



Building Faith@HOME

1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Second Reading: 1Thes 1:1-5b
Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

During past Sundays, we have seen Jesus attacking the religious leaders of his people for their failure to recognise in him the Word of God, the power of God, the compassionate love of God. All they could see was a man who broke their laws. Today, in the first of four challenges by different leaders, they hit back. In a historical context, the Pharisees and Herodians were attempting to trap Jesus in a political-religious dilemma. The Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus. If he answers that they should pay taxes, he will be less popular with the people. If he discourages the payment of taxes, then he will be in trouble with the Romans and those who support Herod. Jesus chooses to have us look at the question in a different light. The coin bears the image of Caesar. We bear the image of God. Who does the coin belong to? Who do we belong to? We all are, in some way, the citizens of two kingdoms: citizens of the political territory where we belong and citizens in God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, they both require certain loyalties from us. "

Living as a Disciple: Just as the Roman coin bears the image of the Emperor who made it, so the human soul bears the "image and likeness" (Genesis 1:26) of God who calls each of us into existence so as to live in personal communion with him.

The Missionary Family: Jesus asks us to recognize the blessings that God has given us. With hearts of gratitude, share your blessings of time, talent of treasure with others. Sunday liturgy gives us a place and time to worship and give thanks to God.

Family Talk

Children: What do I need to give to God today?

Youth: Do I see my possessions, time, and gifts as belonging to myself or to God?

Adults: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

The Three T's of Giving



Time

Talent

Treasure

Family Activity

Gather loose coins around the house – under the sofa cushions, in the car, the bottom of your purse, etc. Sort the coins and talk about the images of those on the coins. Then, have each family member create a "coin" on paper with a self portrait or use a photo. List ways each family member can "give of themselves" to God. Count and roll coins to use as an offering either at Church or for your local food pantry.

"It is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis of Assisi



catholicicing.com - Craft a Church Tithing Bank for Kids (Children's Faith Builder)

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- [Sermons4kids](http://Sermons4kids.com) - Kids pay taxes, too! (Children/Family Faith Builder)
- WordonFire.org - Caesar and God, Bishop Barron podcast (Adult Faith Builder)
- Youtube.com - Time, Talent, Treasure: Living Generously (Children Faith Builder)
- Franciscanmedia.org - Saints of the Day for October 28 (Sts. Simon and Andrew)
- Bekids.mt - Sts. Simon and Jude (Children Faith Builder)



October 22, 2023



Prayer Time This Week!

Cut & Pray! 

**Scripture Verse of the Week
From Sunday's Second Reading
October 15th, 2023**



**"Give back to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is God's."**

PRAYER

by St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve – to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.



Building Prayer Time @ Home

This will be a series of family activities to try as your families start or strengthen prayer time.

Start a Family Prayer Journal



Take a simple spiral bound notebook or a composition journal and begin recording your prayer requests with dates. Once a week, ask each family member how you can pray for each other in the coming week. Make sure you write down answers to prayers too. It's exciting to begin a record of how you've seen God work in your lives and community. Leave the notebook on the kitchen counter or on the kitchen table for everyone to see throughout the week.