

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22nd, 2024

# FATH @ HOME

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**First Reading:** Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 54: 3-4,5,6 and 8  
**Second Reading:** James 3: 16-4:3  
**Gospel:** Mark 9: 30-37

[Find full readings from USCCB site here](#)

## 1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Perfect Little Gentleman channel, 1:56 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Holy Heroes channel, 2:01 min)

## 2. PRAY

Gather the family and invite them to spend time praying with the following questions. Between each question, talk to God in the silence of your heart and ask him to inspire in you an honest response.

- ◆ Have I sought after status, recognition, power, material possessions and wealth?
- ◆ Do I have compassion for the poor, the hungry, the addicted, the sick, the lonely, and the sinful of the world?
- ◆ Am I gentle with others, or am I harsh in my behavior?
- ◆ Have I turned away from someone who needed my help?
- ◆ Have I caused division and discord?
- ◆ Do I focus on my interests and desires rather than truly seeking the will of God?

- ◆ Do I trust in the Lord to uphold my life even if I am called to sacrifice myself for the good of others?
- ◆ Have I truly recognized my complete dependence on God?

Close your prayer by listening to the song "Take Lord, Receive", which can be accessed [here](#). (YouTube, Maureen Teresa Ward channel, 4:28 min)



## 3. TALK

In the Gospel, we hear about the disciples arguing among themselves, about who is the greatest. Jesus says to them, and to us, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We each have many areas in our lives with opportunities to sacrifice our own desires and interests for the benefit of others. These areas include family, friends, school, work, neighbors, faith community, civic responsibilities, etc.

Share with one another:

- ◆ How can I live Jesus' call more fully in these different areas of my life?
- ◆ How does Jesus' teaching influence the choices I make?

*Optional activity for small children: ask them to draw a picture that shows what Jesus' teaching means to them. When ready, invite the children to describe their drawing to the rest of the family.*



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