

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in October, 2020

Introduction

Leader Jesus confronted hypocrisy when he met it. How can we handle our personal hypocrisy in our dealings with others?

Opening Prayer

All God of truth, lead us to lives of sincerity, forthrightness and honesty. Keep us from hypocrisy and false dealings with others. Open our hearts to the beauty found in truth. We pray in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Word of God Matthew 22:15-21

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. *(The reading is on the reverse side.)*
Pause for silent reflection.)

Optional Discuss these questions in two's or three's.

- Discuss how Jesus handled the Pharisees' hypocrisy.
- How do you inform your conscience when confronted with hypocrisy, yours or that of another?

Response (Taken from Matthew 22:15-21)

Side 1 "The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech."

Side 2 We ask for the grace of forgiveness for when we have acted like hypocrites, that is, when our words don't match our actions.

Side 1 "Teacher, we know you are a truthful man..."

Side 2 When we recognize truthful people and seek their wisdom, we honor our God of Truth.

Side 1 "You do not regard a person's status."

Side 2 Jesus honored sincere, truthful persons, not their status. Lord give us the wisdom to follow your example.

Petitions Individuals add intentions to remember here.

Closing Prayer

All God of mercy, help us to live the truth in our daily lives. Guide us to ways of informing our consciences through Scripture and the Church's guidance. Bless our daily struggles to serve you well. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

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A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off
and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,
“Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man
and that you teach the way of God in accordance
with the truth.
And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion,
for you do not regard a person’s status.
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
“Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax.”

Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”
They replied, “Caesar’s.”
At that he said to them,
“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.”