

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

Faith @ Home

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First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
Second Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

1. HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? You can find the text [here](#). You can also find the Gospel reading and a short reflection [here](#).

As an alternative option, you can [watch a short video of a Gospel reflection here](#).

If you have young children, they can [watch this video with the Gospel and a reflection adapted for their age](#).

2. PRAY

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus speak strongly to the disciples, after John complained about someone driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus responds to John by saying, "**...There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me...**"

Gather as a family around a small prayer space or corner in your home and consider praying with each of the sentences given below, as someone in the family reads them out loud for all to hear. If desired, play some instrumental music very softly to help create an atmosphere for prayer.

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

(When ready, an adult in the family reads the following statements aloud and pauses for a moment to give time to each person to ponder and pray in their hearts.)

- As you pray with Jesus and listen to his message, how do His words resonate with you?
- What good acts or mighty deeds have you done in His name?
- What choices do you make that reflect you are living a Christ-centered life?
- How do you treat the people in your life?
- How is your prayer life and your communication/relationship with Jesus?



3. TALK

After praying and reflecting on your daily choices, acts, and deeds, and as you consider your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, have a conversation with others in your family around the following questions:

- What are some changes you can make in your life to truly be a missionary disciple of Christ? Write down your ideas in a prayer journal.
- How can you utilize your body to do what is good for others and for yourself? Share with one family member one idea that comes to mind.
- Optional: if you have children with you, ask them to draw or paint some practical ways they can use their body to do good actions for others.

End this moment of prayer and reflection by reciting together the Our Father.