26 Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

FATTH @ HOME

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First Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 19: 8,10,12-13,14

Second Reading: James 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 9 38-43,45,47-48

Full Readings can be found here!

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the text <u>HERE</u>. (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 <u>HERE</u>. (YouTube, WOG channel, 1:41 min)

The children can watch a video of the proclamation of the Gospel by clicking HERE.

(YouTube, Gospel Readings for Kids, 2:04 min. Reflection to follow.)

2. PRAY

Gather yourself or those around you in your prayer area. Enter prayer with the sign of the cross. Light a candle and place the crucifix you have close to this candle. If you don't have those, a cross image can be used.

Jesus shows his love for YOU through his sacrifice. When you look at the cross, what feelings surface? Take time to write or draw what comes up for you. Take a brief moment of silence.

Now, take time to reflect on the ways you've been invited to grow closer to God. Has your life changed in any way? What sort of "sacrifices" have you made that has helped you grow closer to God. Take a moment of silence after recalling, writing or drawing some of those things down.

End with a prayer of thanksgiving for how Jesus has made himself known to you during this time.

3. TALK

In today's Gospel we hear that a disciple is concerned about how someone who healed, isn't a follower of Jesus but uses his name to heal another. Jesus challenges his followers by acknowledging that any person has the right to invoke His name. We are all on different paths to following Jesus and that should not lead us to judge the other in how they follow Jesus.

Take time to discuss one of the following questions with those around you. Do not feel like you need to answer all but more importantly, which one are you being invited to share.

- Who introduced you to the faith? What was it about this person that helped you on your journey of faith?
- How do you invite others to a personal relationship with Jesus? How has that helped you grow closer to Him?
- Who is Jesus to you? How would you share that with others?
- What are ways that you have helped someone on their journey of faith?





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