

LEVEL THREE: THE EUCHARIST

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| <p>1. We believe that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God is our Creator. - God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. - Jesus is the Son of God, the Saviour who lived, died, and was risen. - The Holy Spirit is our Helper. He helps us to become holy like Jesus. <p>2. God has given us many gifts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All of creation is a gift of love from God. - Who we are is a gift from God. We are made in His likeness. - Friendship is a gift from God that shows us that He cares for us. - God's Word is a gift. Through it, He guides us and tells us how to be happy in this life and in heaven. - Forgiveness is a gift which shows us that God will always be faithful to us. <p>3. Jesus remains present in our lives, because He loves us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He is present in creation. - He is present in persons who care for us (visible and invisible - guardian angels). - He is present in His Word , the Bible. - He is present in the Church. - He is present in the sacraments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer: O Angel of God. • Confiteor ("I confess to Almighty God..."). • Mass focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's presence in our coming together to worship every Sunday. - Liturgy of the Word. He is present when we read His Word. - Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Offertory. God's presence in creation - bread and wine, which come from the earth He created. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As persons created in God's image, we take care of the earth. We show our gratitude for God's creation by not being wasteful. • As persons created in God's image, we appreciate others, respect and appreciate differences. • We behave in a certain manner in Church to show that we acknowledge God's presence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - genuflection - bowing of the head - sitting, standing, and kneeling at the appropriate Moments. - Making the Sign of the Cross with attention and reverence. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite the parents to class and have children present what they have learned about behaviour in church. • Organize a "commented Mass" where the children explain to the congregation the motives for certain actions carried during Mass (why we sit at this moment, why we kneel at this moment, why we stand at this moment...) • Have children work on the Parish garden. • Make a banner of the sacraments, to be displayed in church. |

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| <p>4. He is present in a special way in the Mass: in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are an assembly of believers. - We proclaim the Living Word of God. - The bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We respond to God's many gifts when we sing "Glory to God..." - We respond to God's Word by saying "Thanks be to God..." - We say what we believe in when we say "I believe in God..." - We proclaim our faith when we pray the Memorial Acclamation. - We say "Yes, I believe" every time we say "Amen". • Learn about objects used in the Liturgy: the books (Lectionary and Sacramentary), the lectern, the paten, the chalice... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of God's family, the Church, we come together to worship every Sunday at Mass. • We live what we hear and proclaim at Mass through our actions at home, at school, at work, at play. We share, forgive, and ask pardon. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware that the Mass must be lived, choose a weekly practice that the class will try to live throughout the coming week. • Plan the First Communion Mass together. • Plan to attend Sunday Mass as a class at a nearby nursing home or hospital, in solidarity with those who cannot attend Mass at Church. |