

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter is about gathering as the Church at Mass to praise God and how our community takes part in the celebration.

God's Word



Read **Luke 24:30–32** to learn more about longing for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Catholics Believe

- Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist.
- The assembly uses songs, prayers, and actions to worship God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1141–1142 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Tarcisus of Rome, who risked his life and was eventually killed while trying to bring the Eucharist to imprisoned Christians.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Mass Children at this age may see the Mass as primarily an adult activity, but they are preparing to join together with the parish in the Eucharistic celebration on the day of their First Communion. It's important that they are able to really share in the celebration by being familiar with the liturgy and its meaning. They are ready to understand in more detail the parts of the Mass, their meanings, and how to participate fully. A child-friendly missal can assist children in becoming more familiar with the Mass and following along with the prayers, responses, and readings.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How important is it for you to gather with those you love to celebrate important moments?

There is a reason that the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas are peak travel times. Sitting at the table with those we love feeds our soul. At Mass, we gather in celebration to give thanks and praise for the love of our God. "The Christian community, united by the Holy Spirit, gathers for worship in response to God's call. Jesus, our High Priest, is the principal agent of our celebration" (*USCCA, p. 218*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain what happens at the beginning of Mass.
- Talk about ways your family participates in the Mass and can serve in the celebration.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Tarcisus, pray for us to help others see the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.