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Dear Community,

I write to congratulate the Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. I was very proud of the children. They were prepared well and confidently and respectfully received the Sacrament for the first time.

Thank you to their class teachers, Linda Marino, Alyshia Crea, Elyse Whitfield and Natalie Mulford, who is also the school's Religious Education Leader. They put much planning and effort into preparing the children so well and were present on Saturday to make sure the celebration was a success.

Thank you to all the school staff who came along to support the children and their colleagues. I appreciate the extra time staff put in because they care about the children.

And of course, thank you to Monsignor Portelli who celebrated the Sacrament with his usual reverence and engaging manner.

And well done to all the boys and girls in Year 3 who engaged in learning about the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Whilst every child did not receive Holy Communion; all the children grew in their knowledge and hopefully the appreciation of the Sacrament.

Have a good week everybody.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony McCluskey".

Anthony McCluskey

Principal



St. Mary MacKillop Primary School is committed to child safety. We believe all students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.

Learning about The Eucharist

Year 3

THE PASSOVER STORY

Asher Kooner

Over 3,000 years ago a group of Jewish people called the Israelites were being kept in slavery by the ruler of Egypt called Pharaoh.

Spencer Bullock

A man called Moses went to see Pharaoh many times to ask him to let them go, but Pharaoh refused. Moses told him that if he did not release them, God would make plagues happen to the Egyptians.

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to take a sheep and look after it. They would kill the sheep to eat it in a feast and use the blood to paint around their doors so that the spirit of God would know that His people were in the house. They would be safe. God's people feasted on the lamb with spices and herbs and made flat bread to share.



Oliver Vasiagin

But Pharaoh did not listen, so the plagues came.

These ten plagues included the River Nile turning to blood, frogs covering the land, insect infestations, animals dying, the Egyptians getting skin diseases, complete darkness for three days and the first-born child in Egyptian families being killed by the angel of death. Pharaoh became scared and decided to let them go, Moses then split the sea as they left.

This is the feast that Jesus was remembering and celebrating with his disciples at the last supper.

THE LAST SUPPER

Jesus said to Peter and John that they would have supper together, then Peter asked where the supper was going to be. Jesus then replied, "Follow a man holding a big jug and follow him to his house," and that was where they would have the supper. Then Peter and John told the rest of the disciples to follow the man with the big jug.

The disciples then followed the man with the big jug to this house then Jesus went to grab a tub of water and towel and washed the disciples' feet. Then the disciples replied, "Our Lord, we should wash your feet, not you." Then Jesus replied, "Serve one another like I served you."

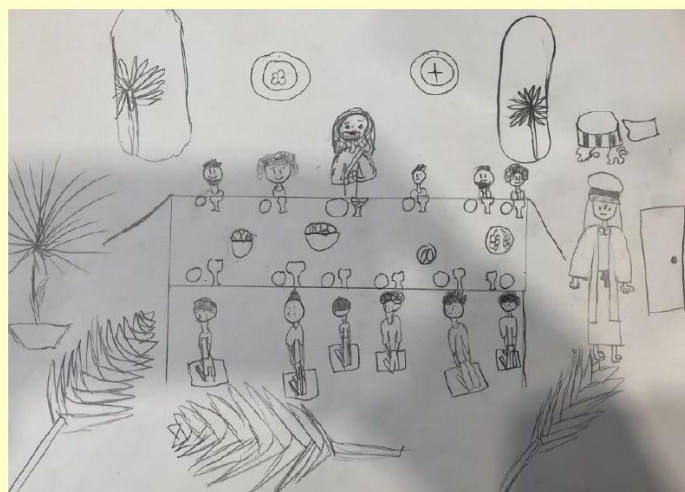
Then the disciples saw that Jesus looked sad, and Peter asked Jesus why he was sad. Jesus replied, "One of you will betray me, and John asked Jesus, "Who?" Jesus said, "The one I give this bread to," and he slowly handed the bread to Judas. Jesus told Judas to go do what he had to do. Judas got up and crept away into the moonlight.

Then Jesus broke the rest of the bread and he said "Take this, it is my body." Then he grabbed a cup of wine and said, "Take this, it is my blood." He said this for them to remember him.

