

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20th, 2023

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First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67: 2-3,5,6,8
Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Mathew 15: 21-28

[Find readings here](#)

1. HEAR

Find your Bible and read today's Gospel for all who are gathered. If you don't have a Bible, you use the links provided to find the Gospel and all readings for this Sunday. Another option is to watch a video of the Gospel reading. You'll find two resources, below.

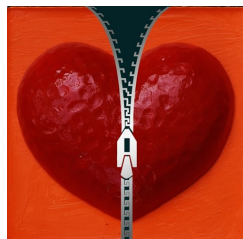
Video proclamation of the Gospel for adults: [HERE](#)
(YouTube, Douglas Brown RCL, 1:21 min)

Video proclamation of the Gospel for children: [HERE](#)
(YouTube, Holy Heroes, 1:39 min)

Gospel Reflection page: [HERE](#)
(The Spanish version is in the second page.)

2. TALK

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites his disciples to focus not on the divisions that exist between them and the people called Gentiles, who are living among them. Jesus, in his harsh words to the Canaanite woman, is intentionally calling out her faith as a way to say that those who are sometimes excluded can be his disciples too.



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

He is teaching his disciples to look beyond the differences that create division, and work for the unity of all the people of God.

Gather your family and start a conversation around the following questions:

- Where in our lives do we see division?
- Where in our lives do we need to bring unity?
- How can we bring about the unity God wants?

If you have youth in your family, you may consider using the following questions: Where in your life do you find a broken relationship? How can you help make that relationship whole again? Or, how can you heal that relationship?

If you have children in your family, you may consider these questions: Think of someone in your life with whom you have had a disagreement. How can you reconcile, make things better, with that person?

3. PRAY

To conclude this moment of reflection, ask the family to gather around your prayer space and recite out loud the following prayer.

*Jesus,
We thank you for this time to reflect on your words.
Please help us to be healers and to bring unity with one another and to build up your Kingdom. Help us to look beyond our differences and focus on what makes us one in You.
May your Holy Spirit teach us to love one another as you love us.
In your most holy name,
Amen.*