

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - CYCLE A VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW



## GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

### WEEKLY FLOW OUTLINE

#### 1. Before You Meet With the Children

Read the Scripture readings (see below), especially the Gospel.

Readings also found at: <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

#### 2. Invite the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your words and actions.

#### 3. Welcome the Children

Begin with a warm welcome and the Sign of the Cross.

#### 4. Proclaim the Gospel - Read out loud directly from Scripture.

#### 5. Reflection Questions (sample questions provided but follow the Spirit!)

Encourage children to participate but never require a child to speak.

#### 6. Send Forth

Close with prayer and return to Mass reverently.



### REMINDER

God works through your kindness, patience, and presence.

Trust that the Holy Spirit is at work—even in moments of silence.

"Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)

### THANK YOU

Your presence helps our parish children encounter Jesus in a way that is prayerful, welcoming, and suited to their age. You are not expected to have all the answers. Your role is simply to help the children listen to the Gospel and reflect on how it connects to their lives. Children's Liturgy of the Word is an invitation—an opportunity for children to feel safe, seen, and loved by God and by the Church.



# Children's Liturgy of the Word – Cycle A



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Scripture

- **First Reading:**  
Isaiah 8:23–9:3
- **Gospel:** Matthew  
4:12–23

**Theme:** Jesus calls us to follow Him.



### Reflection Questions

**Personal:** What might Jesus be asking you to do today?

**Relational:** Who helps you follow Jesus by their example?

**Mission:** How can you say “yes” to Jesus this week?

### Catechist Note

Emphasize that Jesus calls ordinary people to follow him — including us.

### Sending Forth Prayer

Jesus, help us follow You with happy hearts.  
Amen.



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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 67

## Reading 1

Isaiah 8:23–9:3

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First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun  
and the land of Naphtali;  
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,  
the land west of the Jordan,  
the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:  
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.  
The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

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**R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

One thing I ask of the LORD;  
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD  
and contemplate his temple.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

## Reading 2

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree in what you say,  
and that there be no divisions among you,  
but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.  
For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters,  
by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you.

I mean that each of you is saying,  
"I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos,"  
or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."  
Is Christ divided?

Was Paul crucified for you?

Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel,

and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,  
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

## Alleluia

Matthew 4:23

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**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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## Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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he withdrew to Galilee.

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in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet  
might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles,  
the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death  
light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,  
Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew,  
casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.

He said to them,

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers,

James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets.  
He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father  
and followed him.  
He went around all of Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom,  
and curing every disease and illness among the people.

**or**

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