

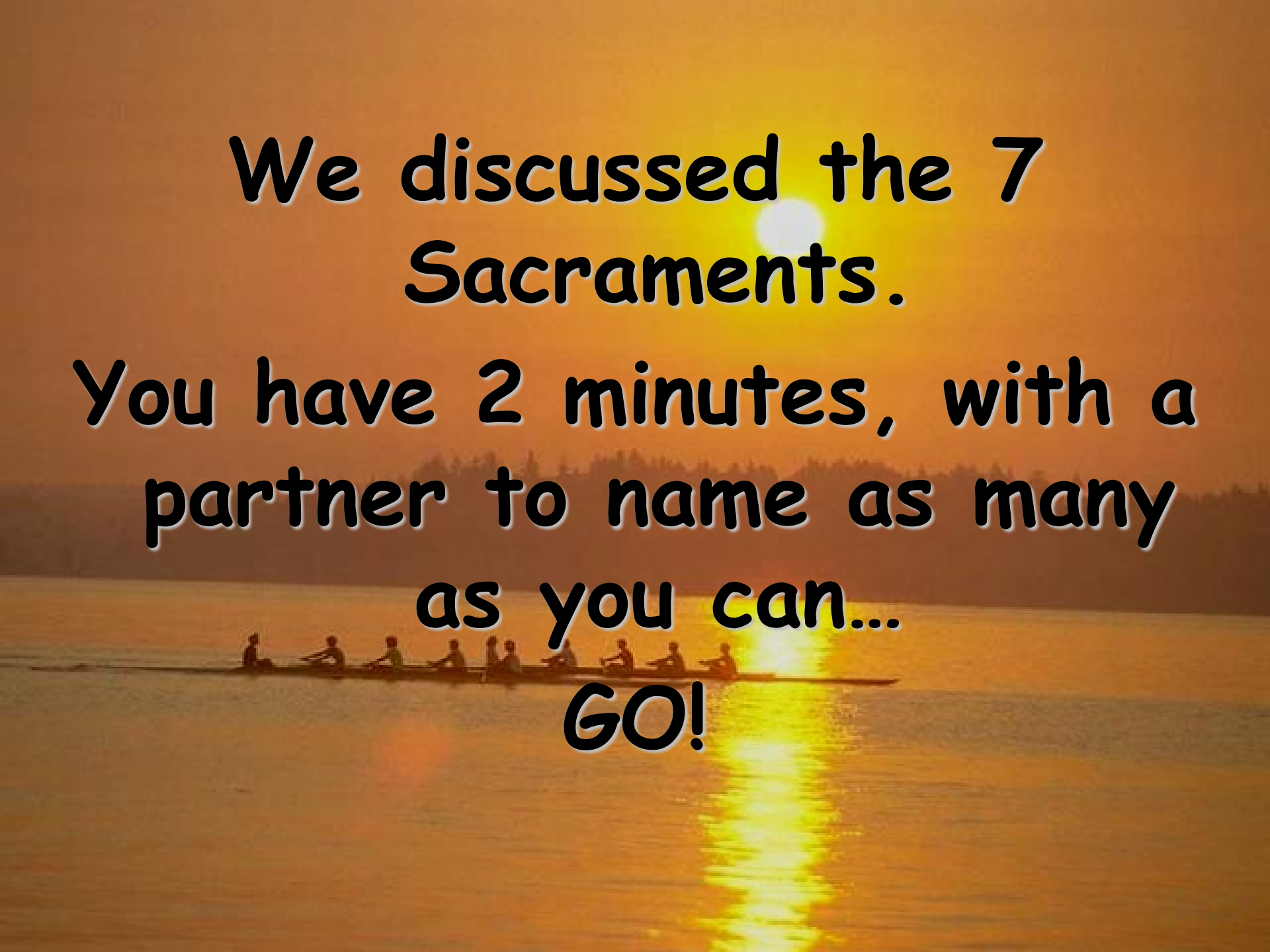
LO: I know why Christians celebrate the 7 Sacraments



**We discussed the 7
Sacraments.**

**You have 2 minutes, with a
partner to name as many
as you can...**

GO!



Which ones did you remember?



Last week we discussed what the sacraments were, and this week we are going to discuss WHY Christians celebrate them.

We will be using Bible passages to explore the reasons behind these traditions.



1. Baptism

Water baptism makes believers a part of the church. It is a custom of the Catholic Church to baptize infants.



The Bible Says

"When the people heard this, they

were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?

Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Acts 2:37,38

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.'"

Mark 16:15,16

2. Confession

Confession of sin is necessary for healthy spiritual life.
A priest is the sacramental witness who represents both Christ and the person confessing.

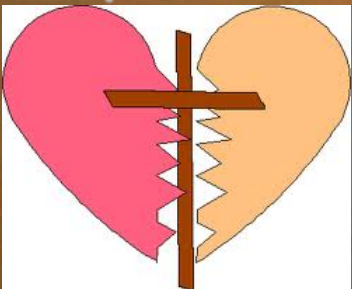
The Bible Says

'Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayers of a righteous man is powerful and effective.'

James 4:16

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence- Jesus Christ, the Righteous one."

I John 2:1



3. The Eucharist (Holy Communion)

- The Eucharist is the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
- In the Bible, it is called the Lord's Supper.
- Christians are invited to celebrate the Eucharist every week during Mass.
- Children usually make their First Holy Communion at the age of 7 or 8.
- This is a formal affair, and children completing their First Holy Communion wear formal attire.



