

1: Catholic Mass Worksheets - Activities for Catholic children related to the Sunday Mass and Gospel

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At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the children return to the church. In "Redemptionis Sacramentum," No. For this reason it is not licit to separate one of these parts from the other and celebrate them at different times or places. I do not believe that "Redemptionis Sacramentum" was referring to this practice but to a grave abuse propagated by some groups in which the celebration of the two tables, that of the Word and that of the Eucharist, was carried out at different times and in different places -- sometimes even separated by several hours and interrupted by other activities. The practice of separating young children, above all those who have yet to receive first Communion, for a special Liturgy of the Word is an entirely different case. First of all, we usually are dealing with children who are not yet obliged to assist at the Eucharistic celebration, and the special Liturgy of the Word is more resonant of catechesis which prepares them for full participation later and opens them to the treasures of Scripture. Second, and I would say decisively, this practice is legitimate because it is actually foreseen in the liturgical norms. In many places parish Masses are celebrated, especially on Sundays and holy days, at which a good many children take part along with the large number of adults. On such occasions the witness of adult believers can have a great effect upon the children. Adults can in turn benefit spiritually from experiencing the part that the children have within the Christian community. The Christian spirit of the family is greatly fostered when children take part in these Masses together with their parents and other family members. Nevertheless, in Masses of this kind it is necessary to take great care that the children present do not feel neglected because of their inability to participate or to understand what happens and what is proclaimed in the celebration. Some account should be taken of their presence: Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own liturgy of the word. They may, for example, bring forward the gifts or perform one or other of the songs of the Mass No. In this case the homily should be directed to them but in such a way that adults may also benefit from it. Altar of Repose Two inquiries touched on the March 15 column regarding the altar of repose. A woman religious writing from Kenya asks: There are days of the year in which we ought to give due prayerful attention to the Eucharistic mystery. And this reaches the climax on Maundy Thursday. But then could it not be explicitly stated that after the midnight of Maundy Thursday our entire attention should be on the Passion of Our Lord and thus also helping in the better understanding of the term altar of repose? Therefore, public prayers should not be organized at the altar of repose after this time and in some places the number of lighted candles is reduced. Likewise, if the Divine Office is prayed in church on Good Friday it should be celebrated in the main body of the building, not at the altar of repose. It does not preclude however, any traditional private devotions and visits to the tabernacle nor, strictly speaking, would it exclude organizing turns of adoration to accompany the tabernacle, especially in those places where it is traditional to leave the church open all night or where the circumstances make it necessary to always have someone present to prevent profanation. Certainly, even in such private visits, attention should be centered more on the mystery of the Passion than on the Eucharistic mystery. Before the liturgical celebration of the Passion begins, all but the two candles to be brought to the altar for Communion should be extinguished and any electric lighting turned off. Another correspondent, writing from the Fiji Islands, asks: On Holy Thursday afternoon the Eucharist should be removed from the tabernacle and locked away in a dignified and secure place until Easter Sunday. A lamp should be lit in the room, but no public veneration or visits are allowed. For this reason No.

2: Children's Prayers

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I make a lot of suggestions based on what works for me, but it has been awhile since I shared a full lesson plan that I have used in class. In preparation for First Communion, I created this Liturgy of the Word lesson plan for children to help my second grade students learn the prayers of the Catholic Mass and understand why we spend time reading the Scripture every time we go to Mass. I hope you can use some of what I have done and adapt it to your class. I have found it is a good practice to spend some time brainstorming where I think the students are right now before considering where I want them to be learning objectives. So, regarding the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word, I wrote: They think Mass is boring. They have trouble focusing on the readings and the homily at Mass. Here are the lesson objectives for this Liturgy of the Word lesson plan: Students will feel SWF interested in listening to the readings at Mass. Textbook Worksheet This particular worksheet introduced the terms connected to the Liturgy of the Word. Intentions See more prayer before class ideas. I told them a mini-testimony about what it was like for me to go to a Baptist church with my grandparents when I was their age. Can you think of the similarities? After prayer, I asked them the following questions: Why would we need the manual? What about this book the Bible? What is it for? When do we use the Bible? Why would we need the Bible? Through a series of open-ended questions, I helped them reach this conclusion: We need to understand our lives a little better and we need help getting fixed. Not what I had in mind. Liturgy of the Word On the board, I listed the main parts of the Liturgy of the Word that I wanted them to know and clarified for the readings what part of the Bible it was from: First Reading before Jesus.

