

St. Bernadette Church Family Prayer



**A simple faith sharing process to put Jesus' message
at the heart of your family..**

Opening Gesture

Your word O Lord
is in our minds,

make a cross with your thumb over your forehead

in our hearts

make a cross with your thumb over your heart

and on our lips

make a cross with your thumb over your lips

Amen.

Reflect & Share

In today's Gospel, Jesus observes people putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums, but this was no sacrifice for them as they had great wealth. A poor widow, however, caught his attention because she put in what he knew to be all that she had. Her donation was but two small coins worth a few cents, but her generosity and sacrifice were well beyond what the wealthy had contributed.

As a family, look through your parish bulletin and/or the stack of donation requests you have recently received in the mail.

Consider if there are any needs and requests that touch the hearts of your family members. Select one or more organizations or causes that you will support as a family. Talk about what each person is able to give up in order to contribute financially to the cause(s) you have chosen. If you are unable to contribute money, look for opportunities to which you can contribute time.

Discuss: When I give up something I own, time, or money to help someone else in need, I feel . . .

A time someone gave what they had to help me was . . .

Sometimes I have to say "no" to helping others because . . .

Scripture Reading

November 11th, 2018 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts.

He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money.

Finally, a poor widow came up

and put in two coins that were worth only a few pennies.

Jesus told his disciples to gather around him.

Then he said:

"I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

Everyone else gave what they didn't need.

But she is very poor and gave everything she had.

Now she doesn't have a cent to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, we know you are with us.
We will call on your name always.

Jesus, you know all our needs.
You are always ready to help us.

Give us the courage to be your
faithful followers each and every day.

Amen.

The Message His Message Our Message.