#### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128: 1-2,3,4 -5,6 **Second Reading:** Gospel:

Genesis 2: 18-24 Hebrews 2: 9-11 Mark 10: 2-16

Find full readings from USCCB site here

## **1. HEAR**

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking <u>HERE</u>. (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking HERE. (YouTube, WOG channel, 1:54 min.)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking <u>HERE</u>. (YouTube, The Barefoot Evangelist channel, 2:20 min.)

#### Then, invite everyone to think about children, young people, and adults they know, who might be having conflicts with their parents or siblings. As their names are mentioned out loud, everyone says, "Lord, give peace to all brothers and sisters."

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Lastly, ask everyone to think about the places or countries where armed or political conflicts currently exist. Ask them to mention those names and everyone responds, "Lord, give peace to all the countries of the world."

Close this time of prayer by reciting the Our Father.



# 3. TALK

## **2. PRAY**

The Responsorial Psalm we read today is a hymn that praises family life. We give thanks to God today for the gift of family: mothers, fathers, siblings, extended family members, etc. Gather the family around your home prayer space. Someone finds today's Responsorial Psalm and reads it out loud (as in mass), while everyone repeats the antiphon: "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

Each family member has a unique role to play and brings a special gift to the life of the family. Go around and invite everyone to say what is one gift they contribute to their life as family. (Parents or adults may want to start sharing to model for other members.)

Next, invite everyone to think about any parents/couples they know, who might be having problems or difficulties in their marriage. Say their names out loud and everyone responds, "Lord, give peace to all couples."

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us that the love between a father and a mother is blessed by God and their love is the beginning of a family. Both parents are called to raise their children in faith so that they know and love God.

Next, ask each parent or adult figure to briefly state one joy they experience as members of this family. Ask the children and youth to listen attentively.

Then, explain how parents are asked to work as a team in raising their children, and to be attentive to their everyday lived experiences. When a young family member is acting in an unusual way, parents can start a dialogue with that person to name that experience and find a solution together.

Take a moment to discuss the following questions:

- Have you observed any situation that is affecting your family life?
- How do you contribute to that situation?
- How can you help find a solution?

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