

# NURTURE PARENT PAMPHLET

Entrance Procession  
Sept. 25/26/27, 2022

## Lesson #3

•Fall Break-  
**NO CLASSES**  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
•Classes will  
resume  
October 16<sup>th</sup>,  
17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>



WELCOME BACK!

- Talk about how we come to see Jesus at Mass
- Learn why we stand during the Entrance Procession
- Meet some special Mass helpers!

**Our Lady of the Lake  
Catholic Church**  
Early Childhood Faith Formation



**Partners in your family's  
faith formation journey.**

Once, St. Teresa of Avila was overwhelmed with God's goodness and asked Jesus, "How can I thank you?"

Our Lord replied,  
*"ATTEND ONE MASS."*

Let the little children come to me.  
Matthew 19:14

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

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# FAMILY CIRCLE

Sit together with your child/ren on your family mat. The children can sit next to you or on your lap. The closer, the better! Feel free to add to or omit from this outline to best fit your family.

You should have 1 sets of flashcards in your envelope and one sensory bin with hidden flashcards. Spread the set of flashcards from the envelope in front of you on your family mat or on the floor around you. Have your child(ren) dig through the bin to find a card. Each time they find one card, have them place it on top of the card that matches the one they found. Then talk about the object on the card using the prompts below. It's also ok if they hold onto the match while you talk about each flashcard and then place it on top of the match too. (encourage them to use the tweezers to pick it up-this develops their hand muscles, which will help with handwriting later!)

**Crucifix:** A crucifix leads the entrance procession to remind us that we are here to see Jesus.

**Candles:** Candles are brought up and placed next to the ambo where we hear the readings from during the Mass.

**Altar Server:** Altar Servers carry a candle or the crucifix in the Entrance Procession. They may even light the candles before Mass.

**Deacon:** A special servant who helps the priest during the Mass.

**Lectionary:** Often, the Deacon will carry the Lectionary in the procession. The Lectionary is the book that has the stories from the Bible that are read at Mass.

**Priest:** The priest ends the procession and invites us to begin with the Sign of the Cross.

## WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED...

After you have explained each flashcard, you can combine sets and play a matching game.

**Older children:** play Memory! Place all the cards face down. Flip one card over. Flip another card over. If it matches, keep the pair. If they don't match, flip them back over and try again.

**Younger children:** place all cards face up and have the child/ren take turns picking out matches

**Alternative:** Place all cards face up. Child/ren find the cards that the parent has called out the name of.

Play with the Matching Colored Crosses game or other sensory activities.

# ACTIVITY AREA

## DRESS-UP! The Entrance Procession

All families in Activity Area will work together to act out the Entrance Procession of the Mass.

Parents should work together to choose children to dress-up as the following:  
(clothes provided)

**Priest:** white alb with green chasuble

**Deacon:** white alb with green stole

**Altar Server 1:** (white alb with belt)

**Altar Server 2:** (white alb with belt)

**Altar Server 3:** (white alb with belt)

-Use a miniature cross, 2 candles, & a Children's Bible-

The remainder of the children and parents will be the congregation. All should sit in the chairs so that an aisle is formed between them. **Altar Server 1** will go down the aisle first & carry the cross. **Altar Servers 2 & 3** are next, each carrying a candle. **Deacon** (child's name) comes next with the Bible. **Fr.** (child's name) is last, folding hands in prayer. **Congregation** should start by sitting and stand once the procession begins. Parents of infants should "practice Mass behavior" Stand up and whisper to your child what you're doing. "We are standing to show our respect to Jesus. See him on the cross." Even if they don't understand you yet, they will. Keep sharing your faith with your little ones. (see the home helpers for more suggestions) The children will walk down the aisle to the altar and place the candle and bible on the altar. (the altar is the table in the Activity Area with the green cloth on it)

**WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED:** Allow members of the congregation to switch roles and dress up and have the special helpers be part of the congregation this time. Take turns dressing up as time allows until everyone who wants to has had a chance to dress up.

