

Chapter 19

Remembering

How good it is when people are together as one.

Psalm 133:1

To the Parents:

In chapter 19 your child learned to:

- Compare the Mass to a family meal
- Tell how Jesus is present in the Mass
- Identify the main parts of the Mass
- Participate more fully in the Mass

The importance of remembering is never so evident as when we forget a doctor's appointment, a promise to a friend or family member or a work project deadline. Some of us have experienced the pain of watching a loved one lose his or her memory to old age or dementia. Dealing with such situations deepens our appreciation of the gift of remembering. Remembering allows us to recapture moments that connect us with others. It can help us develop a sense of history as we journey through life. Remembering is a central exercise of faith. Every Christian act, every prayer, every ritual, every celebration is, at its root, an act of remembering God's presence. When we gather at Eucharist, we remember Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. At Mass, the Real Presence of Jesus feeds and nourishes us.

With Your Child:

1. Visit your parish church other than for Sunday Eucharist. Walk around the church and look at the statues, candles, Stations of the Cross, and the baptismal font. Spend a short time in quiet prayer. Sit or kneel near the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Thank Jesus for all you have.
2. Think of the name of someone in your neighborhood who could use a little attention. Decide on a way that you can bring the love of Christ to that person.
3. Read about Saint Joan of Arc on the Review and Explore page.