27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 08th 2023



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First Reading: Isaiah 20: 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80: 9,12,13-14,15-

16,19-20

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9 **Gospel:** Mathew 21: 33-43

Gospel Reflection page: <u>HERE</u> (The Spanish version is on the second page.)

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 (coupled with a song for reflection): <u>HERE</u> (YouTube, Full of Eyes, 3:28 min)

Video proclamation of the Gospel for children, coupled with a song for reflection: <u>HERE</u> (YouTube, Holy Heroes, 1:57 min)

2. TALK

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to help people understand they are rejecting the love of God when they reject the message of Jesus. Today, many people do not want to live the way he showed us in order to be happy.



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

Gather the family in your living room (or other suitable place) and have a conversation about the many times we all ignore the call of Jesus to be his disciples. (The following questions may help guide the conversation.)

- Recall a time when you did something different from one of the teachings of Jesus. What made you choose to act that way?
- What consequences came about from your actions?
- How did you feel after you had time to reflect on your actions?

In the story of the vineyard, the owner sent his servants (and then his son) to gather the fruits of his vines. As disciples, our actions are the fruit of our faith and we are called to live a fruitful life by following the example of Jesus. Invite the youth and adults in the family to think about one way their faith can be "fruitful", that is, give witness to the teaching of Jesus. Allow time for sharing out loud the fruits they came up with. (If you have children, ask them to use the handout provided here to write in what actions they will do to show they are true disciples of Jesus. You may ask them to color their page as well.)

3. PRAY

Gather around your prayer space and light a candle if possible and/or available. Begin this moment of prayer by reciting together "In the name of the father, and of the son…" and signing yourselves with the sign of the cross.

Next, one adult in the family begins to recite the Litany of Discipleship found here, and the rest of the family members respond with the appropriate verses.

(Please ensure all in the family have access to the Litany, either printed or on their cellphones.)



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