

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading. Do not have one? No worries you can find the text [here](#).

Adults can watch a video proclamation of the gospel [here](#). For families with young children, a [video from Holy Heroes](#).

2. PRAY

Today's Gospel reminds us that for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil.

During these past several months of Safer at Home quarantine, there have been many challenges; but, there have also been many blessings. More time with the family, more time to read, watch movies, prepare home cooked meals, trying new recipes and maybe even tackling some home projects. Some people have found it therapeutic to start home gardens, filling their yards with beautiful flowers, greenery, succulents, fruit trees and vegetables.

We can see and appreciate God's gifts to us in nature. We can feel God's love for us as He provides nourishment for our bodies.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

For our gardens to grow, we must take great care in planting the seeds, watering, cultivating, fertilizing and sometimes we even talk to our plants.

Our faith is like this garden. We plant the seeds of faith in our families. Our faith grows as we gather together to pray, to share our stories and to celebrate around the table of the Lord at Eucharist.

Take some time to sit and [pray with this song](#).

3. TALK

- What are some of the ways in which I (or as a family) practice my faith?
- What are some ways we can continue to fertilize the soil of our hearts so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit?

Family Activity

Consider planting a windowsill herb garden or plant a small vegetable garden outside. Plan what kind of garden you want to plant. Go to the nursery together. Choose your seeds and plants. Find the place where you want your garden to be. Together prepare the soil, then plant and water your seeds. Everyday go out to your garden together. Discuss as a family how blessed you are by God's love and mercy. Talk about some of the blessings that have occurred since the Safe at Home order was implemented. How has your love and togetherness grown during these challenging times?

