

**What is Children's Liturgy?
What is a Children's Mass?**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is for children from Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. It is held during the sacrifice of the Mass on Saturday or Sunday (not Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Super Bowl Sunday or Easter weekends from September 15 to May 15).

The priest invites children to come to the altar. After the priest gives children a blessing, Liturgy Leaders and Assistants take the children to the designated area. The main goal of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is to help the children grow closer to God and His people. We read and explain the Bible readings to them. We also pray, read, sing, and act out stories to enable children to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ every day. After the Liturgy, the children return to Mass before the gifts are taken to the altar.

A Children's Mass may have one or more of the following: children singing in the choir, lectoring, ushering, and taking up gifts. A CCD class or youth group can perform a skit based on the Gospel after the priest's homily. The whole congregation participates at a Children's Mass.