

Chapter 20

Celebrating

For everything there is a season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To the Parents:

In chapter 20 your child learned to:

- Name the seasons of the Church Year
- Tell why the Church celebrates different times throughout the year
- Tell how he or she celebrates the seasons of the Church Year

Each season of the liturgical year serves as a marker for us in our journey of faith. In many ways, the Church seasons parallel our life experiences. During Advent, do you reflect on your own experiences of anticipation, of waiting? Has Good Friday ever been a day when your own experiences of death and dying have come to the forefront? Make these parallels a part of your prayer. Challenge yourself to go deeper than you have ever gone before. Like an eternal spiral, the liturgical cycle invites us deeper and deeper into the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. The liturgical seasons are markers on our journey of growth and transformation.

With Your Child:

1. Talk together about the Church season you are in. Does your family have a special way of celebrating the season?
2. When you go to Mass on Sunday, look for all the symbols, banners, and colors in the church that tell you what season you are celebrating. At home, make decorations to put up around the house that represent that season.
3. Read about Saint Thomas the Apostle on the Review and Explore page.