



A photograph of the Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral at night, illuminated by warm lights. The sky is a deep orange-red. The cathedral's intricate Gothic architecture, including the flying buttresses and the tall spire, is clearly visible. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a low wall. The text is overlaid in white on the central part of the image.

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The Church Building

Just as the term *Church* refers to the living temple, *God's People*, the term *church* also has been used to describe "the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, to receive the sacraments, and celebrate the eucharist." That building is both the house of God on earth (*domus Dei*) and a house fit for the prayers of the saints (*domus ecclesiae*).

(Living Stone para 16)

Christ's Presence in Sign and Symbol

*"In the liturgical assembly, Christ's presence is realized in all *the baptized who* gather in his name, in the *word of God proclaimed in the assembly, in the person of the priest through whom Christ offers himself to the Father and gathers the assembly, in sacramental celebrations, and especially, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*"*

(Living Stone 22)

The People of God

The Nave

“This area is not comparable to the audience's space in a theater or public arena because in the liturgical assembly, there is no audience.”

(Living Stone para 51)

What to See

- Blessed Sacrament Chapel, confessionals
- Altar, Relics & Significance
- Lower Sacristy, Purification of Vessels
- Stations of the Cross
- Vesting Sacristy
- Credence Table, incense

We will break into small groups. Each group will start at a different station and proceed through the Church.

Feel free to ask question . Remember that time is limited at each station and we need to keep moving so all groups have time at each station.

We will return to the Daily Mass for a closing prayer.