



*Jesus said, I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall not thirst.*

*John: 6:35*

## The Presentation of the Gospels



*Sacrament of First Holy Communion*



*A catechist calls each candidate by name. Candidates come forwards and stand in front of the altar.*

**Celebrant:** 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 have invited you to stand in front of the altar so that we can present you with these precious words of life.

*Presentation of the Scriptures*

**Celebrant:** 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, Amen.

*Blessing of the Gospel Books*

**Celebrant:** We now ask God to bless these books of the Gospel. May our children 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.

**Catechist:** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of his Church here present, we are happy to invite our children who are preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, 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 Priest says the following words as he hands the Gospel to the child:*

\*\*\*\*\**(name of child)*, receive the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

**Child:** Thanks be to God.

*The children may now return to their seats.*

**Prayers of Intercessions**

**Celebrant:** We now pray for our candidates, that God's word will give them life.

**Prayer 1:** We pray that the book of the Gospel, which our candidates have received, may enlighten and inspire them to know, love and follow Jesus throughout their lives.

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We pray that they may learn to listen with their hearts to God speaking to them in the words of the Gospel.

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We pray that God's word may be a living word that speaks to them every day of their lives.

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**Celebrant:** Lord, bless these children who now receive your word. May the word of God always live in their hearts that they may bring your Good News to the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.