

Chapter 18

***Bring Gifts***

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart.

*Psalm 138:1*

**To the Parents:**

In chapter 18 your child learned to:

- Name God's greatest gift
- List six ways to thank and praise God at Mass
- Describe how he or she can be a gift to others

In the Preface of the Mass the priest uses the invocation "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" to call attention to the need to thank God before continuing with the Eucharistic Prayer. The assembly responds, "It is right to give God thanks and praise." Thus the liturgy presents one more reminder of the reason for worship: to give God thanks and praise. Every good gift is from God, and the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist is the greatest of all gifts. By participating in the Eucharist, and by proclaiming "Amen," believers express gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the gift of Jesus.

**With Your Child:**

1. Talk about the gifts God has given your family. How can you share those gifts with others?
2. Remember to say thank you together at Mass next Sunday.
3. Read about Saint John Leonard on the Review and Explore page.