3: Simple Passover Seder Instructions

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That reality should be enough to keep our attention. And yet boredom is a reality that good liturgy can help fight. Many parishes try to do so by inventing every manner of new enticement: The attempt to jazz up the liturgy usually takes the form of musical enhancements and nearly always means more instruments and rhythms drawn from popular music. But these approaches often backfire since the argument for them is flawed at its root. The latest Gallup poll of Catholics shows that weekly Mass attendance 45 percent do so continues to slip, and for the first time has slipped behind Protestant churches 48 percent. The defectors from the Roman rite include those who flee to indults and Eastern liturgies or just drop out. Yet the decline in the desire to attend Mass coincides with the de-emphasis on solemnity and the advance of mundane art forms in liturgy -- the popularization of music being the most conspicuous shift. People may say they love to hold hands, dance, and tap their toes at Mass, but this wears thin over time and eventually undermines the rationale for steady devotion. In fact, a Notre Dame Study of Catholic Parish Life concluded that unrelenting attempts to get people to sing -- especially attempts that employ guitars -- actually increase boredom. There are, however, ways to break with routine and inspire steadfastness and personal attachment to the liturgy. What follows are 14 very simple steps for repairing the weaknesses that mar many U. Professional liturgists resist them because of the prevailing bias against anything that smacks of a preVatican II sensibility. Nonetheless, the following suggestions are born of experience and a conviction that the first aim of liturgy is to aid inner reflection. The suggestions below are simple and costless. They need not be implemented all at once. Small changes week by week will make a huge difference over time. Turn down the volume. Beyond just being heard, the goal of all these contraptions and behaviors is to make the liturgy ever louder. The results are more often than not earsplitting, creating a sort of stupor. Ironically, experts in the advertising world have found that the low voice actually draws out the attention of the listener. The virtue of silence has been rediscovered in recent years, with numerous statements by Pope John Paul II and Vatican officials praising its ability to convey meaning in a noisy world. The musical counterpart to silence is not in-your-face pop but distant sounds of contemplation. Turn down the mikes and sing as if the human voice alone is responsible for filling the space. This will diminish the electronic presence in the liturgy and increase the God-given one as a means through which we are worshiping Him. Chant for a prelude. Keyboard music is common during this time, but imagine something different: The simple sounds inspire prayer. It is a time for reflection, to begin to hear the voice of angels who speak in an unfamiliar tongue. The meaning is conveyed in the line of notes. In an age when the secular world lays claim on most of our time, making a few announcements has become a pastoral necessity. Sunday Mass is often the only opportunity a pastor has to inform his flock concerning parish and community life. Few are lucky enough to have schedules that permit them to go to daily Mass, much less have their children attend Catholic schools, and gone are the days where the parish or church plays a central role in the life of the village. Welcoming statements from cantors or others before the procession even begins have nothing to do with the rite itself and are most likely utterances contrived for the purpose of artificially engaging the attention of the congregation. Mass begins when the priest enters the church, with or without a cross bearer, book bearer, lector, or deacon. Choose plain, traditional hymns for the processional. The first Christian hymns were Psalms, the text of which was already years old when first used, and the melodies handed down from Jewish and Greek traditions. The principle then is the same today: Hymns should bespeak the long tradition of the faith, whether in Latin or in English, in form or in style. Liturgical music that mimics the sound of secular music should be left outside the church. Singable hymns with familiar meters and cadences will tie members of the congregation together in adoration and prayer and to the experience of the whole body of Christ, in all times and all places. Liturgical music exclusively tied to current times and styles cannot accomplish this. More importantly, the sights and sounds of the Mass, although communal in one sense, must ultimately point the

