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First Reading: Sirach 35: 12-14,16-18

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 34: 2-3,17-18,19,23

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel Luke 18: 9-14

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, WOG channel, 1:06 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking HERE. (YouTube, Galilea Project, 2:09 min)

2. PRAY

Gather the family around a prayer space and after hearing the readings of the day. In silence everyone should reflect with whom do you identify more with the pharisee or the tax collector.

Pray together: "Heavenly Father, we bow before you in humility, acknowledging that without your grace, we are nothing. Teach us to pray not with pride or entitlement, but with a heart full of gratitude and reverence. Help us to seek your will above our own, and to trust that you know what is best for us. Let our prayers reflect our dependence on you and our desires to glorify your name. May we always remember that prayer is not just about asking for blessings but about growing closer to You in faith and love. Amen."

Prayer was taken from: <u>40 Effective Catholic Prayers</u> For Humility (2025) - PrayerLit



3. TALK

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus share a parable. With this parable we are reminded that all of us must recognize how we have sinned and that all good things in our lives are because of God's grace.

Think of how the grace of God is working in your life. (Pause for reflection)

The pridefulness of the Pharisee did not allow him to acknowledge God's grace in his life. He saw all good things in his life as his own doing. The tax collector on the other hand humble himself before God asking for his grace. This reading invite us to acknowledge that without God we would not be able to be better.

In your daily actions do you take on an attitude of humility? (Pause for reflection)

Optional activity: you can download a coloring page for small children to color on Gospel Reading, by clicking <u>HERE</u>.



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