

## Mission

Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry provides age-appropriate proclamation of the Sunday Readings, with child-friendly reflection, prayer and song for children in grades K-5, to help them participate more fully and actively in the Mass.

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*All who work with children are  
safe environment trained.*



During the  
**10:00 a.m. Mass**

**CHILDREN'S  
LITURGY**

SCHEDULE 2019-2020

September 29

October 6, 13 & 27

November 10 & 17

December 1, 8 & 15

January 5, 12 & 26

February 2, 9 & 23

March 1, 8 & 29

April 5 & 19

May 3 & 17

June 7 & 21

July 5 & 19

August 2 & 16

# Children's Liturgy Of the Word

*"Let the little children come to me."  
Matthew 19:14*



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## Overview of Ministry

Children's Liturgy of the Word is ideally offered to children age 4-9 at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) helps children develop an appreciation for the Word of God in a language that is age-appropriate and in a manner that they understand.

**Schedule is located on the back and no registration needed.**

## To improve your child's experience

- Sit near the front. Children who can see the "action" of the Liturgy are more likely to be engaged.
- Actively participate through singing, gesturing, praying, sitting in silence, etc. Model good practices for your child.
- Pay attention to symbols and signs of the seasons. Point them out.

## Format of Liturgy of the Word

Children will be called to the front of the Church by Father after the Opening prayer. They will receive a blessing and then process out to a song of support sung by the entire community.

Liturgy of the Word with Children will include elements that we normally experience at Sunday Mass.

- Old Testament Reading
- Psalm (sung)
- New Testament Reading
- Alleluia (sung)
- Gospel
- Reflection/Homily
- Creed (Apostles or Nicene)
- Petitions

Children will experience ritual of the liturgy by practicing silence, singing, listening, proclaiming, processing and learning reverence for the Word of God in an interactive way.

The children return to the church in procession, offer their gifts at the altar, and then prepare themselves for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## Purpose

To provide a focused environment where children are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God's Word.

## Goal

Is to help children:

- Have an age-appropriate experience of Liturgy of the Word.
- Apply the Word of God to their own experiences and actions.
- Become closer to God.
- Learn how to fully participate in the Mass.

## To make the most of Children's Liturgy

- Make sure your child uses the restrooms before Mass.
- Impress upon your child the importance of remembering that the Children's Liturgy of the Word is still part of the mass and his or her behavior should be appropriate for liturgy.
- Discuss the readings with your children before or after mass.