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First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 **Gospel** Luke 16:1-13

Full readings can be found here!

1. HEAR

Pick up 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 <u>HERE</u>. (YouTube, channel Bishop Mark O'Connell 12.06min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking \underline{HERE} . (YouTube, channel Everyday Can Be A Sunday 6.04min.)

2. PRAY

Gather the family around a prayer space...

You can never underestimate the power of prayer! The second reading reminds us that praying with intent and praying evangelistically (for all) is what Christ desires of us and is pleasing to God. Reflect on the following questions and share with one another. Finish with the Prayer of Gratitude below.

- What does my prayer life look like? Do I pray daily or only in time of need?
- Do I believe God hears and will answers my prayers?
- In what ways do I thank God in prayer for all the blessings I enjoy?

~Prayer of Gratitude~

Lord, may my gratitude rise like incense before you, a sweet aroma of thanksgiving. Let my heart continually reflect on the love and grace you pour into my life. Teach me to recognize your blessings in every moment and to honor you with a life of humility and service. Help me to trust in your perfect plan, even in seasons of waiting or uncertainty. Fill my spirit with joy that overflows into the lives of others and let my words and actions testify to your goodness. May my praise and gratitude draw me closer to your heart, now and forever, Amen. (Fay Ann Swearing, author)



3. TALK

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches through the parable of the unjust steward. The steward chooses to misuse his skillfulness and persistence as a manager and unjustly spends the money of his master. Jesus challenges us to be honest and use our talents for the glory of His kingdom. Are you a responsible steward of the talents God has given you? Have you ever been tempted to misuse your talents for your own profit?

For children: How can honesty in your actions build trust with others? What can you do with the talents God has given to you?



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