

## Family Liturgy – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 18 October 2020

### Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (the colour for Ordinary time)  
Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Some holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Place something you value or treasure or any other symbols relevant to your family.

### Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song  
Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet  
Print out sheet if required

*Praise*  
and give thanks to *the*  
*Lord*

<http://clipart-library.com/>

### Gather around the prayer space as a family

#### Parent/Caregiver:

Today, we come together to celebrate the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.  
We ask God to help us today to do pray together and give this time to God as a family.

**Opening prayer:** God of love and wisdom, help us to listen to you in the Gospel story and to follow you closely. Help us to want to give this time to you and praise and thank you for your love as a community of love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (22:15-21)

The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong. They sent some of their followers and some of Herod's followers to say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest. You teach the truth about what God wants people to do; and you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are. Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"

Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said,  
"Why are you trying to test me? You show offs!  
Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes."

They brought him a silver coin, and he asked,  
"Whose picture and name are on it?"  
"the Emperor's," they answered.  
Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God."

**All:** Glory to you O, Lord. "

**The gospel of the Lord. All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

**Prayerfully watch the video together** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLmcEZ54cmc> (3mins)

### Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Pharisees asked Jesus the question about if they should pay the taxes?

I wonder what was Jesus' answer?

I wonder what Jesus' meant when he said to them to give to the Emperor what is his?

I wonder what Jesus' meant when he said to give to God what belongs to God?  
I wonder what are the ways in which we can give to God what belongs to God?  
I wonder how we can respond to God's love to us as a community?  
I wonder how the Holy Spirit can be with us to guide us in this?  
I wonder what words you hear Jesus speaking to you in your hearts as you prepare to meet him in the Sacraments?

**Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:**

*Yes Lord I Believe* by John Burland <https://youtu.be/7MR2iGDyUtE> (3 mins)

**Intercessions:** Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.  
(*We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Pat and all Church and world leaders: that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us to be faithful and respond to God's love.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time especially during this COVID-19 outbreak: that they may feel the love and care of others who help to relieve their suffering and to know that they are deeply loved by God.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for all people in our parishes and in our communities: that together we can give of our time to worship God and give to God what belongs to God.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pray for all people, especially for children, who are looking forward to receiving the Sacraments for the first time: that they will prepare well to receive Jesus into their hearts and do all they can to grow closer to God and help to build our faith community with generous hearts. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

5 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*) Lord, hear us **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will now be united in the love and mercy of God.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Closing prayer:** God who calls us to be close, we believe in your love - you are the Creator of the world. We believe in your love – you sent Jesus to show us how to live a life of faith. We believe in your love – because of the Holy Spirit who breathes life through us and guides us. Amen.

**Closing song:** *The Church* by John Burland [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtA\\_ufHqRRk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtA_ufHqRRk)  
(2mins)

**Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.**

- Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook) speaking to Jesus of your needs and the needs of your family
- [https://sermons4kids.com/vineyard\\_workers\\_decoder.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/vineyard_workers_decoder.htm)
- [https://sermons4kids.com/paying\\_taxes\\_to\\_caesar\\_crossword.htm?fromSermonId=120](https://sermons4kids.com/paying_taxes_to_caesar_crossword.htm?fromSermonId=120)
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