

**The Book of Signs:
Reading the Sacraments in the Gospel of John
Week 1 | Introduction**

Introduction to the Gospel of John

1. Composed between A.D. 60 and A.D. 120
2. Identity of author disputed
3. The Book of Signs (chapters 1-12)
 - a. Prologue (John 1:1-14)
 - b. Jesus's identity
 - c. Belief vs. unbelief
4. Seven "signs" that reveal the truth about Jesus
 - a. Transforming water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11)
 - b. Healing of the official's son (John 4:46-54)
 - c. Healing of the paralytic (John 5:1-9)
 - d. Multiplication of the loaves (John 6:1-14)
 - e. Giving sight to the man born blind (John 9:1-41)
 - f. Raising of Lazarus (John 11:17-44)
 - g. Resurrection of Jesus (John 20:11-23)

Biblical Typology

1. Christ as the subject of all Scripture
2. The old foreshadowing the new and greater realities
 - a. Romans 5:14
 - b. Saint Augustine: "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New."
 - c. Typology in the New Testament: Luke 2:41-51

The Sacraments

“The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.” (CCC 1131)

Sacrament	Matter	Form	Effects
Baptism	Water (immersion or affusion)	“I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”	<p>Forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins</p> <p>Birth into new life as an adoptive son or daughter of the Father, a member of Christ, and a temple of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Incorporation into the Church and sharer of Christ’s priesthood</p>
Confirmation	Anointing of the forehead with chrism and laying on of the minister’s hands	“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”	Perfection of baptismal grace
Eucharist	Wheat bread and grape wine	Invocation of the Holy Spirit and Jesus’s words of consecration from the institution narrative	<p>Increased union with Christ</p> <p>Forgiveness of venial sins</p> <p>Preservation from grave sins</p> <p>Strengthened bonds of charity with Christ and the Church</p>
Reconciliation	Audible confession of sins and the intention to reform	Prayer of absolution	<p>Reconciliation with God and the recovery of grace</p> <p>Reconciliation with the Church</p>

			<p>Remission of eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins</p> <p>Remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments</p> <p>Peace and serenity of conscience and spiritual consolation</p> <p>Increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle</p>
Anointing of the Sick	Anointing of the forehead and hands	Liturgical prayer over the sick person	<p>Uniting of the sick person to Christ's passion</p> <p>Strength, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age</p> <p>Forgiveness of sins if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>Restoration of health if conducive to the salvation of the sick person's soul</p> <p>Preparation for passing over to eternal life</p>
Holy Orders	Laying on of the bishop's hands	Prayer of consecration	Configuration to Christ for the service of the Church

Matrimony	Mutual consent of the bride and groom	Vows	Grace for the perfection of love and strengthening of the indissoluble union Grace to assist one another in attaining holiness of life and welcoming and educating children
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Reading for Week 2

John chapters 1-2