

First Eucharist Preparation
Session 2
November 11 or November 15, 2020

We began the session by having the children respond to questions about the job they do around the house and their ability to recognize the altar, tabernacle and paschal (Easter) candle. We asked what prayer their family says before meals. Many responded that they say the “Bless us O Lord” prayer. We also asked if they watched the Last Supper video – their assignment from last week.

Conversation # 1: (we continued our conversation about meals)

With Thanksgiving coming up, children were asked to do something to contribute to the family meal. Some said they would set the table, make a decoration, make place cards or make placemats. Others said they will help make dessert, clear the table or help with the dishes. Next time we meet, we will ask what they did to help with their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Conversation # 2: (we talked about the Last Supper Video)

We focused on the washing of the feet and why Jesus washed the feet of the apostles. We concluded that Jesus showed his care for his apostles by washing their feet. Jesus wants us to care for one another as well. As followers of Jesus, we spoke about how we show care for one another. Children gave examples of how their parents show their care for them and how they show care for their parents. Their assignment is to think of someone to whom they can express care through a written note. Children had many ideas of who they will write to. Next time, we will continue our conversation about the Last Supper Video – focusing on the bread and wine.

Conversation # 3: (we talked about Church words)

We reviewed the altar and compared it once again to our kitchen table; the tabernacle as the place where the Holy Eucharist is found in the Church and the Paschal (or Easter) candle. The new information was the **ambo** – the other important piece of furniture where the readings are proclaimed; the **sanctuary lamp** as the special candle near the tabernacle indicating that the Holy Eucharist is present and the **stained glass windows** – which tell a story.

We also spoke of the liturgical colors and the upcoming season of Advent.

Message for parents:

When we meet on December 2nd at 2 p.m. or Dec. 6th at 7 p.m., we will ask the children:

- 1 . . . if they got to Church for Mass or if they watched a live-streamed or recorded Mass from St. Mary’s.
- 2 . . . if their parents pressed “pause” to point out the Church items spoken about - or - if they went to Mass, if their parents pointed out these items.
- 3 . . . if they helped with their Thanksgiving Dinner and who said the prayer
- 4 . . if they watched this video about a miracle performed by Jesus:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4qZ2KSbdxI>

Parents, I would like to call children by name during our meetings. If you are not able to get their names on the screen, please have them wear a visible name tag.

Thank you, parents, for showing up at the zoom meetings with your child and for your ongoing patience and support during this time of pandemic. Please let us know how we can assist you!