

BENEFITS OF CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children hear the Word of God in a manner they can understand.

Gospel readings are discussed in their terms, and related to their lives.

Children develop a love of Jesus.

Children grow in their faith.

Children look forward to coming to Mass.

Parents can focus on their Liturgy of the Word without interruption or distraction by their children.



WHAT IS CHILDREN'S LITURGY?

Children ages 6-12 hear God's Word in a language they can understand.

They reflect on God's Word by answering questions about what they heard and respond with praise.

WE WORSHIP GOD, WITH CHILDREN, AT THEIR LEVEL

WHO CAN HELP?

Teenagers or adults who enjoy working with young children. You can spend as little as 1-2 hours of your time a month, or as much as you desire.

"All scripture is inspired of God and is useful for teaching." 2Tim 3:16

For more information, or to volunteer your time and talents, please contact:

Children's Liturgy
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We would love to have you join us!

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Children's Liturgy

Celebrating the Word of God
With Children



*"Let the little children come to me".
Mark 10:13*

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S LITURGY?

Children listen to God's word which has been adapted so that it is easily understood by children.

We respond to God's word with praise and gratitude through song. The children hear God speaking through His Word, through the responses of the other children and through music.

Our mission is:

1. Nurture children's growth in their Catholic Christian faith.
2. Excite them about God's love for them through His Sacred Word
3. To personalize what they hear on Sunday to be meaningful in their lives the rest of the week.
4. Help them develop a personal and loving relationship with Jesus.

"Amen I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Mark 10:15

WHAT DO WE DO?

- o Following the Opening Prayer, children are invited to the front of

the altar and are then led in a procession to the St. Clare room.

- o While adults participate in their Liturgy of the Word, children participate in their own Liturgy of the Word for Children.
- o Children's Liturgy begins with songs of praise.

"Sing to the Lord; bless His name."
Psalm 96:2

- o Sunday scriptures are read and discussed at their level of understanding.

"Take these words of mine...Teach them to your children." Deuteronomy 11:18,19

- o Occasional dramatizations bring scripture to life!
- o The Alleluia is sung and the Apostles Creed is recited.
- o Children's Liturgy concludes with another song of praise.
- o Children are dismissed back to their parents during the Presentation of the Gifts.

IS CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR REAL?

Yes. It fulfills requirements of the *Directory for Masses With Children*.

It is an extension of the Mass, not a substitute for the Mass. It is a concurrent and equally valid part of the Mass.

Scripture readings are the same verses their parents hear in church, but are taken from the *SUNDAY Lectionary for Children*.



WHAT CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS NOT!

We are NOT a substitute for Faith Formation. Children should still participate fully in Faith Formation.

We are NOT babysitting. Children must be old enough to remain attentive and participate fully in discussions.

We are NOT arts and crafts that distract children from focusing on God's Word. We pray, not play.