individual conscience to the mystery unfolding on the altar. Processional music can also employ the choir alone, a stately piece of polyphony that lets people put down their hymnbooks and watch as the celebrant and altar servers walk forward carrying the crucifix. In any case, liturgists make a great mistake in believing that people come to Mass only because they want to sing or that active participation can only take one form. One of the earliest and most recognizable parts of the Mass is not in Latin but Greek: It has long been a living symbol of the unity of Eastern and Western Christendom. And yet for all the bits of music in the Roman Rite, the "Lord, Have Mercy" is most often said, not sung, by the priest and answered by the people. This beautiful passage of the penitential rite begins and is over in less than a few seconds. The Kyrie seems to have taken on a diminished role in the liturgy, but is it too much to ask that a bit more time be taken in this beautiful expression of penance? If active participation in singing is what we desire, the Kyrie can be easily sung by even the least-musical priest or cantor and answered by the faithful. It can be sung in the original Greek. Everyone knows the words. By introducing new music settings according to the liturgical season, variation can be brought to the Mass. It serves at the outset as a reminder of why we have gathered at Mass as a community. Choose a plainer Gloria. An about-face is in order toward the simpler settings that can be easily learned and sung by all. A simple, English version can tap into traditional, chant-like sensibilities and do much to restore dignity and beauty to this song of praise. A timeless Latin Gloria remains unmatched for the purpose of praising God in the liturgy. Congregations can be easily overwhelmed when faced with something the length of the Gloria. The Latin will come in time, should you choose to keep working toward it. An English Gloria may well fit the needs of the congregation on most occasions. Not to be forgotten, however, is that the General Instruction does permit a Gloria sung by the choir alone. You might want to exercise this option and do a plain Latin Gloria on certain feast days only, or perhaps even pull out all of the stops and do a polyphonic version, if rehearsal time and resources permit. John Chrysostom reports that the Christians sang the Psalms unceasingly, and it was the earliest part of Scripture translated into Latin. Their centrality in Christian worship cannot be overestimated. The development of the sung Psalter is central to the development of all Christian music and music itself. What has happened to the Psalms today? What is possible is that they be done in radically reduced melodic form, without strange intervals or leaps. A simple line consisting of just a few notes is a fitting transition to using psalm tones or something more elaborate. At first, it might seem intimidating, even downright frightening, to abandon the printed line of music. The method is to sense the need for solemnity, and let the ear guide you. The Psalm should begin not with an instrument but a confident single voice. His or her line of notes should be simple enough to be repeated by the people. The verses themselves should not be sung by the entire choir which makes them sound muddy but, again, by a single voice, who should think of it as a sung text. That means the singer must enunciate clearly and modulate the voice in a way that uses the space well. The Offertory should be a time of preparation. During the offertory, the bread and wine are brought forward to prepare us for the Eucharistic Prayer and the Consecration. The music therefore should not overshadow what follows but rather point to the coming sacrifice and prepare us mentally and spiritually. Something quiet and beautiful again, employing the human voice is the way. Have the congregation sing a simple hymn, beginning with accompaniment if necessary, allowing the final verse or two to be sung a capella. The keyboard might be of assistance in getting people to sing, but in the long run, the congregation will become more confident if allowed to experience the beauty and mystery of their own voices joining together in preparation for the feast. The offertory is also a good time to familiarize people with the great Latin hymns of the faith. Over the course of a year, the goal can be to cover only a modest number: With enough repetition, these can be learned by anyone. They really should become part of the life of faith again. They tend to have Broadway-type orchestration, to be overdrawn, and to appear suddenly and without warning. Jarring at best, their drama, distilled into five seconds, can compete with the mystery of the Consecration itself. Simple chants sung by the people in a manner that extends from silent prayer are more appropriate. The "Mystery of Faith" was never separate from the Consecration in the "old" Mass, so there is no authentic precedent to light our way. What can be done, however, is to reduce the "Mystery of Faith" to a single, unrepeated line without accompaniment. For that matter, the Amen need not be "great" but rather just two notes. Shorten the Sign of Peace. This part of the liturgy, once very formal and reserved to the deacons

and subdeacons, can be disconcerting. The minutes after the consecration just seem like a bad time to be required to greet people with a friendly hello or a kiss. The choir can do something about this. Just begin the "Lamb of God" right away. Most people will be grateful. Begin the communion chant a simple Latin hymn will do after the priest receives.

4: Advent and Christmas Crafts and Activities for Kids

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A traditional Seder meal is long. In celebrating this feast we are honoring a feast, instituted by God and celebrated by Jesus himself. Our Christian Passover Seder Candles lit on the table: Representing Jesus, who is the light of the World Food on table; Roasted lamb, unleavened bread, boiled egg, bitter herbs horseradish, Charoseth a sweet mixture of apples, cinnamon, grape-juice [or wine], and walnuts, salt water, parsley, and wine or grape juice Children should know this is a special tradition. Inform them ahead of time that the focus will be solely on the Passover and on Christ. We start by reading Exodus We celebrate this feast to help us remember that God rescued the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. On the night before He delivered them, God told them to kill a lamb and to cover the top of their doorway with its blood. Every Israelite family who did what God said was protected from the plague of death in their home. He became the ultimate sacrificial lamb. We no longer have to kill a lamb like they did under the Old Covenant for forgiveness of sin. This sacrifice was all-sufficient, once for all. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed! He poured out His soul unto death for us, so that we may be saved. When we accept Christ as our personal Savior, His blood covers us- protecting us from eternal death and bondage. The night before Christ died, He celebrated the Passover dinner with His disciples and said that from now on until the end of the age we are to partake of the Lords supper as a reminder of His death and resurrection until He comes again. It is good for us to tell this story to our children, especially during the week of Passover, since it is a prophetic picture of what Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Also, thank Him for the food that is about to be partaken of. At this time, the head of table passes each food item one by one and explains what they represent

