

Family Liturgy – 13th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 28 June 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. Add 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



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: Today, we come together to celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. It is here, together, as a community of faith that we come together and welcome all people. We welcome people in our greetings to them, in our words and in our actions. As Christians, we follow Jesus way of life of loving others and of treating others as we would like to be treated. We are called to be of service to each other even to sharing a 'cup of cool water' to those in need.

Opening prayer: God of love and generosity, we thank you today for your gifts to us each day. We ask you that following Jesus' example of service, care and compassion for others, we will be guided to welcome all people and bring his love to our family and to all those we have contact. Be with us as we listen to the words of Jesus and help to join our hearts with his heart.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (10:40-42)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet just because that person is a prophet,
will be given the same reward as a prophet.
Anyone who welcomes a good person just because that person is good,
will be given the same reward as a good person.

And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers
a cup of cool water
just because that person is my follower,
will surely be rewarded.'

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 song together <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYpH3y4608E> (2 mins)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what the people thought when they heard Jesus say 'whoever welcomes you also welcomes me'?

I wonder what Jesus means when he says to you 'if you welcome another person, you welcome me'?

I wonder what are the ways that you can make another 'welcome' in your family and in your school?

I wonder how we welcome people into our Church?

I wonder how you can treat others that make them feel welcomed, valued and worthwhile?

I wonder how you can be of service to another person in need?

I wonder how you can prepare to receive Jesus in your heart as you prepare to meet Jesus in the Sacraments?

I wonder what the message of this story is for you and your family?

I wonder what the message of this story is for our Church and world?

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 lead all people with respect and dignity, and live in service following the way of Jesus.

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: that they may feel the love and care of others who help to relieve their suffering and to know that they are not alone. Lord, hear us. **All:**

Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for all people in our parishes who are looking forward to being welcomed to gather together at Mass and to receive the Sacraments: that they will appreciate the great gifts God has given to us. 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 live a life of service in whatever way they can. Lord, hear us. **All:**

Lord, hear our prayer

5 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will be welcomed into heaven and share in the gift of new life with Jesus.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: God who welcomes us, 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 serve and love others. We believe in your love – because of the Holy Spirit who breathes life through us and guides us. Amen.

Closing song: *Do As Jesus Did* by Michael Mangan <https://youtu.be/njxSbD7mpAw> (2 mins)

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

- Write a prayer in your prayer journal (special note book).
- Ask the children to write a prayer thanking God for welcoming us into his family, the Church and especially as we prepare to receive the Sacraments. Add to your prayer journal each day.
- Discuss with your family about who has inspired you by the way they live and why?
Write about them or draw
- Explore how people before us have welcomed and been of service to others
https://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php
<https://teachingcatholickids.com/st-damien-of-molokai-a-saint-for-the-forgotten-and-abandoned/>
<https://teachingcatholickids.com/saint-josephine-bakhita-playing-with-the-saints/>
- Discuss with your family how you are of service to others in the family, at school, in the parish and in the local community. How do you welcome others as a family and respond to those in need?