

PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL

Presider: Children, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the name of all who believe in him and are here today, we welcome you to celebrate the gift of God's Word to us in the Scriptures.

I invite you to come forward and to stand in front of the altar so that we can present you with these precious words of life.

Candidates come forward and kneel in front of the altar

PRESENTATION of the SCRIPTURES

Presider: Let us pray for these candidates that God will fill their hearts with love for the Scriptures they are about to receive.

Loving Father, bless these candidates
for First Holy Communion.

Through your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds
and open their hearts to love and treasure the words of the Gospel.

Through reading and praying the Scriptures
may they come to know Jesus
and his love for them,
putting his words into practice in their lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

BLESSING of the GOSPEL BOOKS

Presider:

We now ask God to bless these books of the Gospel.

May our candidates find in them the living word of God.

May these words of the Gospel enlighten their minds and fill their hearts with God's love.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of his Church here present, we are happy to invite our candidates to come forward to receive the book which contains the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The children come forward to receive a copy of the Gospel

The presider says the following words as he hands the Gospel to the child:

Receive the Gospel,
the Good News of Jesus Christ,
Son of God.

Candidate: Thanks be to God

The children return to their places and Mass continues with the general intercessions.