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Unit 2 • We Worship



*What signs of
God's love do these
pictures show?*

Getting Ready

What I Have Learned

What is something you already know about these three faith terms?

The liturgy

The Paschal Mystery

The Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Words to Know

Put an X next to the faith terms you know. Put a ? next to faith terms you need to know more about.

Faith Vocabulary

- _____ liturgy
- _____ manna
- _____ Sacraments of Healing
- _____ Sacraments at the Service of Communion
- _____ holiness
- _____ Exodus
- _____ Paschal Mystery

Questions I Have

What questions would you like to ask about the Sacraments of Healing?

A Scripture Story



Jesus healing a young girl

Why did Jesus heal the young girl?

Celebrating God's Love for Us

11

We Pray

Give praise to the
LORD God.

Great are his works.

BASED ON PSALM 111:1, 2

**Father, all life, all
holiness comes from
you through your
Son, Jesus Christ,
by the working
of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

*What are some ways
you work together with
others?*

Families work together
at home. Students and
teachers work together.
Members of the Church
work together too.
Celebrating the liturgy
is one of the important
works of the Church.

*What are some of the
ways you take part in
the liturgy?*

The blessing of the
water used in Baptism
at the Easter Vigil

Blessing and Thanking God

Faith Focus

Why does the Church gather to celebrate the liturgy?

Faith Vocabulary

liturgy. The work of the Church, the Body of Christ, of worshipping God.

Paschal Mystery. The mystery of Jesus' passing over from suffering and death to new and glorious life; Christ's work of salvation accomplished by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

The Liturgy of the Church

When the Church gathers to celebrate the **liturgy**, it is doing an important work. The word *liturgy* means "a public work," or "work of the people." The liturgy is the work of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The liturgy is also the work of God the Holy Trinity. God the Father blesses us with the gift of the Son. Jesus the Son of God blesses us with his Body and Blood. God the Holy Spirit blesses us with the gift of God's own life and love.

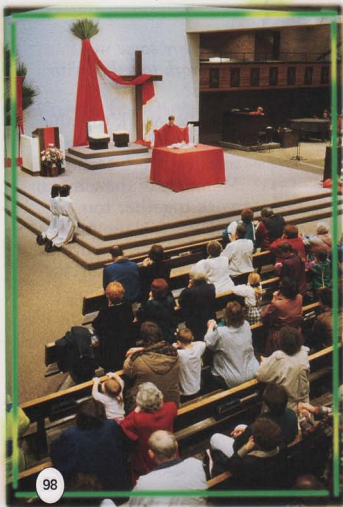
The priest leads the community of the Church gathered to worship God in the celebration of the liturgy. The priest acts together with and in the name and person of Christ, the Head of the Church. In the liturgy, the Catholic community gathers with Jesus Christ both to receive God's blessings and to bless and give thanks to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church prays,

*"How wonderful are you,
LORD God.*

*Everyone on earth worships you
and sings praises to you."*

BASED ON PSALM 66:3, 4

*Tell about several blessings you and
your family enjoy.*



Praying the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass

Celebrating God's Work

The liturgy of the Church centers around the Eucharist and the other sacraments. Through the celebration of the liturgy, we become sharers in the saving work of Jesus Christ and in the life of God. We remember and celebrate and share in God's work among us today.

The Church joins with Jesus to celebrate the liturgy. We remember and share in the **Paschal Mystery**. The Paschal Mystery is the name we give to the good news of God's saving all people in Jesus. It is Christ's work of salvation accomplished by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Describe what you can do to proclaim the good news of salvation to someone else.



John the Apostle

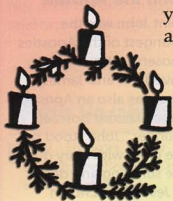
Saint John was the youngest of the Apostles chosen by Jesus. Jesus gave John and James, who was also an Apostle, the nickname "sons of thunder." John stood by the cross with Mary during the suffering and death of Jesus. The Church celebrates his feast day on December 27.

Proclaiming the Good News of Salvation



The Liturgical Year

The Church celebrates the liturgy every day of the year. This is called the liturgical year. The liturgical year is made up of feasts and seasons that celebrate God's great plan of saving love in Christ. These are the seasons of the liturgical year.

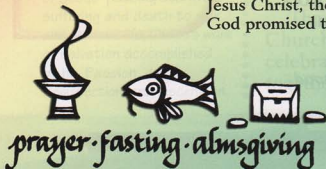


Advent. We wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus. We prepare for our celebration of Christ's first coming and await his second coming at the end of time.

Christmas. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all people whom God promised to send.



Lent. We prepare for Easter. Lent is a time to prepare to welcome new members into the Church and to renew our own baptismal promises.



Triduum. The word *triduum* means "three days." The Triduum is the center of the liturgical year. It is our three-day celebration on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus.



Easter. For fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, we celebrate that Christ is risen and will come again.

Ordinary Time. The remaining weeks of the liturgical year are called Ordinary Time. We listen and respond to God's word. We grow in love for God and others.



Color the art next to your favorite time of the liturgical year. Tell why it is your favorite time.

