

## We Listen and Pray

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 18*.

❖ God speaks to us in the two readings and in the Gospel. We want to hear what God says to us. The words of the Gospel are very important to us.

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❖ After each reading, we say “Thanks be to God.” The readings are one of the ways that God speaks to us. We are thankful for God’s love.

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❖ After the first reading, we pray a psalm.

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❖ We get ready for the Gospel Reading by saying or singing “Alleluia.” Alleluia is a word of joy.

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❖ The priest or deacon reads the Gospel from the ambo.

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❖ The Gospel is also called the Good News. The four Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We say “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ” after the Gospel is read.

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❖ We pray the Creed. We say that we believe in God, the Father, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. We believe in the catholic Church. We believe that God forgives our sins and that we will rise from the dead.

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