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Church Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt is to get you familiar with the unique things related to the Catholic Church. If at anytime you have a question about what you see in the Church please write it down on the back of this scavenger hunt list.

1. How many Holy Water Fonts do we have in the Church?
2. Where do you get the Holy Water from for use in your home?
3. What does dipping your fingers into the Holy Water and making the sign of the cross signify?
4. Go into the nave of the church. What items are in the nave?
5. As a Catholic we have aerobics every Sunday of kneeling, sitting, and standing in a pew. Complete the following sentence starters:
 - a. Stand indicates ...
 - b. Sitting indicates ...
 - c. Kneeling indicates ...
6. Locate items in the Church that indicate the current liturgical season. How many things can you name that give us an indication of the current liturgical season?
7. Find an opening prayer to a Sunday Mass. How many different opening prayers can you find?

8. From the pews what main items do you see in the sanctuary?

9. Go to the lectern. What parts of the Mass are read from the lectern?

10. How large is the crucifix on the back wall behind the altar?

11. Are there relics below or in the altar?

12. Where is the statue of Mary? What is she standing on? Why do we have statues and pictures in the Church?

13. Go to the area around the altar. What happens on this altar during the liturgy of the Eucharist?

14. Go in the back sacristy and find the instruction sheet for Mass preparation. What is needed for each Mass?

15. Locate the vestments of the priest. What are the different pieces he wears for Mass?

16. Find a place in the church near the choir. What is the primary purpose of the choir?

17. Locate the tabernacle. What is the purpose of the tabernacle?

18. Locate the candle above the tabernacle. Why is the candle lit?

19. Locate the Stations of the Cross. Why do we have them?

20. Describe one of the stations and what it depicts? What number is it?

21. Locate the place for receiving the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. How many lights does it have above the door? What are the lights for?

22. Describe the inside of the reconciliation room.

23. Locate a Missalette. How is the Gospel reading introduced?
24. What cycle are we reading from in this liturgical year?
25. In the Missalette. Which book of the Bible does the responsorial psalm come from?
26. Where are the oils stored and what is the name of the box that contains the oils? How many different oils are stored?
27. Before you leave the inside of the Church go to the back, light a candle and offer a prayer. Why would you light a candle? And what does it represent?

Etymology

Etymology is the study of the origins of language. Words often have a richer meaning when you know their roots. Can you match the word with its definition when you know its Latin root?

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| 1. nave: <i>navis</i> , ship. | A. Holds the priest's communion host. |
| 2. sanctuary: <i>sanctus</i> , holy. | B. White linen robe worn for liturgical events. |
| 3. lectern: <i>legere</i> , to read. | C. Part of the church building where the body of the faithful assemble. This pictures the Church as the body of believers in the ship of salvation. |
| 4. paten: <i>patella</i> , dish, platter or plate. | D. The place where the Blessed Sacrament is kept; reminds us of the Jewish people and the tabernacle they constructed to house the Ark of the Covenant during their 40 years in the desert. |
| 5. chalice: <i>calix</i> , cup or goblet. | E. Giving the holy Eucharist to those about to die. |
| 6. alb: <i>albus</i> , white. | F. The outer liturgical vestment worn by the priest at Mass. Originally it was a large cone-shaped cloth with a hole for the head, completely covering the person. |
| 7. chasuble: <i>casula</i> , little house. | G. Where the liturgical actions take place. The sanctuary is usually set apart from the rest of the church by a raised floor, special shape or decoration. |
| 8. viaticum: <i>composita</i> , food for the journey (<i>via</i> , way). | H. Used for the consecration of the wine at Mass. |
| 9. tabernacle: <i>tabernaculum</i> , tent or hut. | I. From this location, the Scriptures are read. |