

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24th, 2023

Faith @ Home

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First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 145: 2-3,8-9,17-18
Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24,27
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

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

1. HEAR

Gospel reflection page: [HERE](#)

A short video about this Sunday's Gospel: [HERE](#)

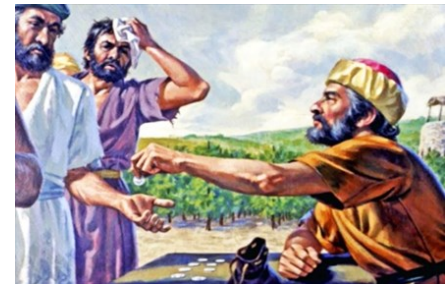
A kid-friendly video version of the Gospel: [HERE](#)

2. PRAY

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds not to get caught up in “the here and now”, but to always seek God. As Catholic Christians, we need to be “in pursuit” of God and allow nothing to stand in the way of that.

When we fall short, we need to turn to the Lord for mercy, for God freely forgives. Sometimes we are not generous with others, and we hold grudges toward our friends, family, and co-workers. But God reveals to us that, “my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways...” The ways of God are often in conflict with our ways of thinking, but we have a compassionate God who loves us without judgment! In prayer, ask God to give you a heart that is loving, generous, forgiving and kind.

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



Daily Challenge (for the week)

In your interactions with others, seek to be forgiving of mishaps, more understanding and compassionate

3. TALK

Did you know that we all receive the same grace from God? This is the lesson that Jesus was teaching to the disciples in Matthew's Gospel. The vineyard owner was generous and paid the same wages to each person he asked to work for him, despite the number of hours they labored. The vineyard owner treated all the workers equally and that had some of them upset. In this parable, God is the ultimate landowner and God does what is pleasing to God! In life, we all come to “the vineyard” – to faith, at different times and points in our lives. We will always be welcomed by God!

Reflection:

The last sentence of Matthew's Gospel states, “*Thus the last will be first and the first will be last*”. Reflect on what this means to you. Are there times we feel that WE are more worthy than others? Why is this line of thinking NOT in line with the Gospel?

Share your thoughts with a family member or friend.

