



Catechesis Corner

"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God."

Pope Francis January 30, 2021

Statement of Faith

God arranged for his message of Divine Revelation to be handed on by the Holy Spirit, through the Church, to all generations.

Related Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church

Scripture	CCC
Ephesians 1:9-10, 13-14	65
2 Corinthians 3:2-3; 2:10-13	75-78
Matthew 28:16-2; 10	80, 82, 84-88
2 John 1:9	95
Hebrews 1:1-2	888-892
2 Thessalonians 2:15	2032-2036
2 Timothy 1:13-14	
2 Peter 1:20-21	
1 Corinthians 1:17, 21-22	
Luke 10:16	
John 8:31-32; 16:12-13	
Acts 2:42	

Dei Verbum (7-9)

Silence

Did you know that silence is a part of the celebration of the Mass? The General Instruction for the Roman Missal ([GIRM](#)), Chapter II: The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements, and Its Parts (45) states: **"Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times.** Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. **For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.**

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner."

Videos to Explore

[The Big 3: Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium](#)

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[Why Catholics Use Scripture and Tradition](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz

[Are Catholics OBSESSED with Tradition](#)

Catholic Answers

[Come, Spirit of God](#)

Daniel Kopp & Sarah Liberman

[Sacred Silence](#)

Tom Booth

February's Devotion

[The](#)

[Holy Family](#)



Understanding the Symbols - The Altar

The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more so since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. "For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?" asks St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, "The altar represents the body [of Christ] and the Body of Christ is on the altar." [CCC #1383](#)

Every permanent Catholic altar contains an altar stone, which holds the first-class relic of at least one saint. Immaculate Heart of Mary's altar is blessed to have a relic of [Saint Maximilian Kolbe](#) reposing in her altar. It was sealed in place upon the dedication of the new church in June 2004. Unfortunately, the name of the saint belonging to the relic that was in repose in the original altar (*the church on 1st Street*) has been lost to time. The relic of the unknown saint was interred along with Saint Maximilian Kolbe's in the new altar.

Ite missa est - Go! You have been sent.