

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### What Is It?

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in Grades K through Grade 4, (older children can serve as helpers,) at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass during the school year. Any child in this age group may participate - no registration is necessary.

### What Exactly Do They Do?

The children are invited by the priest/presider of the Mass to gather with their leader in the front of the altar after the Opening Prayer and are sent forth. They process to a Religious Education first floor classroom where an area has been prepared for them. After a brief Welcome and Opening Prayer, they listen to the First Reading and the Gospel that is proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary or the Lectionary used at the Sunday Mass.

After this, an age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the leader through stories, discussions, pictures, or a project - whatever the leader finds most appropriately conveys the meaning of the scriptures. The children are then invited to share their own thoughts and ideas. Following this, the children end with prayer and return to their families at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts.

### How Can You Help?

We are currently in need of Adult Leaders - to lead the Scripture service, reflection, prayers and activities at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. Leaders are scheduled on a rotating basis; resources for preparation and reflection are provided; previous teaching experience is NOT required as this is a ministry of faith-sharing rather than teaching. We also need Adult or Teen Helpers.

### How Do You Volunteer?

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