Platter of roasted Lamb: We eat this in memory of the lamb that the Israelites sacrificed the night before they escaped out of Egypt. Jesus was our final perfect Lamb who was sacrificed for us all. Unleavened bread I made Gluten Free Matzo: Store bought Matzo can be used. We eat it in remembrance of His body that was slain for us. Boiled Egg- In Jewish tradition it is a roasted egg the egg stands for renewal. The Israelites were going to start a new life and we have new life in Christ because of what He did on the cross for us. Bitter herbs-We serve horseradish as a reminder of the bitterness of the slavery in Egypt. Jesus suffered greatly for us that we may be saved. Remind them that on the cross He was given the bitter vinegar on the sponge to drink. Charoseth- This is a mixture of chopped apples, walnuts, grape-juice or wine, cinnamon, and brown sugar. Symbolizes the mortar and bricks the Israelites used in making the bricks for the king of Egypt. Karpas

We use parsley for this. Small bowl of salt water

Tears of the Israelites in bondage. Dip the parsley into the salt water bowl and eat it. Grape juice or wine poured in glasses

At the Last Supper Jesus said that the wine represented His own blood, poured out for us all. Drink in remembrance of Him until He comes again. Jesus is the Messiah who died on the cross and rose again on the third day! He is alive today and all who accept Him become joint Heirs with Him. Our inheritance is great. There is no right or wrong way to celebrate this feast with your family. Just celebrate, fill your home with the glory of our risen Savior with praise, worship and adoration to Him who is, was and always will be! And at this time, the meal is concluded! Our family watches Jesus of Nazareth after the dinner. Easter is usually the only time of year our family eats lamb. Typically I roast an entire leg of lamb the whole afternoon before the meal. Ours always falls off the bone and is SO tender. I made Gluten Free Matzo this year! Yep, thrift stores are amazing! I bought the glass dishes for pennies. I have never partook in a Seder meal. This is interesting to me. However this is a lovely way to share the work of the cross with my family. By the way, your table decorations are always so beautiful. If you do the meal you may want to have some back up food ready when the meal is over. It took a few years for our children to like lamb. It could be that we raised sheep all their life and they LOVE lambs as pets! It gets easier every year the more you get used to doing it!

5: Why Children's Liturgies Give Me the Willies

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6: Sermon on the Mount (Beatitudes) children's version

This can be challenging for young children because they may not understand the words, symbols, and actions of the Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word, also known as CLOW, gives our parish children a weekly opportunity to learn about and actively participate in the Mass.

If someone sneezes we usually hear someone say, "bless you! Jesus had been walking with his disciples always teaching and talking with them. More and more people would see Jesus and follow him because they could sense there was something special about him. This was one of those days and people had been following and Jesus decided to stop on a hillside with his disciples and teach to all who wanted to listen. Jesus will make ten points in the first part of his sermon known as the beatitudes. All except one of these points start with the word blessed. So we should probably figure out what the word means before we continue. To be blessed is to be more than happy. Jesus starts off with blessed are those who are poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. That you understand that God has given you all the great things or blessings and we should be very thankful and even willing to give them up or share them with others. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. God promises to comfort us when we need it. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Being meek is being patient, not easily angered and not thinking of yourself too highly. A bad example of this in the Bible were the Pharisees. They would make sure people knew that they were fasting and praying and seemed proud about what they were doing for God. Except God is looking for us to do these things without putting on a show for others but doing it just for God, not for approval from others. Doing a nice, kind thing for someone is super, but we can always keep on doing that, plus more. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: Being righteous is impossible on our own. Can we always do right by God? No, and God knows that. The verse not only asks us to try to be righteous but to hunger and thirst for it. Have you ever been really hungry and thirsty? To be truly hungry and thirsty you might have to go without food or water for more than a day or two. Blessed are the merciful: To have mercy is to be loving and kind to others. Blessed are the pure in heart: Being pure is like having a clean heart. Jesus is talking about the place where we think and make decisions, why we do things, and our thoughts. Blessed are the peacemakers: The simplest way to explain this is someone who makes peace. Helping others to get along would be a big part of it. The second part of this beatitude says: God knows that being who He wants is not the way the world acts. By living a life doing things for others confuses the way the world thinks. This is opposite to the life God wants us to lead. The beatitudes end saying that we should rejoice and be glad because by following these we will receive great treasures in heaven. We all are still figuring out how to do these things. God calls us to be different than the rest of the world. He wants to help and be a big part of decisions you make and all that you do. He wanted to give us something to aim for, to work on our whole life to try to achieve. He wants us to try our best and give us a life full of blessings and reward us even bigger in heaven someday.

7: Children's Liturgies Made Easy - Barbara Bartley, Carol Wilson - Google Books

A recently witnessed Facebook exchange forced me to confront a deep, dark truth about myself: I hateâ€”no, not hate; I loathe, despise, abhor, abhor children's www.enganchecubano.com feeling was a.

8: Liturgy of the Word

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9: Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) - The Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community - Redlands, CA

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