

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2020

# FAITH @ HOME

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**First Reading:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 119  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30  
**Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52 or  
Matthew 13:44-46

[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](#).

Check out this [video](#) of the proclamation of the Gospel with images. For families with young children, watch this [video from Holy Heroes](#).

## 2. PRAY

The Kingdom of Heaven is so amazing, beautiful, valuable, that finding it, or even pursuing it, brings us joy.

Think back to a moment when you experienced a prayer, a song, a piece of artwork, or encountered a person that brought you peace, love, beauty, serenity, joy...

Spend time in prayer with God, simply reflecting on what happened and what you felt. Talk to God about this experience.

Listen to this song, or play it in the background as you reflect:

["Came to My Rescue" by Hillsong United, performed by Holy Name of Mary Life Teen Band.](#)

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

This is just a taste of what we as the Church have to look forward to in the Kingdom of Heaven!



## 3. TALK

1. Why do you think the 2 individuals from the parables (in verse 44 and 45) sold everything that they had in order to buy the field with the treasure and the fine pearl? Share with each other.
2. What is a **new** treasure that you have found these past months of quarantine?

### Family Activity TREASURE HUNT

**For families with little ones:** provide a list to your children of items they can find around your house or yard:

- something that reminds you of God's love
- something that reminds you of your parents' love, siblings' love, grandparents' love, and the love of other family members.
- something that makes you happy
- something that you find beautiful
- something that makes you think of Heaven
- something that you would want to share with God

Share what you found with your family.

**OR,** have your children/teens create a treasure hunt for the rest of the family and incorporate the answers from the 2nd question in the "Talk" section to your hunt.

**Or get creative and come up with your own!** (you can find great ideas on Pinterest)