

My First Catholic Picture Dictionary

A handy guide to explain the meaning
of words used in the Catholic Church



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EASTER

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The day on which we remember Christ's Resurrection from the dead. On **Easter** we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death—the greatest of all Christian feasts.



EPIPHANY

The feast on which we remember Christ's making Himself known to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi. **Epiphany** comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation.”



EPISTLE

One of the letters in the New Testament of the Bible written by St. Paul, St. John, St. Peter, St. James, and St. Jude, to the first Christians. The **epistle** is also a Reading at Mass.



EUCCHARIST

The true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Who is really present under the appearances of bread and wine, in order to offer Himself in the sacrifice of the Mass and to be received as spiritual food in Holy Communion. **Eucharist** means “thanksgiving.” When Jesus instituted the **Eucharist** He “gave thanks.”



GENUFLECTION



Bending the knee as an act of reverence to God. We **genuflect** before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



GLORY

The praise and honor we give to God. In heaven we shall share His **glory**.



GOD

The infinitely perfect spirit Who is the Creator of all. **God** alone must be; all other beings exist only because of Him.



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday in Holy Week, anniversary of Christ's Death on the Cross. On **Good Friday** Catholics fast and abstain from meat.



GOSPEL

The Good News of salvation brought to the world by Jesus. At Mass Jesus teaches us in the **Gospel** reading.

GRACE

Sanctifying grace is a gift of God by which our soul shares in the very life of God. **Actual grace** gives light to our mind and strength to our will.





O BEDIENCE

A virtue that helps us to do the will of another who has the right to command. **Obedience** is pleasing to God because it means the sacrifice of our will out of love for God.



OLD TESTAMENT

The part of the Bible that tells us about God and His People before Jesus came. The whole **Old Testament** points to Jesus Christ, Who came to fulfill its prophecies.



ORIGINAL SIN

The sin which all people have who come into the world because of the sin of disobedience of Adam and Eve, our first parents. **Original sin** is the first sin and Baptism takes it away.



OUR LADY

A title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary to show that she is our Queen and our Mother. She is honored by many feasts that begin with the word **Our Lady**.