

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

OUTLINE 10:30 MASS

Retrieve **The Children's Liturgy of the Word** Guide (a paperback book) from the shelf in the sacristy. This will be your guide to conduct the class. The book is in date order (look for the lesson for your scheduled volunteer date) it offers reflections on the readings. Also, retrieve the **Lectionary for Masses with Children** (It is large and red) from the shelf. This book will be used as your reference for the readings of the week. You can ask an alter server to place it on the Deacon's chair. This will serve as a reminder for the Deacon to announce the Children's Liturgy dismissal.

After the introductory rites, the presiding deacon will announce for the children to come to the front. The leader(s), assistant(s) and children will walk to the front. The deacon will hand the **Lectionary for Masses with Children** to one of the children. Everyone will walk down the stairs, (quietly) to the lower level meeting room.

Guide for the class:

1. Start session with the **Liturgy Guide** page in the workbook. **Prayer, (located in the workbook) First reading (use Lectionary for all readings,) Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel and Homily/Reflection. Profession of Faith and Prayer of the Faithful** are included in the workbook. There is also a "**scripture background**" and "**preparation**" section in the workbook, if you choose to include some of the points in with the lesson.
2. Conduct the class using both the red Lectionary (the readings) and the resource guide throughout the session. The assistant may do the readings, using the children's Lectionary. The class is typically 10-15 minutes long. An usher will usually come down and let us know when we have 5 minutes to go back to mass. An assistant may also walk back and see how the mass is progressing. Distribute handouts (coloring, educational booklets pertaining to what was discussed in class) to the children before everyone leaves. The handouts are placed in a box in the meeting room. The Assistants may lead the children back to mass **quietly** up the stairs near the addition and through the baptistery. Make sure the children are back with their families. They may need assistance. Place both books back on the shelf in the sacristy before you go back to mass.

*If a student needs to use the restroom or get a drink of water during children's liturgy, they should be accompanied by an adult who will wait for them outside the restroom. If an issue arises and they need assistance, there must be two trained volunteers present, in compliance with safe environment regulations.

*You may take the **Children's Liturgy of the word guide** home the week before your scheduled time, after the 10:30 mass. This may be helpful in preparing for your lesson. **Please make sure that you bring it back, we only have a few on hand.**