GOING TO CHURCH AT

CHRIST THE KING
Catholic Church

SERVING GOD - CARING FOR PEOPLE
For parents and caregivers...

The organ may be very loud for children with sensitive hearing. The organ does not play at the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass but the Life Teen band is also loud and plays at the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Masses at 7:30 AM or 12:30 PM are likely to be less crowded.

St. Mary’s Chapel is smaller and quieter. There is a shorter service with no music Monday through Friday at 12:10PM, and Saturday at 8:30 AM in the Chapel.

You may wish to make note of areas or items that may be important: Fire alarms, emergency exits, Holy Water dispenser, and rest rooms.

The separate page called Going to Mass can be used during the service to show your child what comes next.

Words that have an asterisk (*) after them are explained in the Glossary at the end of this story.
We go to Church on Sundays

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Maybe we will enter through the front door of our Church
Maybe we will enter Church through this door.
Our Church on the inside
We sit in seats called pews
When we go to Church, we walk inside, dip our fingers in the Holy Water font, make the Sign of the Cross. Then we find out pew and genuflect*. We can sit down or kneel and pray quietly.
When we enter the Church we will see a vestibule*. This is where we can go if we need a break from being inside the Church.
The organ & choir are upstairs
Maybe the organ will be playing. It may be very loud. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears or wear ear plugs. Sometimes the organ is not playing.
Can I find the pretty stained glass window while sitting in my seat?
When we are in Church, we are quiet.

We can whisper if we need to talk to Mom or Dad about something important.
Sometimes we are singing
We see the music and words for singing hymns in these books.
Sometimes we are all speaking together in prayer.
Sometimes we are all silent while we pray together quietly. This is where we kneel down when we pray.
At the end of Mass*, when we are leaving, we dip our fingers in the Holy Water again, and make the Sign of the Cross.
Time to go to our car and go home. See you next time!
Other places we might go at Christ the King Catholic Church.
The Chapel is smaller than the big Church. Sometimes we might go here.
Candles in the Chapel are very special. We only light one candle for each person we are praying for. Other people may light candles for their own special friends or family members.
This is Holy Water. Maybe we will bring a small container from home to take some Holy Water. Holy Water is not for drinking! It is very special. Someone will show me how to use the Holy Water.

There is a drinking fountain for water to drink.
There are restrooms near the Chapel

There are restrooms in the Religious Education Office.
A beautiful walkway
Sitting area
Here is where we pray for babies and children
We come to the parish office to talk to a Priest about important things.
The staff are very nice! This is Marie, in the Office of Religious Education.
The bell is only to be used to get someone’s attention for help!
**Glossary**

**Genuflect** – This is when we stop at the end of our pew to bend one knee to touch the floor while making the Sign of the Cross.

**Mass** – Everybody comes together at the Church to worship. We usually come to Mass on Sundays.

**Font** – a container near the doors of the church where Holy Water is kept. We dip our fingers in the Holy Water and make the Sign of the Cross when we enter or leave Church.

**Vestibule** – a room inside the first doors of the Church. It is like a lobby. Sometimes, this can be a quiet place to go if we need a break from the Church service.
Catholic Mass: Order of Service

1. The first part of the mass is called the **INTRODUCTORY RITES**.
   This is where we sing songs and say prayers together.

2. The next part of the Mass is called the **LITURGY OF THE WORD**.
   There are two Readings from the Bible read by a Lector; and one Reading, called the Gospel, read by the Priest.
   In between these Readings, the congregation, those of us in the pews, sing together in prayer.
   The Priest also talks to us which is called the Homily.
   After the Homily, we all stand and say a prayer together called the Creed or our Profession of Faith. Creed means what we believe.
   Lastly, we listen to the Lector saying the Intercessions, which are prayers for other people, then we often respond “Hear our prayer”.

3. The next part of the Mass is called the **LITURGY OF EUCHARIST**.
   It begins with music being played while an offering basket is passed around, where we put money in the basket. Then the “Gifts” are given to the Priest. The Gifts are hosts (bread) and wine (which may be grape juice too).
   We sing and pray together again while the Priest consecrates the Eucharist. Catholics believe with prayer the host and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus.
   After the prayers, we stop to shake other people’s hands and say “Peace be with you”. This is called the Sign of Peace.
   Everyone that is allowed can line up to receive the Eucharist which is called Holy Communion.

4. The last part of the Mass is the **CONCLUDING RITE**
   Everyone sits in the pews after Holy Communion, while the music finishes playing and the Priest says a prayer for us.
   We sing one last song and than the Mass is over.
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