**Session 2**

1. **Why do you receive the Eucharist?**
2. **What do you hope for or expect this sacrament to accomplish in you?**

**Key points of this session:**

* The Eucharist is prefigured in the bread and wine offered by Melchizedek, in the Passover (it is the new Passover), and in the manna in the wilderness.
* Jesus prepares his disciples for the Eucharist by changing water into wine and multiplying loaves of bread.
* Jesus teaches explicitly about the Eucharist in John 6 and lets many followers leave because they don’t like this teaching.
* The Death and Resurrection of Jesus begin a new Creation
* The Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.
* The fruit of the Tree of Life opens our eyes to behold God and gives us eternal life.
* The Eucharist is the memorial of Jesus’s Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

**Closing Prayer:**

O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to man below:

Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great Name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, on in Three!

O grant us endless length of days in our true native land with Thee.

Amen

**For Further Reading:**

Brant Pitre, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* (Image:2016)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* 1333-44 (“The Eucharist in the Economy of Salvation”), 1362-72 (“The sacrificial memorial of Christ and of his Body, the Church”), 1391-1401 (“The fruits of Holy Communion”)

Pope St. John Paul ll, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* Encyclical Letter on the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church (2003)

Tim Gray, *Sacraments in Scripture: Salvation History Made Present,* Chapter 1 “Sacraments in Scripture” and Chapter 4 “Sacrament of the Eucharist” (Emmaus Road:2001)

**Parent meeting dates: 1. Feb. 9th**

 **2. March 29th**

 **3. April 19th**

**Meetings are at 10am in the school cafeteria**