

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



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Scripture

- **First Reading:**
Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9
- **Gospel:** Matthew
28:16–20

God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — a perfect relationship of love, and we are invited into that love.



Reflection Questions

Personal: Jesus tells the disciples, “I am with you always.” When do you most need to remember that Jesus is with you?

Relational: How can you show love like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in your family or friendships this week?

Mission: What is one way YOU can share God's love this week?

Catechist Note

The Trinity is a mystery even adults cannot fully explain, so keep it simple and relational for children. Focus less on “figuring out” the Trinity and more on understanding that God is love and never alone. The Father loves us, Jesus stays with us, and the Holy Spirit helps and guides us every day. Emphasize Jesus' promise: “I am with you always.”

Sending Forth Prayer

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for loving us and staying close to us every day. Help us share Your love with others this week.

Amen.



Daily Readings

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Lectionary: 164

Reading 1

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) **Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Reading 2

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.
Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.
All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Alleluia

Cf. Revelation 1:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
