

Day 1 – Revelation 4:1-5

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2. John had a vision of an open door. To where did it lead and why was it open? (See CCC 1026)
3.
 - a. What did the voice say to John and what immediately happened to him?
 - b. Chapter 4 begins to describe the heavenly liturgy. What happens to us (mystically) during the Mass when the priest says “Lift up your hearts” and we respond “We lift them up to the Lord.” (See CCC 1139)
4. How does Ezekiel 1:26-28 foreshadow John’s vision of God’s throne?
5. What do you learn about God’s throne from the following verses?
 - Psalm 45:7 _____
 - Psalm 89:15 _____
 - Psalm 103:19 _____
 - Hebrews 4:15-16 _____
6. Who did the 24 elders represent? (See Rev 21:12-14)
7. What came from the throne and what do you think it symbolized? (See Ex 19:16-19; Job 36:32–37:4)

DAY 2 – REVELATION 4:6-11

8. Describe the four living creatures. (Tradition holds that the four living creatures symbolized the four evangelists: Lion – Mark; Calf/Ox – Luke; Human Being – Matthew; Eagle – John)
9.
 - a. How do the four creatures praise God and when?
 - b. What similar acclamation(s) do you find in the Mass?
 - c. What does the priest say just before this acclamation?
10. Read Isaiah 6:1-4. How is Isaiah’s vision similar to John’s?
11. The prayer of the creatures and elders was one of praise. What is praise? (See CCC 2639, 2642)
12. In your prayer time, use the words of praise from verse 11 to give thanks and honor to God. What was the result? **(Personal)**

DAY 3 – REVELATION 5:1-6

13. The scroll in verse 1 contained God’s plan of salvation. Why do you think Christ, alone, can break open the seals and open the scroll? (See Rv 6:9; Dn 12:1-9 also refers to a scroll to be opened at the end of time)

14. Explain the following titles for Christ.
• Lion of Judah (See Gn 49:9-10; Mt 2:6)

• Root of David (See 2 Sm 7:8-13; Rv 22:16)

15. a. Describe the purpose of the lamb of the Passover. (See Ex 12:3-14)

b. Why did John see Christ as the Lamb that was slain? (See CCC 613, 1137)

c. Where in the Mass do we proclaim Christ as Lamb?

16. The horns symbolize power and the eyes symbolize knowledge. Why does the Lamb have seven of each?

DAY 4 – REVELATION 5:7-10

17. a. What was contained in the gold bowls held by the elders?

b. How does verse 8 support the practice of asking the saints to intercede for us?
(See CCC 956, 2683)

c. What is the relationship between the Church on earth and those in heaven?
(See CCC 955, 957-959)

d. What is meant by the phrase “the communion of saints”? (See CCC 960-962)

18. a. How did the elders present the prayers of the holy ones to God?

b. Why is song an integral part of Catholic liturgy? (See Eph 5:19; CCC 1156-1158)

c. According to CCC 1158, what is the criteria for the texts to be sung?

DAY 5 REVELATION 5:11-14

19. List the attributes ascribed to the Lamb in verse 12.

20. a. According to verse 13, who is participating in this worship?

b. What is liturgy? (See CCC 1136)

c. How do we participate in the heavenly liturgy? (See CCC 1090, 1137-1139)

21. List the elements of the Mass you have seen in this week’s verses.

22. Contemplate when you attend Mass, that you are joining in the heavenly liturgy occurring simultaneously in heaven. How will this affect your participation in the Mass? **(Personal)**