



Catechesis
of the
Good Shepherd

PARENT GUIDE

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Little Flower

THIS WEEK IN THE ATRIUM

The Cenacle and Origin of the Eucharist

Mark 14:17, 22-24, 26 and Matthew 28:19-20, 26:17-20, 26-30

We used materials to reenact the Last Supper and consider the origin of the Eucharist. We discussed the origin of the Passover feast and the preparation that occurred, looking up scripture to discover Jesus' words at this meal. After Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, he equipped his disciples with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit to go out into the world to spread the message of Christ's life and love for us. Over time, so many followers began gathering in communities that special buildings (churches) needed to be built. As time progressed, bishops and priests were appointed to share the Eucharist with growing followers of Christ, leading up to our celebration of Mass even today.

This Week:

- When you attend Mass with your child this week, encourage your child to pay extra special attention at the time of consecration (just prior to when the ringing of the bells occurs). Encourage your child to envision in their mind our Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, saying a silent prayer of thanks to him.
- Encourage you child to continue their Lenten practices of PRAYING, FASTING AND GIVING, using their countdown calendars to mark their progress towards Easter.



Consider with your Child:

- What contributed to the amazing spread of the story of Jesus' life to so many people in so many countries over the past 2000 years?