

Following Jesus

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Peter was a fisherman when he met Jesus. He left this work to follow Jesus. Saint Peter was one of Jesus' best friends.

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Jesus made Peter the leader of all his people.

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God calls us to follow his Son, Jesus, as Peter did.

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Peter and Jesus' other friends were his first disciples. Today Jesus' disciples are all around the world. We are Jesus' disciples.

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Jesus' followers are called the *Church*. We form one body, the Catholic Church.

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The word *catholic* means "all over the world." Jesus' followers are all over the world. We follow Jesus together.

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When we come together, the Holy Spirit is with us. The Holy Spirit fills us with God's peace and love.

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Your guardian angel guards you. It watches over you and guides your steps every day.

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Saint Michael is an archangel, an angel of the highest rank. He cares for police officers and for our Church.

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People who follow Jesus make up the Body of Christ.

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Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

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God shows his love for us by sending us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit guides us. He unites us as followers of Jesus.

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God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

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A parish is a community of Jesus' followers. The people of our parish worship God together in our church.

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The Holy Spirit comes to all of us when we are baptized. He is always with us, no matter where we are. He guides us to do what is right.

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The Holy Spirit helps us act with kindness, love, and courage.

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Pentecost is the special day the Holy Spirit appeared to Jesus' friends.

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At Pentecost, a big wind came from the sky. The disciples saw flames of fire. The Holy Spirit had come.

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The Holy Spirit gave Jesus' friends courage. They were not afraid to talk about Jesus anymore.

Jesus Teaches Us to Share

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We believe in God the Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit. At Mass we stand and pray our beliefs.

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One way we share Jesus' peace at Mass is by offering the Sign of Peace to the people around us.

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After the Holy Spirit visited them, Jesus' friends were happy.

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Our neighbors are the people around us. God wants us to love our neighbors.

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After Pentecost, Jesus' friends ate and prayed together. They shared their food, money, and everything they had. They also shared what they knew about Jesus.

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People who want to live as Jesus Christ taught us to live are called *Christians*. We Catholics are also Christians.

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We belong to the Catholic Church. As Catholics, we share and pray together.

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God Chooses Mary

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Mary in heaven sees our needs. She asks her Son, Jesus, to help us.

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God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother.

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Mary said she wanted to serve God. She said yes to God.

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God gave Mary the gift of grace. Grace helps us have faith and trust in God.

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Mary was the first person to know that Jesus was coming.

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Mary is important to our Church. She is called the *Mother of God*.

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God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid. You will have a son. You will name him Jesus."

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We have a prayer for Mary called the *Hail Mary*. We ask her to pray for us sinners.

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Mary is blessed among women.

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God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Mary answered God's call.

Celebrating Christmas

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God's angels brought the good news of Jesus' birth to the shepherds. The joyful song the angels sang is called the *Gloria*.

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We do not sing the *Gloria* during the season of Advent. We joyfully sing the *Gloria* during the season of Christmas.

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The season of Christmas begins on December 24, Christmas Eve.

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Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. He is the Son of God who came to save us.

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A celebrant is the priest or the bishop who leads people in praying the Mass. The vestments are the clothes this person wears.

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During the Christmas season, the celebrant wears white vestments.

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Three Wise Men believed that someday a star would tell of the birth of the Son of God.

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The season of Christmas ends on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany.

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Jesus is the most important gift of Christmas.