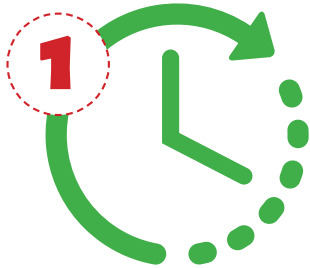


Christmas Mass: Tips for Kids

Sunday Mass with kids can be hard. But Christmas Mass brings some additional challenges that are best met with preparation.



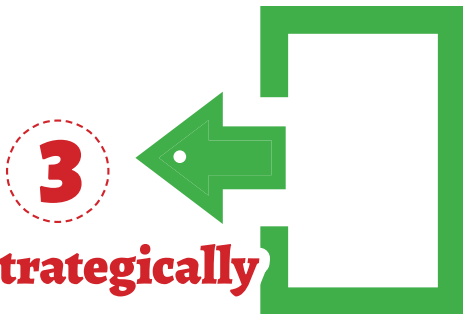
Arrive early

Christmas Mass is always full. Get there early so your family can all sit together.



Dress nice but don't stress

It's important to mark the occasion by dressing up but if the Paw Patrol socks are causing you to be late, see #1. It might be a time to concede.



Sit strategically

Sitting in the front will help kids pay attention, but have an exit route for when your baby won't stop crying or someone has to use the bathroom.

Don't be tempted to take a lot of extra

Packing snacks and toys seems like a good idea, and for some kids it can be, but all that extra distracts and gets in the way when it's crowded. (See #1.) Keep it to a minimum as much as you can.



Smile! It's Christmas

For some people (the vast majority, if the statistics are right), this is the only Mass they'll attend all year. We're celebrating! We're glad to be there! So let that joy and gladness come through, even if you find it difficult.

Bonus Tip

Use the coat rack! You'll be glad you don't have piles of coats falling on the floor or taking up precious space in the pew.