

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 18th October 2020

Preparation

□ If possible arrange candles, a Crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

In today's Gospel we are reminded that all that we have comes from God. We should never forget this and show gratitude for all that we have.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the "Sorry Song".

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord, (To the tune of Frere Jacques)
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,

Forgive us.

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:** (*Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It'*)

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, As we listen to the story, let us praise him for his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew”.

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God's word, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) **as we say together “Glory to You, O Lord.”**

Matthew 22:15-21

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Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **“The Gospel of the Lord”**.

All reply: **“Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ”**. Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

In today's Gospel the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus. What did they try to do? (They tried to make him say the wrong thing)

Why is it wrong to try to trick someone like this? Discuss with the children the differences between playing a party trick on someone and playing a trick at someone else's expense.

In the story Jesus didn't fall for the trick and said “Give back to Caesar what belonged to him and give back to God what belonged to God.”

This is a reminder for us that what we have on earth has been given to us by God. He is the author of all creation and we must show our thankfulness for all He has given to us. We can do this sharing what we have with others and by looking after the earth we live on, and prayers of thanksgiving.

Discuss with the children the ways they can show their gratitude to God. (Spend time in prayer and deepen our love for God by receiving the Sacraments, show kindness to others, share with others...)

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for loving us so much that You died on the cross to win eternal life for us in Heaven and for giving Yourself to us in the Eucharist. May we always share this great love with others by caring for them and sharing what we have especially with those in need and may we remember to show our gratitude for all you have done for us.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father Help me to do as you have asked and to draw closer to you and to your beloved Son Jesus. Remind me of all the many blessings in my life that I may Glorify your Holy name.

Amen