

Chapter 17

We Worship

How lovely is your house, O Lord.

Psalm 84:2

To the Parent:

In chapter 17 your child learned to:

- List the gathering and beginning steps of Mass
- Explain what we do and what the priest does when Mass begins
- Name objects and actions at Mass that appeal to our five senses

Usually the words “We gather together today” signal recollection of important events of people’s lives. At these times communities of people gather to give expression to values and beliefs that are important to them. Although the word “celebration” usually connotes a festive event, that is not always the case. People also gather to express sorrow and grief. The real foundation for authentic celebration is the reality that people gather to express something that is of consequence to them. Without the reality, celebrations are empty and meaningless. The most significant celebration for the Christian is the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. For it is in this celebration that Christians hear and participate again and again in the story of salvation.

With Your Child:

1. Make a list of all the people you want to remember at Mass and take the list with you next Sunday.
2. Next Sunday, try to sit very close to the altar. After Mass, talk together about what you saw and heard.
3. Read about Saint Luke on the Review and Explore page.