

Thirty-second Sunday (Year B)

7th November 2021

Preparing the prayer space

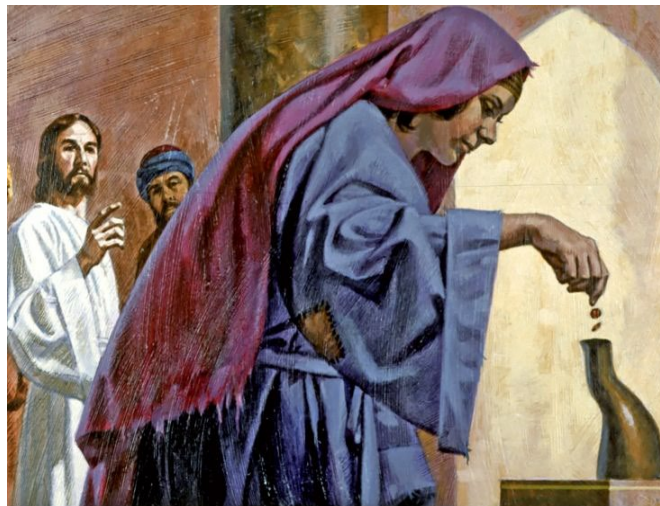
Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary Time)

Place a cross, bible, and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube 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: In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that large gifts or sums of money is not always worth more, but a generous heart is far more valuable.

Opening prayer:

Lord God help us to be generous, offering what we can give out of the depths of our hearts, rather than giving what we have that is left over or in excess.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (12:41-44)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus was standing in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money.

Finally, a poor widow came up and put two coins that were worth only a few pennies.

Jesus told his disciples to gather around him. Then he said: "I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others. Everyone else gave what they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had. Now she doesn't have a cent to live on."

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

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Prayerfully watch the videos together

The Widow's Coins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IC-E6dLvMs> or

A Poor Widow's Gift <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vW-uWMZB23o>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what the disciples were thinking while they were watching people put in their gifts...

I wonder how Jesus felt when he saw the poor widow put in her coins...

I wonder how the poor widow felt after she put her coins in the offering box...

I wonder what Jesus and his disciples spoke about afterwards...

I wonder in what ways I can be more generous...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkgGQ> (4 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 Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders will be generous with their time and in sharing resources.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those who experience poverty or loneliness will benefit from the generosity that others share with them.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for the members of our Church will be even more generous and considerate towards the poor.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 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 who have died or who have lost loved ones. May they find their resting place in God's loving embrace.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer
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Closing prayer: We lift our hearts and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: The Butterfly Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neqYSmFPyBk>

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colouring In**
https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/6096/51333/version/9/prayer_childrens-liturgy_32nd-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-pic.pdf
- **Family Connection- Loyola Press**
Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization.
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/32nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>
- **Craft**
Enjoy recreating the gospel that reminds us to be generous.
<https://www.jesus-without-language.net/widows-gift-mark-12-craft/>