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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIOLENCE-FREE FAMILY DAY

COMMISSION FOR LITURGY

Introduction

Today, as the Church celebrates the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we also observe Violence-Free Family Day. God created the family to be a sanctuary of love, trust, and peace. Yet, for many, the home is a place of fear, conflict, or silence. Today, Christ calls us to seek wisdom that chooses gentle speech over harshness, patience over control, and healing over harm. let us pray for wisdom to be disciples who discourage violence and whose lives shine with love and respect, beginning at home.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: God created humanity to live in peace, and mutual respect. On this Violence-Free Family Day, we present our prayers for our homes, our Church, and our world.

Response: ***Lord of Justice, hear our prayer.***

- **For the Church:** That she may always be a sanctuary of shelter, safety, and advocate for the vulnerable, reflecting Christ's love. We pray to the Lord.
- **For All Families:** That parents, spouses, and children may seek the gift of Wisdom, replacing raised voices and violence with gentle words, active listening, and respect for each other. We pray to the Lord.
- **For Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse:** That God may protect them under the shadow of His wings, heal their physical and emotional wounds, and grant them courage and help to find safety. We pray to the Lord.
- **For those struggling with Anger, Addiction, or Control:** That the Holy Spirit touch their hearts, free them from destructive habits, and guide them toward counselling, repentance, and peace. We pray to the Lord.
- **For our Community and Local Leaders:** That social workers, law enforcement authorities, counsellors, and community leaders may be granted wisdom and resources to protect families and eradicate domestic violence. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions, we now pray to the Lord in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly lord, you created the family to be a sanctuary of life, love and safety, Hear the prayers of your people today, and grant us the wisdom and grace to make our homes places of peace and healing. Protect all who are in danger, and keep us united under the shadow of your wings, we ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.