

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96: 1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5
Gospel: Mathew 22: 15-21

Gospel Reflection page [HERE](#)
(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 find the Gospel reading [HERE](#)

Watch a video of this week's Gospel story [HERE](#)
(YouTube, 1:51 min)

Watch a video with the proclamation of the Gospel for children [HERE](#)
(YouTube, Holy Heroes, 1:33 min)

2. PRAY

In today's Gospel, we hear how the disciples of the Pharisees approached Jesus, along with the Herodians. Herodians were a Jewish sect that collaborated with the Romans, and thus compromised their Jewish heritage of observance of the Law. Pharisees were a Jewish sect who were very scrupulous in their observance of the Law. The question they asked of Jesus was intended to inflame the ongoing conflict and division among these groups. Jesus' response avoided the trap and pointed to a better, unifying option.



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

Division and conflict are prominent parts of our current realities, and we often feel there is no choice but to take sides.

Ask Jesus to show you where and how you personally have contributed to creating conflict and division. Talk with Jesus about the realities he has shown you.

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to bring about unity and stop creating division. Ask Jesus to show you how he wants you to respond to this call. Take some time to listen for his response.

Close this prayer time by reciting this litany.

For the times I have been a source of division... Forgive me, Jesus!
For the times when I have created conflict...
For the times I have been deaf to the concerns of others...
For the times I have been blind to the needs of others...

For the courage to bridge the gap... Jesus, help me!
For the wisdom to foster peace...
For the gentleness of heart to hear the concerns of the other...
For the humility to serve the needs of the other...

3. TALK

Gather to share with one another...

1. What is something Jesus showed you during your prayer, about the times when you created conflict and division?
2. How can you respond to Jesus' call to be a source of unity?

If you have small children at home, ask them to create a short video with their answer, and share it with the rest of the family.