

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10th, 2023

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First Reading: Ezequiel 33: 7-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7,8-9
Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10
Gospel: Mathew 18: 15-20

[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 can use the links provided above to find the Gospel and all readings for this Sunday. Another option is to watch a video of the Gospel reading, which are offered below:

Video proclamation of the Gospel for adults: [HERE](#)
(YouTube, UCPC Upper Clyde Parish Church, 1:11 min)

Video proclamation of the Gospel for children: [HERE](#)
(YouTube, Holy Heroes, 1:31 min)

If your household is made up of only adults (21yr & older), you may choose to listen to this reflection on the Gospel reading for today: [HERE](#)
(YouTube, JohnMichaelTalbot, 2:01 min)

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

2. TALK

As a community of disciples, we know that disagreements will arise from time to time in the different areas of our life: within the family, among friends, in our places of work, and even in the life of our communities of faith. In the gospel we heard today, Jesus is speaking about the best way to handle the differences in order to come to a peaceful agreement and resolution, so that we can all continue to love and support one another.

Gather the family and ask them to consider the following questions:

- How do you feel when there's a disagreement you have to deal with in your life?

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

- What do you do to reach an agreement with that person?
- What is Jesus telling us we can do to resolve our disagreements?

If you have youth in your family, you may consider using the following questions: How do you deal with disagreements between you and your friends? What inspires you from the way Jesus proposes we can heal our divisions?

If you have children in your family, you may consider asking them to draw a picture of how they would resolve their differences with someone they disagree with. Then, ask them to explain their drawing to the family.



3. PRAY

To conclude this moment of reflection, ask the family to gather around your prayer space and ask them to think about a specific person in their lives with whom they recently had a disagreement. Ask them to take a small piece of paper and write a few words they would like to say to that person, in order to bring about reconciliation and peace. (Note they don't have to write the person's name on the piece of paper, only what they want to say to them.)

Once everyone has finished writing, the pieces of paper can be placed in between the pages of the Bible that is in the prayer space. (One adult in the family can safely dispose of the papers at a later time, if desired.) Invite all in the family to recite out loud the following prayer.

Lord Jesus,

*Although the love for our family and friends is always there, sometimes we lose our way. We pray that you reveal the ways we can heal any broken relationships between us, and that you will show your plan for us. Help us to have the necessary love and wisdom to pursue reconciliation, and thus become one family in You.
Amen.*