

# Liturgy of the Word for Children

10:00 am Sunday Mass

September 22, 2019 to  
May 17, 2020

No Liturgy of the Word for  
Children on:

Labor Day Weekend  
Palm Sunday  
Easter Sunday  
Memorial Day Weekend

**A Ministry for Children  
age 4 to Grade 2**

**No Registration  
required and no cost to  
participate**

If you would like more  
information about this  
ministry

Or are interested in  
becoming a  
catechist for  
**Liturgy of the Word  
for Children**  
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## **What is Liturgy of the Word for Children?**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a worship experience geared especially for young children. It mirrors the worship experience of the larger community with a style that is engaging and interactive. Jesus himself recognized that children have a pure spirituality, and He made them the primary spiritual model for all believers.

Children's liturgy is not formal religious education and is not intended to substitute for attendance at religious education classes.

The Word of God has a message that is relevant and fitting for children. Liturgy of the Word for Children offers them an opportunity to hear Scriptures in a simpler style of language adapted to their age level and to share their own understanding of God's Word.

Liturgy of the Word for Children gives them a foundation for experiencing and appreciating Scripture. Over several years, the children not only become comfortable with hearing and discussing God's Word but they gain a respect for their liturgical heritage as Catholics.

*From "Children Celebrate" by Pflaum Pub.*

***My dear children,  
You will now go  
To hear God's word,  
To praise Him  
And to reflect  
On the wonderful  
things  
He has done for us.  
  
We will await your  
return  
so that together  
we may celebrate  
the Eucharist.***

## **Guidelines for Parents**

Children are seated with their families during the Introductory Rites of Mass and during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **Please give your child a visual reference point as to where they are seated** so, when they return from the Children's Liturgy, they will not become fearful about locating their seat. For example, "See, our pew is right in front of where the choir sings."

After the Introductory Rites, the priest or deacon invites all children participating in The Liturgy of the Word for Children to **come forward with their catechist to the bottom of the altar steps.**

He then presents the Children's Lectionary to the catechist.

The catechist then leads the children to the narthex of our church where our meeting room is located and where the children's liturgy takes place.

The children return to their families to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the entire parish community.

### ***PARENTS, Please Note:***

***Children under the age of 4 are not encouraged to participate due to their limited attention span. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.***