

Chapter 8

The Church Year

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Philippians 4:4

To the Parents:

In chapter 8 your child learned to:

- Tell how the Church year helps him or her to remember and celebrate the life of Jesus
- Explain how the seasons of the Church year reflect Jesus' life, death and resurrection

The Greeks had two words for time that we still use today. The word *chronos* refers to chronological time. It has to do with quantity. The questions one asks when *chronos* is operative are “What time is it?” or “How much time do I have? “ The second Greek word, *kairos*, refers to sacred time. It has to do with quality. *Kairos* cannot be measured. It is time when something significant happens or when an opportunity presents itself. Although one can plan according to chronological time, one cannot plan for the unexpected *kairos*.

With Your Child:

1. Think about the sights and sounds of the Church seasons. How can you bring some of those into your own home?
2. Team up with family members. Look up the patron saints of everyone in your family. Make a paper medal for each saint. Use symbols or pictures to tell about the qualities of each saint.
3. Read about Saint Benedict on the Review and Explore page.