

WORSHIPING AT ALL SOULS CHURCH ON WEEKENDS

Parents seeking to enroll their children in the All Souls Religious Education Program, should be registered in the Parish of All Souls and worshipping regularly with the child in the Parish of All Souls.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: It does a family good:

Parish urges parents to make Sunday Mass a family commitment. The Faith Life Prayerful lessons taught in the Religious Education classrooms await a generous response from the parents and children in order that it be encouraged, nurtured and fostered at home with our families.

Coming together to celebrate that Faith Life in a prayerful form with our larger extended families on the weekends becomes a tangible sign of our desire to be integrated into the People of God who are of one mind and heart, who encounter the Real Presence of Christ and witness and experience forgiveness from God.

The Parish family is directed to listen to the Word of God proclaimed and broken for us and invited to pray for one another, for our needs and necessities. Following this encounter with the Real presence of Christ, we are invited at the celebration of the Eucharist to partake Him in the One Bread and One Cup at the Table of the Lord.

Then we are sent forth in peace to love and serve Him and one another.

The Children registered in the program as a class, take the initiative and responsibility once a month to share different parts of the Sunday Mass. They are expected to

1. participate as lectors or Proclaimers of the Word of God,
2. join in the Offertory procession with the gifts at Mass and
3. serve as Greeters to welcome the General Parish Family to gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and for worship and Praise of our God.

- We believe that with regular practice, children in the Religious Education program gain confidence and feel comfortable at the celebration of the Eucharist, and learn the prayers at Mass.

- The stories of Jesus and His miracles, His compassion to the poor, the sick, the underprivileged, the lost and the forgotten, not only impress them but also evoke a sense of awe and wonder in them.

- They learn to pray primarily from their parents when they watch them worship together. They also learn from the larger community of faith how to pray for one another.

- They appreciate the value and richness of Prayer: to be in communion with God, our Father.

These early years of their formation when introduced with God's Holiness,

- Infuse in them a reverence for God,
- Direct them to honor their parents and respect others and
- Realize that we are all members of One Big Family of God: The Body of Christ, His Church.

It is amazing to see how they learn and grow to be comfortable in the Church, to join in the singing, in praise and worship with the community and at the same time to venture on their own and know that Jesus who cares and loves them, invites them in God's Holy Presence.

We believe, this is something if done consistently and wholeheartedly, will never be lost on our children. It is our earnest and sincere hope that the children and young men and women will remember something if not everything, which will guide them back on their own to seek and develop their own relationship with God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.