By Sofia Banovski



**By Selina Chai and
Agam Kaur**



By Sofia Banovski

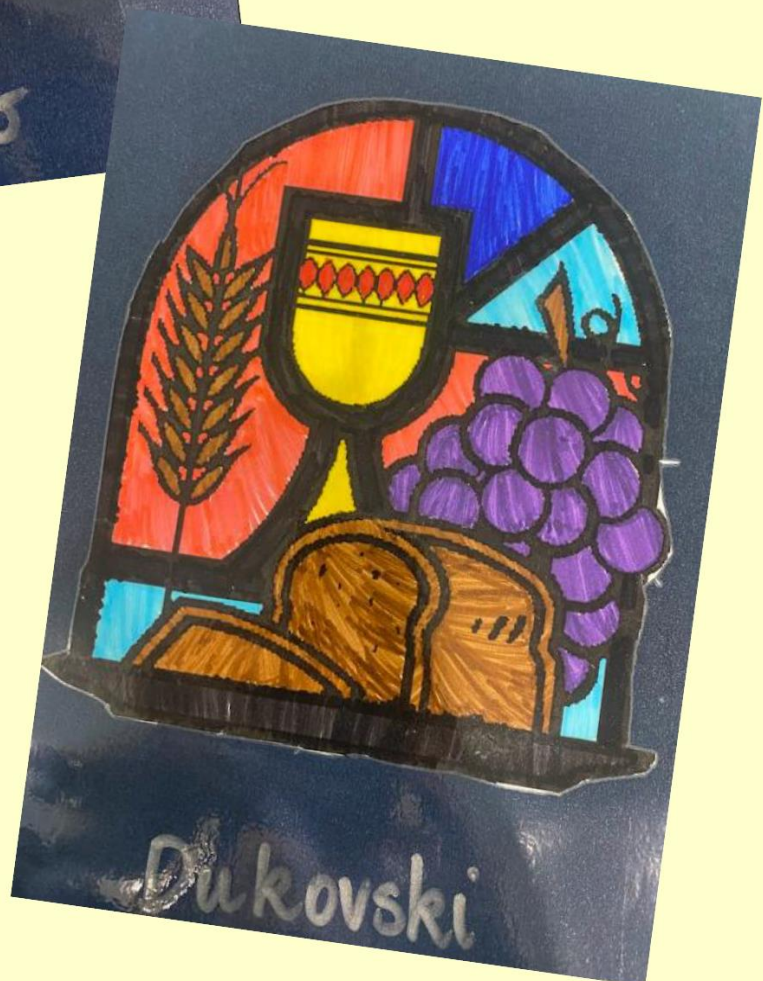
SYMBOLS OF THE EUCHARIST

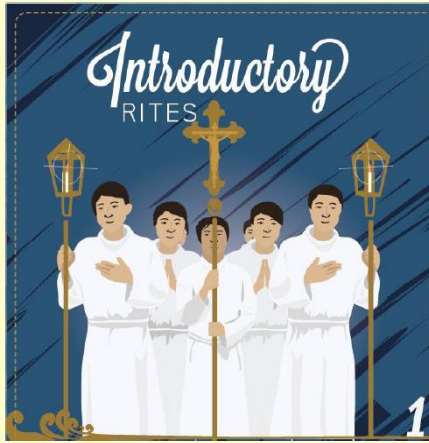
Abigail Tinaro and Karolina Dukovski



The grapes represent the wine in the chalice. Jesus said, "This is my blood."

The bread and the wheat represent Jesus' body that we share. Jesus said, "This is my body."



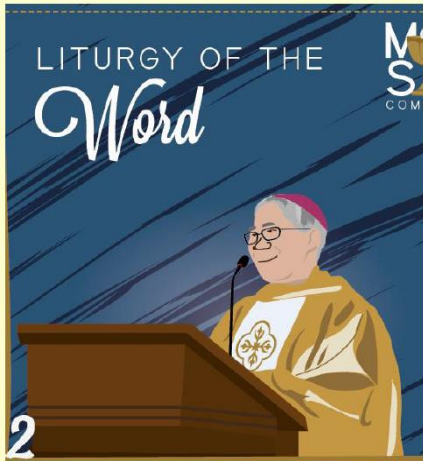


The Mass

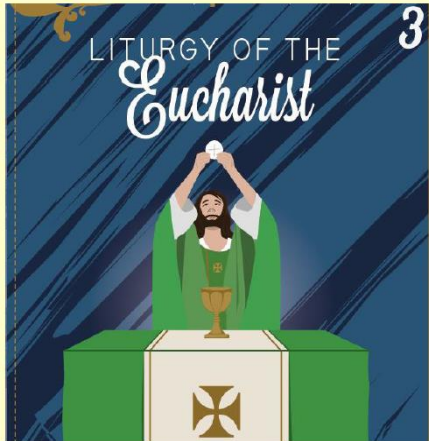
Andrew Fam, Steven Ho and Joseph Saad

There are 4 parts of the mass.

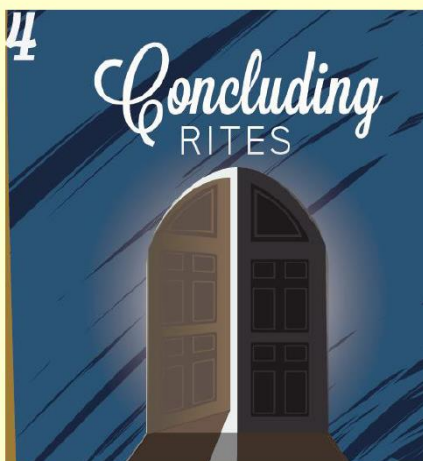
We begin the mass with the **Introductory Rites**. We join our community to sing and pray together to God.



The **Liturgy of the Word** is about feeding the people of God from the table of his word. We listen to stories from the Bible.



The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. We remember the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Holy Communion is the blood and body of Jesus.



During the **Concluding Rites**, we leave the church in peace with the intention of making peace happen in our personal lives and in what happens around us.

HOW CAN WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER?

Madison and Matvey

Help each other
with our school
work.

Help people who
are hurt at lunch
time.

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Treat other people
the way you want to
be treated.

Treat other people
the way you want to
be treated.

Clean up at home or
school without
being asked.