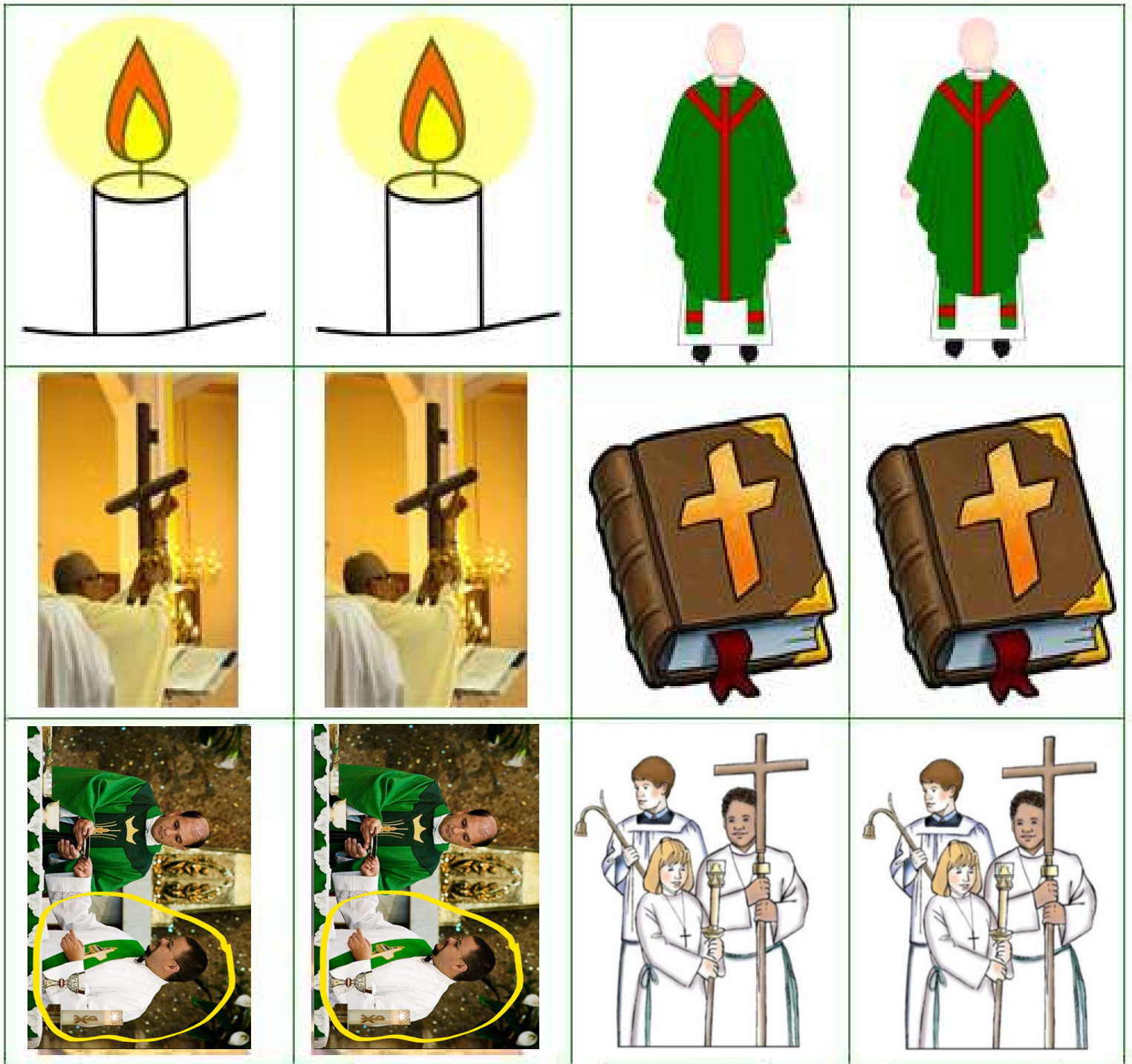
**SENSORY ACTIVITY** for infants/young toddlers:

Bag filled with triangles and other items that have 3 parts, representing the Trinity. Repeat the words Father, Son & Holy Spirit as your child points at the objects. Sensory bottle with blue and yellow colors available. Children can also look at the light table and mix the items to make green (overlap the blue and yellow items to make green)

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# HOME HELPERS

- **Gently tap your child's lap** so they know when it is time to stand for the entrance procession.
- **Learn the names of your priests and deacons** so that you can point them out to your children by name. **What color vestments are they wearing today?**
- **Do you know any of the altar servers today?**
- **Hold infants and toddlers** so they can see the special helpers. Sitting in the front is encouraged so children can see what is happening at the altar. **Where do the altar servers go? Did you see the priest and deacon kiss the altar?** The altar is special!
- **Older children** can begin following along in the Children's hymnal even if they can't read yet. (these are available at the back of the church-please return after Mass)





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