

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.

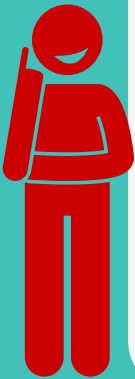
4. Proclaim the Gospel - Read out loud directly from Scripture.

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.



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Living Like Jesus

Scripture

- **First Reading:**
Exodus 19:2–6a
- **Gospel:** Matthew
9:36–10:8

Jesus teaches us how to live with love, mercy, and faith.



Reflection Questions

Personal: What is Jesus teaching us today through this Gospel?

Relational: How can you live this Gospel at home or at school this week?

Mission: What is one loving action you can do to follow Jesus this week?

Catechist Note

This Gospel reminds us that Jesus sees the needs of every person and invites each of us to help care for His people.

Even though we may feel young, unqualified, or unsure of ourselves, God can use our gifts to make a difference.

Sending Forth Prayer

Jesus, help us live Your Word with love. Amen.



Daily Readings

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 91

Reading 1

Exodus 19:2-6a

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

R. (3c) **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song.

R. **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

Know that the LORD is God;

he made us, his we are;
his people, the flock he tends.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

The LORD is good:

his kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Reading 2

Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters:

Christ, while we were still helpless,
yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.
Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Alleluia

Mark 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36–10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the twelve apostles are these:

first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus,

"Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."
