

FAITH AT HOME

A Parent Companion



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Lesson Overview:

This week we continue our overview of the Mass with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Mass makes present to us the sacrifice which Jesus made of Himself of the Cross. Jesus offers the gift of His Body and Blood to us like He did at the Last Supper. The first part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is the offertory, where we bring the gifts we are offering to the altar and when the priest blesses the bread and wine. The priest asks us to join our prayers to the offering and to lift up our hearts in giving thanks to God. We join with the angels in singing “Holy, Holy, Holy” as we kneel for the Eucharistic prayer. The priest acting in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) consecrates the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. After the Eucharistic prayer, we say the Our Father, offer the sign of peace, and pray or sing the Lamb of God. We pray that the Lord will make us worthy to receive Him and come forward for Communion. The priest prays the closing prayer and blesses and dismisses us.

ORDER OF MASS
Introductory Rites
Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of the Eucharist <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offertory (Presentation of the Gifts)• Prayer over the Offerings• Eucharistic Prayer• Holy, Holy, Holy• Eucharistic prayer including Consecration• Our Father• Sign of Peace• Lamb of God• Communion• Prayer after Communion
Concluding Rites <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blessing• Dismissal

Review with your child:

1. Which part of Mass is the high point? **The consecration of the Eucharist.**
2. What is the Mass a celebration of? **The sacrifice of Jesus Christ.**

SAINTS AMONG US

Eucharist



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FAITH IN ACTION

It can help us to pray and follow along at the Mass when we use a missal or missalette, which contain the prayers and readings of the Mass. There are special Mass books for children to help them understand what is happening and its meaning.

AT HOME

1. Practice praying the Prayer before Communion.
2. Ask your child about the major parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

PRAYERS

Prayer Before Communion

Lord Jesus, come to me.

Lord, Jesus, give me your love.

Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.

Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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