### How do we respond when our children ask: "Why do we go to Mass?"

## The Third Commandment

Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.

#### At Baptism, We Promise...

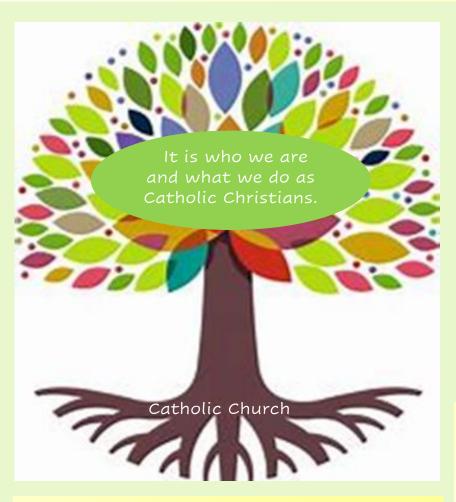
Child: "Why do we go to Mass?"

Parents or Guardians:

"We love you and want to care for you as well as possible. When you were baptized, we made a promise to God and to our faith community to stay close to God, and to raise you to know, love, and serve God and each other. We don't want to break our promise to God!"

Child: "Ok, Thanks for loving me and keeping promises!"

Our God is the God of many chances!



### We trust in God's wisdom

Our church's earliest roots are firmly grounded in Jesus. As Catholic Christians, we are in a long line of 'branches' from these ancient roots, beginning with Jesus, the apostles, and earliest disciples in the early church. We are God's one people, through space and time!

#### Eucharist

While they were eating,
Jesus took the bread, said
the blessing, broke it, and
giving it to his disciples
said, "Take and eat; this is
my body." Then he took a
cup, gave thanks, and gave
it to them, saying, "Drink
from it, all of you, for this
is my blood of the
covenant, which will be
shed on behalf of many for
the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28

# Our Ancestral Family of Faith

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

Acts of the Apostles 2:42

