



Liturgy of the Word with Children

for ages 6-12 years
9 am Sunday Mass

Why We Celebrate

The Second Vatican Council has spoken in the Constitution of the Liturgy about the need for adaptation of the Mass for various groups, including children. The first Synod of Bishops held in Rome in 1967, began to consider how participation of children attending Mass could be made more fruitful. There has been much dialogue about how best to provide a worship environment more easily understood by children and yet uphold the integrity of the Mass.

The adaptation of the lectionary for children along with the Directory of Masses with Children have been the stepping stones for the celebration of Mass at the level that young Catholic children can understand. This allows the children to have a shorter, more exclusive celebration adapted just for them. This is the model in use in our diocese and the liturgy model we have for our parish.

What It Looks Like

Families come to worship in the church as usual. After the opening prayer, the children process to the Parish Hall where they experience God's Word at their own level. The children rejoin their families in the church during the Offertory. They then celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Parish community.

How Adults & Youth Can Serve

Leader (Adult):

- Attend seasonal team meetings
- Arrive on your scheduled day at 8:30 am
- Preside at Liturgy of the Word with Children in the Hall (20 minutes)
Lead the opening prayer, proclaim the gospel; facilitate discussion on readings; lead profession of faith and general intercessions (all materials are provided)

Cantor/Song Leader (Adult/Youth):

- Attend seasonal practice sessions
- Arrive on your scheduled day at 8:30 am
- Lead gathering song, responsorial psalm and gospel acclamation

How Children Can Serve

Child Lector (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders)

- Attend a training session
- Practice reading at home
- Arrive on your scheduled day at 8:45
- Proclaim the First Reading

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