Vocabulary for Unit 5

**Ascension:** The “going up” into Heaven of the Risen Christ forty days after his Resurrection.

**liturgy:** The Church’s official, public, communal prayer. It is God’s work, in which the People of God participate. The Church’s most important liturgy is the Eucharist, or the Mass.

**paradox:**  A statement that seems contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is true.

**Pentecost:** The fiftieth day following Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early Apostles and disciples.

**righteous:**  To be sinless and without guilt before God. Can also be used as a noun.

**Sacrament:** An efficacious and visible sign of God’s invisible grace, instituted by Christ. The Seven Sacraments are Baptism, the Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders.

**symmetry:** When the opposite ends of an equation or an event balance each other or have similar properties or characteristics.