Our Church Makes a Difference

Las Posadas

The people in Mexico celebrate Las Posadas each year during Advent. Las Posadas takes place during the eight days before Christmas. Celebrating Las Posadas helps the people get ready to celebrate the liturgy on Christmas.

Las Posadas acts out Mary and Joseph's looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem. In Mexico the people carry candles and walk in procession through the streets. Two people represent Mary and Joseph and sometimes ride on a donkey. They stop at homes and ask for a place to stay. They are turned away until a family finally welcomes them into their home.

Las Posadas reminds us that we always need to be ready to open our hearts to God's love. It is a wonderful, joyful celebration that shares with everyone the good news of God's love.



Our Catholic Identity

The Angelus

Some Catholic churches ring their church bells at 6:00 A.M., at 12:00 noon, and at 6:00 P.M. When they do, they are following the tradition of the Angelus. The ringing of the bells calls us to pray during the day. When we pray the Angelus, we thank and praise God for Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

What Christmas tradition does your family enjoy?



What Difference Does Faith Make in My Life?

Each day God shares his love with you. It is good to take the time to open your heart to God's love. Thank and bless God every day for his love.

Describe one way that you have come to know God's love. Create a prayer to thank God. Pray your prayer.

Thank You, God

My Faith Choice



This week I will thank God for his love for me. I will pray the prayer that I have written at least once a day.

We Pray

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God is the source of all our blessings. At Mass we begin our prayer of thanks, the Eucharistic Prayer, to God by praying this acclamation. An acclamation is a prayer that honors God.

Leader: Jesus suffered and died and was raised from the dead. Let us join with the angels and saints to give glory and thanks to God for the gift of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

FROM PREFACE, ROMAN MISSAL

We Remember

Write T next to the true statements. Write F next to the false statements. Make the false statements true.

- ___ 1. The liturgy is the Church's work of worshiping God.
- ___ 2. The liturgy is the work of the Holy Trinity.
- ___ 3. The Paschal Mystery is the birth of Jesus.
- ___ 4. Advent is the center of the liturgical year.
- ___ 5. Lent is a time to prepare to welcome new members into the Church.

To Help You Remember

1. The Church gathers for liturgy, the work of worshiping God.
2. In the liturgy we are made sharers in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.
3. The Church celebrates and shares in God's plan of salvation all year long.

This Week . . .

In chapter 11, "Celebrating God's Love for Us," your child learned that the liturgy is the Church's work of worshiping God. The liturgy of the Church centers around the Eucharist and the other sacraments. In the liturgy the members of the Church gather with Christ, the Head of the Church, to remember and share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The Paschal Mystery of Christ is his saving Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The Church gathers to receive God's blessing and to bless and give thanks to the Father. What Jesus did while he was on earth is made present here and now. We join with Christ all year long and share in his work of salvation. We call the Church's year of worship the liturgical year.

For more on the teachings of the Catholic Church on the liturgy, see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraph numbers 1076–1109, 1136–1186, and 1200–1206.

Sharing God's Word

Read together Psalm 66:1–4. Emphasize that the word *liturgy* means "work of the people." The liturgy is the Church's work of worshiping God.

Praying

In this chapter your child prayed an acclamation. An acclamation is a prayer that honors God. Read and pray together the acclamation on page 103.

Making a Difference

Choose one of the following activities to do as a family or design a similar activity of your own.

- After your family participates in Mass this weekend, name all the people who assisted the priest, for example, the deacon, the readers, and the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Then talk about the many ways that the assembly takes part in Mass.
- The word *eucharist* means "thanksgiving." Talk about how your family gives thanks to God.
- Invite each family member to share which of the liturgical seasons is their favorite. Ask each person to explain their answer.

For more ideas on ways your family can live your faith, visit the "Faith First for Families" page at www.FaithFirst.com. Click on "Contemporary Issues" this week to find an article on an especially interesting topic.



Unit 2 Review

Name _____

A. The Best Word

Fill in the blanks. Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences.

Service

liturgy

Initiation

Paschal Mystery

Healing

sacraments

Exodus

liturgical year

1. The _____
is the Church's work of worshipping God.
2. The _____
is Christ's work of salvation accomplished by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.
3. The _____
is made up of feasts and seasons that help us celebrate and share in God's great plan of saving love.
4. The Sacraments of _____
are the foundation of the Christian life.
5. Through the seven _____
a person shares in the saving work of Jesus Christ and the life of the Trinity.
6. The _____
was the journey of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land God promised them.
7. Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are the two Sacraments
of _____.
8. Holy Orders and Matrimony are the Sacraments at the
_____ of Communion.

B. Sacraments

1. Put an R next to those items that relate to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Put an A next to those items that relate to the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

_____ anointing with oil

_____ absolution

_____ penance

_____ prepare us for death

2. Put an H next to those items that relate to the sacrament of Holy Orders. Put an M next to items that relate to the sacrament of Matrimony.

_____ bishops, priests,
and deacons

_____ domestic church

_____ ordained ministers

_____ a baptized man and
a baptized woman

C. What I Learned

1. Name three things you learned in this unit. Share them with the group.

2. Look at the list of words on page 96. Circle the ones you know now.

D. From a Scripture Story

The story of Jairus's daughter invites us to believe and trust in God. Write two more ideas that you learned from this Gospel story.
