

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86: 6,9-10,15,16
Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27
Gospel: Mathew 11: 25

1. HEAR

Use your bible to look up today's Gospel readings. If you don't have a Bible, you can find the Gospel readings [Here](#)

To watch a children's video click: [Here](#)

To watch a Gospel reflection video click: [Here](#)

2. PRAY

In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the weeds and the harvest. After reading and praying with the Gospel, meditate and pray quietly. Ask Jesus to help you to be a loving disciple. Ask Jesus to give you a heart that is not judgmental, to be loving toward all people. Ask the Holy Spirit to bestow upon you the strength and fortitude to grow together with all people of God. Ask for the grace to be a loving neighbor and to live a life of service, to be a "good seed" in the world. As a closing to your prayer time with Jesus listen to [this song](#) and take in the visuals.

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

3. TALK

Invite a friend or family member to share and reflect on the following questions:

- How can I be an agent of love and kindness?
- In what ways can I be more inclusive of others?
- What good works can I do to ensure the harvest is fruitful and pleasing to God?

Family Activity: Last week we heard the parable of the seeds. In the Faith at Home resource, we asked you to plant a seed in 3 separate pots each with different soil. How are your seeds growing? By any chance, are any weeds sprouting along with the plant? Continue your family conversation about ways in which we can be compassionate disciples. Think of good works you can do as a family member or with friends to foster relationships that are healthy, fruitful, and loving.

