

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 1st Sept 2019

Introduction

Today Jesus went to eat at the house of a wealthy Pharisee. He noticed the behaviour of some of the guests who were full of their own importance and chose the best seats for themselves. He speaks to both the guests and the host and tells them to be humble and they will receive God's blessing.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. (This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. An adult lights the candles).

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, (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)
In Your love,
Help us to do better,
Help us to be kinder.
Forgive us,
Forgive us.

Gloria (sung)

Choose a children's version of the Gloria from one of our listed Children's Liturgy Resource books, or you may have another CL

resource. You will probably want to practice your chosen Gloria and use it every week so that everyone becomes familiar with it.

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jesus said

Live like this

Be kind to one another, (same tune as above)

Think first of your brother,

And then God,

Will bless you.

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 113. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 14:1, 7-14

"A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke".

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."**

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, Jesus went to eat at the house of a wealthy Pharisee – a man who would be thought of as important by the Jewish people.

What did Jesus notice that some of the guests did when they arrived? (They chose the best seats at the table).

Why do you think they did this? (You will get a range of answers- They were selfish, greedy, wanted to feel important or felt they were more important than other guests).

What did Jesus say to the guests?

(Jesus said that they should not expect to be in the best seat and should instead be humble and chose the least important seat and then the host may ask them to move to a better seat beside him. Jesus pointed out that if they chose the best seat they may be embarrassed when their host asks them to move to make way for a more important guest!)

Ask the children if they have ever behaved like this, for example in rushing to take the best seat at a party?

Why should we not do this? (It's selfish, greedy, unkind, thoughtless.....)

What did Jesus say to the Pharisee who had invited the guests?

He said not to just invite people who would invite him back, or who were rich or important.

Who did Jesus say he should also invite and why?

Jesus said he should invite those unable to repay him : the poor, the sick, the homeless – those the world considers unimportant.

Jesus said that God will repay our kindness and bless us when we do this.

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

You may wish to prepare some of these yourselves or ask the children for their prayers. Here are some suggestions for today:

Dear Jesus,

You have asked that we love one another as you loved us. Help us to be strong witnesses to your love daily by our actions and words.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Dear Jesus,

Help us always to be kind and generous to others and to treat them the way we would like to be treated.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Closing Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray as we say together the “Our Father”.

“Our Father, who art in heaven

Now ask for volunteers for the Offertory Procession. After the procession, children return quietly to sit with their families in church.