The Bible Says:

"For I received from the Lord what I also pass on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, '*This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.*' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, '*This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.*' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

I Corinthians 11:23-26

- These are the words which the Priest also says during each Mass as he changes the bread and wine into the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Confirmation

Confirmation is a special ceremony that imparts the Holy Spirit in a special way.



A priest anoints parts of the baptized persons body with a blessed oil.

The Bible Says:

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

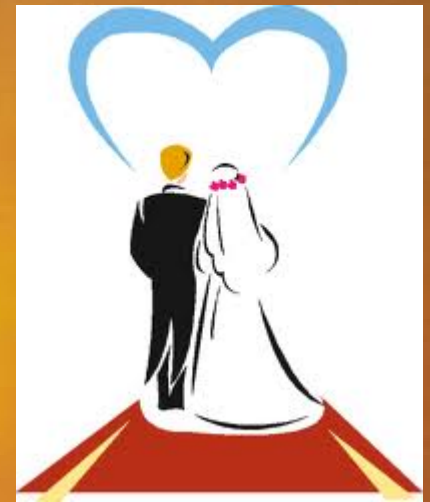
Acts 2:38

The Holy Spirit is given as a gift, as part of the act of being baptized.

Confirmation is a tradition of the Catholic Church. There is no Biblical reference for this ceremony.

5. Marriage

Marriage is an important, sacred part of the spiritual life of the church. The husband and wife are to live faithful to each other, and to the church.



The Bible Says

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

Genesis 2:24

"Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Mark 10:9

Marriage is honoured by God, even if the husband and wife are not believers.

I Corinthians 7:12-16

6. Holy Orders

The Holy Spirit preserves the continuity of the church through the selection of men who have been set apart for special service to the Catholic church. The bishop lays his hands on these men.

The Bible Says

Elders (plural) were appointed in each church.

These men were called elders, bishops (overseer) or pastors.

"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed. Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve, not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

I Peter 5:1-4

Each local church has its own leadership, selected from among the local believers.



7. The anointing the sick

The anointing the sick is practiced for those who are in physical, spiritual or emotional pain. A priest anoints the body with Holy oil.

The Bible Says

"Is any one of you sick? He should call for the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."

James 5:14

"To him who has loved us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 1:5,6



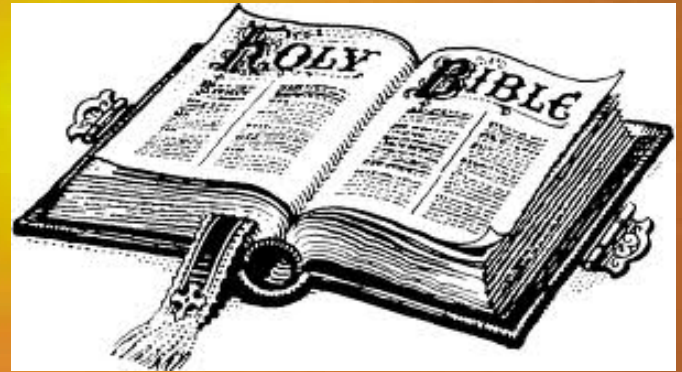
Today's Challenge

- With a Partner, design a poster for one or more of the sacraments which incorporates some of the scripture which speaks about it.
- Remember this work is for display, so make it pleasing to the eye as well as informative!

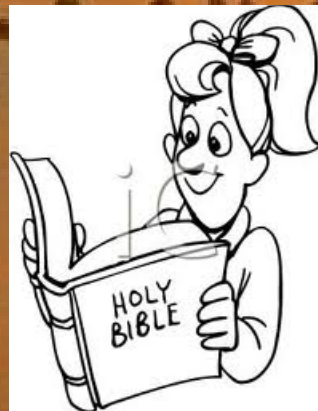


Scripture References

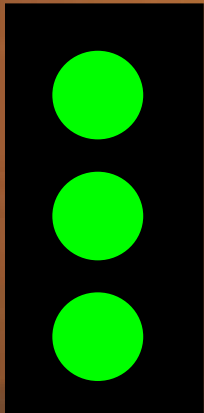
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 - Acts 2:38
 - Acts 2:37,38
 - Mark 16:15,16
- **Eucharist (Holy Communion)**
 - I Corinthians 11:23-26
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 - I Peter 5:1-4
- **Anointing of the Sick**
 - Revelation 1:5,6
 - James 5:14



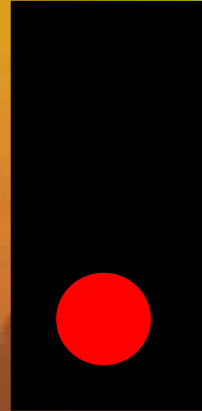
- **Marriage (Matrimony)**
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 - I Corinthians 7:12-16
- **Confession (Reconciliation)**
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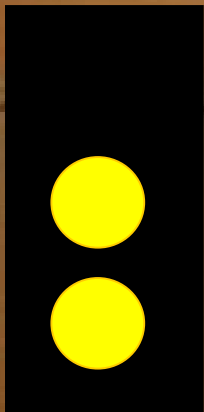
How do you think you did today?



Draw a 'green' traffic light if you think you really understood today's lesson.



Draw a 'red' traffic light if you really don't understand and would like some extra help.



Draw a 'yellow' traffic light if you think you are beginning to understand, but need a little more help.

