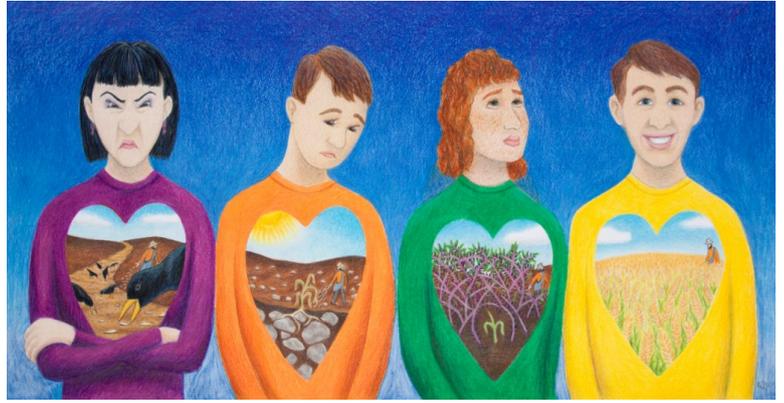


Dining Room Prayer Time

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

“SOWER”



Child/teen to lead by following purple instructions and reading the blue instructions.

Setup Sacred space

Before the prayer. Spend 20 minutes collecting 3 or 4 items to set up the sacred space. Such as a candle, cross, image and flower or some greenery. Set this up on the dining table in your house. Choose a time that everyone can come together. You will also need colouring-in-pencils for the prayer. Ask an adult to light the candle at the start.

1. Start

Let us put ourselves in God's presence by focusing on our breathing.

Breath in..... Breath out..... *(repeat this 4 times)*

As we light the candle we make the sign of the cross.

ALL – “In the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”

2. Gospel

Sunday July 9th

Matthew Chapter 13 verse 1 to 9

Child to read -

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,

and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

3. Gospel Reflection

Child to read -

Jesus often uses parables to teach his followers. Parables are short interesting stories which normally have a meaning or message attached to them. We see in this parable the sower who is a farmer out in his field. The farmer is planting the seeds of his new plants. The farmer plants in different types of soil. Some soil is hard. Some is hot. Some is thorny. Some is rich. Some is lush. These different types of soil represent us, and are symbol of how we respond to God. These different types of soil represent our own faith and trust in God. Sometimes this faith does not grow like the soil which is hard or hot. Here we are closed to God. However, sometimes faith will grow like the rich soil. Here we are open to God and trust in God.

4. Second Reading

Child to read the Gospel a second time.

5. Colour

Colour in the following picture



6. Questions

Spend a few minutes completing the following questions, write and the discuss.

1. Who is the sower?
2. What does planting the seed represent?
3. What conditions effect planting the seed? What conditions effect our faith?
4. How does faith grow in us?

7. Prayers of the Faithful

We ask that God receives the following prayers:

A. We pray that we might be sowers and planters of faith in people's lives. Lord hear us.

ALL : Lord hear our prayer.

B. We pray when times are tough, that we might act in with faith and trust in God. Lord hear us.

ALL : Lord hear our prayer.

C. Does anyone else have a prayer they would like to share? *PAUSE*.....

ALL : Lord hear our prayer.

8. Final Prayer

Dear God we ask that you receive all our prayers as we pray the Our Father together.

ALL - Our Father who art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins. As we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

As we blow the candle out we ask that God remains with us.

We make the sign of the cross.

ALL – “In the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”