

Holy Cross Summer Faith Fun 2020

BIBLE: *Mass Play*

Materials Needed:

- A green napkin or towel
- A cloak to resemble priest vestments (see the last page for ideas on what to wear)
- A bible
- A bowl
- A nice cup (preferably a goblet)
- Circles cut out of white paper or cardstock (to be hosts)
- Two white candles
- White napkin
- Crucifix or cross
- A bell, if you have one



Procedure:

1. Set up an altar space on a table so that it looks something like this:



2. Set the paper hosts in the bowl and set the white napkin beside the cup. The bible can be set on the altar, too.
3. Allow your children to play as if they are celebrating Mass. It is important for the children to understand the different parts of the Mass, so we are including a script with details about the different parts of the Mass.
 - a. Role play is one of the best ways to learn about something! This is a powerful way to learn more about our Catholic Mass!
4. Help the children take turns in the different roles.

Please share photos from your creations with Andrea so that we can put them on the website!

Role Playing our Mass

	Part of the Mass:	What it means:	Role Play:
Liturgy of the Word	Opening Prayer	This begins the Mass.	Have the “priest” give an opening prayer.
	Readings	These are the Scripture readings, one Old Testament, one New Testament, and a Gospel reading.	You can have a child play the “lector” or reader. This child can either actually read from the bible or they can summarize a bible story from memory.
	Homily	This is the reflection and interpretation of the Scriptures, giving the people at Mass a new understanding of the message of the day.	The “priest” can give a moral or lesson to those who are at “Mass.”
Liturgy of the Eucharist	Eucharistic Prayer	This is the sacred prayer in which the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus.	The “priest” will stand behind the altar. They will take the paper host, hold it up, and another child can ring the bell or make a bell sound. This is the moment during actual Mass when the bread becomes the Body. Then, do the same procedure with the goblet. In the actual Mass, this is when the wine becomes the Blood of Jesus.
	Our Father Prayer	We pray together as Jesus taught us to pray.	Everyone prays the “Our Father” together.
	Sign of Peace	We offer one another peace.	Give the sign of peace, either in handshakes, hugs, or waves (due to COVID).
	Communion	We receive the Eucharist- the Body and Blood of Jesus.	Have everyone line up and receive the pretend Eucharist, practicing the process of how to receive.
	Closing Prayer	The priest gives us a final blessing and sends us forth.	Have the “priest” give a blessing over everyone. BONUS: Sing a faith-filled song together! 😊

Role Playing the Mass

Children learn best from acting things out, helping them to see the Mass in a different way. Give the children a chance to try the different roles in the Mass: priest, altar server, Eucharistic Minister, lector (reader). Use the included guide to help you!



Poppy is acting as a lector or reader.



Jude is acting as a Eucharistic Minister.



The overall Mass scene.



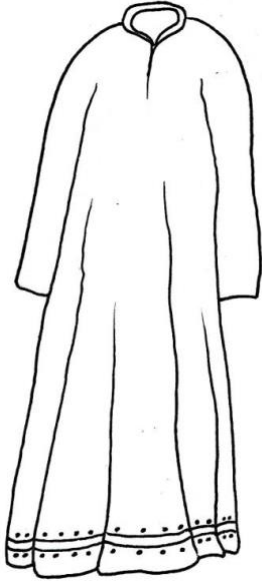
Julian is acting as a priest and Claire is an altar server, washing his hands.



Julian is acting as the priest, during the consecration.

Priest's Mass Vestments

Alb



Cincture



Stole



Chasuble



Extension Activity: Liturgical Seasons of the Church Year

Have you noticed that the colors in the church change throughout the year? Why is this? Our Catholic Church celebrates different Liturgical seasons throughout the year. These seasons have different focuses and celebrations to help us dive more deeply into our faith.

Let's learn more!

Liturgical Season:	Color of the Season:	Time of Year:	How we celebrate this season:
Advent	Purple	Four weeks leading up to Christmas	This is a season of waiting and preparation. We pray and ready our hearts for the coming of baby Jesus.
Christmas	White or Gold	From Christmas to Epiphany, 12 days	This is a season of celebration, when we remember and rejoice the birth of our Lord!
Ordinary Time	Green	From Epiphany to Ash Wednesday, then after Easter from Pentecost to Advent	This is a season when we work on our usual prayers and our daily relationship with God. It takes up most of the calendar year, so it's a great time to set good faith habits and to deepen our faith.
Lent	Purple	Six weeks (40 days) between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday	This is a season of preparation, getting our hearts and minds ready for the sacrifice that Jesus gives us. We usually give up something, pray more intently, and do something for others.
Triduum	Red	Three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday	These quick three days are strong ones of prayer, reflection, and remembrance. We walk through Jesus' final days in his passion and death.
Easter	White or Gold	From Easter to Pentecost, 50 days	This is a celebratory season: we rejoice that Jesus has risen from the dead, opening the gates of heaven and giving us eternal life.

The next time you're at church, notice the colors around the altar and see what season we are celebrating!