

What is Sunday Liturgy With Children?



Sunday Liturgy With Children is held every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass from September until June for all children ages 4-12 years old. The focus of the group is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

Children are welcome to start at anytime of the year, however, September is the appropriate time because there is a progression to their experiences and time is spent introducing the children to the Celebration of God's Word

**GATHERINGS BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 15**

**The Gospel message is
geared to your child's level
of understanding.**



The Liturgy of the Word with Children is an opportunity for the children in the parish to **LISTEN** to the readings from scripture and **RESPOND** in their own words what the readings are saying to them. The children can move and sing in a response to prayer. We can **PRAY** and **PRAISE** God with words but we can improve or enhance our prayer with **MUSIC**.

What Happens at Liturgy of the Word?

- ✦ Children are invited to leave the assembly after the Opening Prayer at the invitation of the Celebrant.
- ✦ The leader receives the children's lectionary from the celebrant and holds it high as children are led to their place of worship. The children are welcomed and we begin with an Opening Prayer.
- ✦ The First Reading is proclaimed followed by a moment of silence. The Psalm is then sung by the children often accompanied by clapping or some other form of activity. Alleluia is sung with actions. The leader proclaims the Gospel and a reflection based on the reading is led by the leader. The Creed is then proclaimed followed by the Prayers of the Faithful.
- ✦ The children return to their families at this point in the liturgy.
- ✦ **EACH SUNDAY** there is a team of four adults who are present during The Liturgy of the Word with Children to assist with any concerns.