

**Service at Home for those unable to attend Mass.
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

PREPARATION:

- Comfortable seating, place in a semicircle if possible.
- A table with a candle, crucifix or image of Jesus,
- Identify family members who will proclaim the Scripture and perhaps give a brief reflection.
- Select 2 or 3 hymns that everyone knows

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: “In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.” (*Mt: 18:19-20*)

The Candle is now lit

LEADER: Many times we have failed in our responsibilities to God and to our sisters and brothers. Let us ask the Lord to forgive us. (PAUSE)

LEADER: Lord Jesus; you wish all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Christ Jesus; you have made us a light to shine on all nations: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy

LEADER: Lord Jesus; you command your disciples to preach the Good News of God's love to the ends of the earth: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us all our sins. Help us to live by the Gospel and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray: You alone, O God, are Lord, and there is no other. Formed in your image, we bear the imprint of your face and your Name is engraved on our hearts. In a world loyal to other powers, let our lifestyle be governed by the standard of the Gospel. May we take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, so that all may come to know you. In Jesus name we make this prayer.

ALL: Amen

READINGS –

1st Reading is taken from Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm 96:1, 3-5,7-10

2nd Reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

GOSPEL is taken from Matthew 22:15-21

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they

replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

A Short Reflection can be given or a period of silent reflection

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

LEADER: In our weakness and need, we turn in prayer to God the Father, who is the source of all worldly power and authority:

Family members are invited to make their petitions.

LORD'S PRAYER:

LEADER: Let us give to God what belongs to God. So, united with Jesus we pray the prayer he taught us:

ALL: *Our Father.....*

LEADER: Jesus is Lord, and there is no other. Though we cannot receive him in Holy Communion today let us invite him into our hearts as we pray the Act of Spiritual Communion

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

ALL: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: Let us pray: God, the Sustainer of life, you have refreshed us with your Word. Help us to strengthen the weary, give hope to the discouraged, walk with the weak and the poor, and lift up, with the gentleness of Jesus, those who need comfort and care. Bless the missionary work of the church so that in our country and throughout the world your name may be glorified. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

BLESSING:

LEADER: May the Lord protect us always and free us from every evil.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: May the Lord inspire us to proclaim and witness to our faith.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: May the Lord bless our efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: And may Almighty God bless us and keep us: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen