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W e l c o m e b a c k to **Children's Liturgy!** If your family is new to St. Mary's Parish, we would like to share some information about us...

Our program runs from

October to June of each year. It is offered at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, with the exception of the first Sunday of each month, which is the Family Mass. Our program operates downstairs in the Church, in the meeting rooms beyond the hall through the kitchen. After receiving a blessing at the start of the Mass, the children are led downstairs by a parent volunteer.

Our volunteers use diocesan approved resources to teach a lectionary based catechesis, which presents the Catechism of the Catholic Church in age appropriate and relevant ways to children by using group discussion, activities and crafts. The discussions are based on the Sunday Gospel and, therefore, follow the rhythms and seasons of the liturgical year.

Children's Liturgy currently serves children Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 4. *We are not a babysitting service.* Parents are to ensure that children attending Children's Liturgy have reached an age where they are able to sit, listen, participate and do crafts.

In order to continue offering the level of service that has been enjoyed in the past, **more volunteer educators are required.** If you are interested in helping children learn more about our faith, please contact **Rosanne Dunn at 905-641-3068.** You will be provided with training, resources and ongoing support.

Parents are asked to register their children for the Children's Liturgy program to establish the number of children per volunteer, to provide emergency information and to keep the lines of communication open. Registration forms can be picked up at the entrance to the church, at the parish office or downloaded from www.stmaryrcc.org. Registration will take place the weekend of **September 27th** and **October 4th** in the church hall. Mrs. Dunn will be available to answer any questions after the 11:00am Mass. Forms may also be returned to the parish office or dropped into the collection basket.

We take this opportunity to recognize all the devoted volunteers of St. Mary's Parish who have worked with the Children's Liturgy program for many years and Rosanne Dunn as the Co-ordinator.

*We wish her and all the volunteers every success in this ministry.
May God continue to bless you!*