

ENROLLMENT RITE

St. Raphael Parish
October 13, 2018
10:00 a.m.

FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLLMENT RITE

Introductory Rite

GATHERING SONG AND INTRODUCTION

Cantor: We have come together to celebrate our belonging to God's family. We may be different ages but God calls us through Baptism to be one family with Jesus. Let us stand now and sing our gathering song, found in your program.

(All sing gathering song.)

GREETING

Priest: Good morning and welcome to this Enrollment Rite. Today our children will formally begin their preparation to receive First Eucharist next spring. Let us begin as we do all things:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.

Loving God,
we thank you for making us your children through the gift of Baptism
and for calling us to be one family.
May we always share your spirit of love
as sisters and brothers of that family.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5, *Lectionary for Masses with Children*)

Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(pause)

The Lord says this:
Descendants of Jacob,
I, the Lord, created you and formed your nation.

Israel, don't be afraid.
I will rescue you.
I have called you by name,
and you belong to me.

When you cross deep rivers,
I will be with you,
and you won't drown.
When you walk through fire,
you won't be burned or scorched by the flames.

I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
the God who saves you.
Don't be afraid!
I am with you.

From the east and the west I will bring you together.

(pause)

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL (Mark 10:13-16, *Lectionary for Masses with Children*)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Some people brought their children to Jesus
so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them.
But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him.

When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said,
“Let the children come to me!
Don’t try to stop them.
People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of
God.
I promise you that you cannot get into God’s kingdom,
unless you accept it the way a child does.”

Then Jesus took the children in his arms
and blessed them by placing his hands on them.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Key Ideas.

- Today we celebrate a very important event - beginning your preparation to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a very important time for your parents and for your whole church family at St. Raphael.
- We belong to the Christian community through Baptism.
- We are all sisters and brothers in God's family.
- We are called by name and loved always.
- We are supported by our parents, our family, our parish and our friends.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT

Priest: Dear parents, before your children sign their names in the enrollment book, you are invited to profess your faith by renewing the promises of your Baptism. If your faith makes you ready to do so, please stand now and respond by saying "I do."

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?

Parents: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
rose from the dead,
and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Parents: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting?

Parents: I do.

CHILDREN WRITE THEIR NAMES IN THE ENROLLMENT BOOK

Priest: Now I ask all children preparing for Penance and Communion to come forward to be formally entered into our First Eucharist program.

The children come forward and sign their name in one of the Enrollment Books and return to their seats and sit down. After the last candidate returns to their seat, continue.

Priest: St. Raphael's community welcomes you and your family into our Eucharist program. *(lead applause)*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Priest: Please stand as we pray together to the Lord.

God, our Creator, who loves us and calls us by name,
is always with us to hear our prayers.

Cantor: Our sung response is,
"Come hear your children. Lord, hear our prayer."

Reader: For all the children of our parish who are preparing to share
fully in the celebration of the Eucharist,
and for their parents,
that they may be witnesses of Christ,
we pray to the Lord.

All: Come hear your children. Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For catechists, those who teach us about our faith,
that they share the joy of their faith with our children,
we pray to the Lord.

All: Come hear your children. Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our parish community,
that we may welcome among us children who need the example
of our love and faith,
we pray to the Lord.

All: Come hear your children. Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our sisters and brothers all over the world,
that together we always rejoice and give thanks for belonging
to God's family,
we pray to the Lord.

All: Come hear your children. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Gathering our prayers into one,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

*(Before closing, remind families that they are invited to the Trumpet Room
for a reception)*

CLOSING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray:
Lord, our God,
your Son, Jesus welcomed the children and blessed them.
Look with favor on these children of our parish family.
Fill the hearts of these parents with love and care for their
children.
By their example and teaching
may they prepare their children to meet Christ anew in the
fullness of the Eucharist.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Cantor: Let us end our Enrollment Rite by singing *There Is One Lord*,
which can be found on the back of your program.