

# What is...?

## Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word focuses on introducing children to God's Word and its importance in our lives. We celebrate the liturgy in language specifically for a child's understanding, read from a special Lectionary for Children. The readings and message remain the same as a Sunday Mass allowing parents to discuss the readings with their children for deeper understanding.



### What happens during the Children's Liturgy?

Children begin Mass seated with their families and the rest of the congregation. After the Opening Prayer the priest calls the children to the altar and says a special blessing over them. The children then follow their leaders who are carrying the Children's Liturgy banner and the Children's Lectionary into the Main Hall while the choir sings a hymn. The following is a general outline of the Liturgy:

- Opening prayer
- Gospel Acclamation and Gospel Reading
- Discussion and focused activity (children are separated by age at this point)
- Closing prayer and reflection

At the end of the Children's Liturgy, children line up to proceed back into the church and rejoin their parents and the community for the rest of the Mass. This occurs after the Profession of Faith, during the Offertory Collection.

## The Purpose...



- ❖ Children need to know that they are a part of our Catholic Community and are not being excluded from the Mass or other ceremonies that occur during the Mass.
- ❖ Children will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas on the Gospel with their peers and how it relates and is meaningful to them.
- ❖ **Liturgy of the Word for Children is not formal catechism or sacramental preparation classes.** Consider Liturgy of the Word for Children as a tool to further your child's/children's continuing religious education program, and as a springboard for your own family discussions of the Gospel.



## **An invitation...**

All children between the ages of 6 and 9, or in grades 1, 2 or 3 are welcome to join us at the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays to hear the Word of God and participate in group discussions and activities that will further develop their understanding of God's Word and His divine will for us.

## **Meet the Children's Liturgy Team!**

**Fr. Steve Murrin  
Diana Gamboa**

### **Grade 1**

**Blossom De Souza  
Blossom Dias  
Carnelle Valbuena**

### **Grade 2**

**Helen Fredrick  
Ornella Dias  
Carroll Duff**

### **Grade 3**

**Carmela Centofanti  
Susan Wylde  
Rita Chigbo**

**Please feel free to contact any team member with questions and/or comments.  
We can be contacted through the Church or before/after the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays in  
the Parish Hall.**

**No Registration is Required**