of paper.

We feel it would be best to set aside 10 to 20 minutes each day to explain a lesson assignment to your child(ren). Remember, younger children have a shorter attention span and therefore the lesson and time assigned should be less. The older children can work on assignments by themselves and should have longer periods of discussions and individual work. You will have to decide what is best for your situation. Always encourage the child in his/her efforts to learn and commend all good work, even the slightest effort. You may be surprised by the positive response you may receive.

God and our Blessed Mother will surely bless you for all your efforts. They and your child's Guardian Angel will give you the strength and knowledge to succeed. Hopefully, you also, will benefit from studying the contents of this book.

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The Holy Sacrifice
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Student's Name SAMPLE
Grade _____ (weeks 1-5)

week 1 - Unit 1, Lessons 1 and 2; read pages 4-11, do exercises.

p.6, ex.1 = $\frac{9}{12} = a$ ex.2 = $\frac{9}{8} = a$
pp.8-11, ex.1 = $\frac{9}{20} = a$ ex.2 = $\frac{9}{15} = a$
ex.3 = $\frac{9}{10} = a$

week 2 - Lesson 3; read pages 11-14, do all exercises.

pp.12-14, ex.1 = _____ ex.2 = _____
ex.3 (oral) _____ ex.4 = _____

week 3 - Lesson 4; read pages 14-23, do all exercises.

p.19-23, ex.1 = _____ ex.2 = _____
ex.3 = _____ ex.4 = _____
ex.5 = _____ ex.6 = _____

week 4 - Lesson 5; read pages 24-29, do all exercises.

pp.25-27, ex.1 = _____ ex.2 = _____ ex.3 = _____

UNIT ONE. REVIEW LESSON: pages 27-29 - SEND TO SCHOOL.

ex.1 = _____ ex.2 = _____

week 5 - Unit 2, Lesson 1; read pages 30-33, do all exercises.

pp.31-33, ex.1 = _____ ex.2 = _____
ex.3 (oral) _____ ex.4 = _____

*OLVS TEACHER ONLY: week 1 a week 2 _____
week 3 _____ week 4 _____ week 5 _____

*If you are the teacher, you may put the average for Week 1 in space provided.

Dear Reader and Student,

Before looking at the Mass in great detail, which is necessary in order to bring out It's real meaning, it might be helpful to put the Mass in broad perspective which also helps to show It's unique place and significance.

Reflect on the following points:

1. To offer sacrifice to God is natural to a thinking person. In the Scriptures, we are told that right from the beginning, the two sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Able, offered sacrifice to God. Each offered that which represented his year long efforts, sweat and concern. Abel offered the first yield of the crops; Cain offered a young off-spring from his herd. Each wanted to express that God had provided these things as the Supreme Being; each wanted to thank God for His bounteous generosity; each supposedly wanted to acknowledge that he, too, was completely subject to God. However, here is a prime lesson about all sacrifice - our interior attitudes and sentiments must correspond to what our exterior actions express. Abel was rightly disposed interiorly; his sacrifice was acceptable to God. Cain was not rightly disposed interiorly; his sacrifice was not acceptable to God. (God is not deceived by some external ritual we go through.)
2. There are three special sacrifices of the Old Testament which are mentioned in the Mass:
 - a. The sacrifice of Abel - to remind us to be honest and truthful in our actions toward God.
 - b. The sacrifice of Abraham - a prefigurement of the complete sacrifice of God's own Son.
 - c. The sacrifice of Melchisedech - he used the offering which Christ was to adopt for the Mass.
3. There were multiple offerings in the Old Testament and for multiple purposes. Each person took whatever represented himself in some way (the fruits of his labor, the food by which he sustained himself, etc.) to show the offering of himself to God. Sometimes a person offered sacrifice to tell God that the human being knew that God was supreme. Sometimes the person offered sacrifice to thank God for His blessing, or to beg some special favor or blessing, or sometimes in atonement for sins and offenses against God.
4. These multiple sacrifices had a special power - and a special weakness.
 - a. Their special power - they did bring God's good will to man, or His special gifts, or His forgiveness.

This uncovers a special mystery of all Christianity - how God

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receives our puny efforts or expressions, how He esteems them beyond what seems reasonable from our point of view (though His judgment is correct) and how He rewards them beyond what seems to be their intrinsic worth. How can God reward us for all eternity with complete happiness for the little things we do in fleeting moments of time for love of Him?

- b. Their special weakness - a sacrifice is the offering of something to God. But God does not need either ourself or any created thing that we can "give" Him. Nothing in the whole extent of the universe, or the whole universe and all men, is worthy of God or really commands His attention and reaction... **EXCEPT ONE THING - THE SON OF GOD WHO HAS PLACED HIMSELF IN OUR HANDS.** The Sacrifice of the Mass alone redeems the special weakness of all other sacrifices. We can offer Christ (an infinite Being) to God. Christ alone is worthy of God.

N.B.1. When you offer Christ to God, you are in the realm of Infinite Adoration, Infinite Praise, Infinite Thanksgiving, Infinite Imploring, Infinite Atonement. Being united to Christ, we make all this our own.

N.B.2. Some people reject social worship and proclaim that they prefer to go out into the woods or into nature to pray. They feel so much better they say than in Church. If their goal is to satisfy themselves emotionally, they might be right. But then they are back to dealing with God by their own finite efforts, which is absolutely insignificant when compared to the Mass.

5. Padre Pio, among others, has given us very helpful instruction as to:

- a. Prepare for Mass by overcoming our natural lack of attention by special silence and recollection.
- b. Bear the fruits of the Mass by overcoming gradually, but with real purpose and effort, our natural pettiness and self-centeredness. We are to show forth, more and more, the spirit of Christ to Whom we have united ourself. Christ must "come through" in all details of our life.

Written by a priest.

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