



Celebrating Children at St. Thomas à Becket Parish

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- ❖ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ❖ Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear.
- ❖ Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- ❖ Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.
- ❖ If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.
- ❖ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, to God, and to Christ. Let them know that they are at home in this Liturgical gathering.
- ❖ You may let your child use the reverse side of this card to draw or doodle!

To the members of the parish...

*A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents
with small, active children.*