

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7th, 2025

# FAITH @ HOME

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**First Reading:** Wisdom 9: 13-18b  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17  
**Second Reading:** Philemon 9: 9-10, 12-17  
**Gospel** Luke 14: 25-33

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

## 1. HEAR

Pick up 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, WOG channel, 1:21 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Douglas Brown channel, 1:47 min)

## 2. PRAY

Gather your family or invite a friend to gather around a prayer space in your home. One person leads the conversation, using the following question prompts:

Is God a priority in your life? If not, what gets in the way of God?

Where is God in your family life?

Where is God in your professional or school life?

*Allow for some time to reflect. Be honest with yourself and God.*

When the sharing is completed, invite the Holy Spirit to guide your path closer to Jesus. Ask the Spirit to show you how you can make room for God in your daily life. You can use this prayer or similar words:

**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.**

**Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.**

**Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love what is holy. Amen.**



## 3. TALK

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus says one must "hate" one's Family. What does that mean? The words of Jesus are a reminder how we need to love him first, above anything else. Only then, can we love our family with God's true love.

Invite all in the family to ponder this question: *Can you think of a time when you didn't treat your family with God's true love?* Take a moment to reflect.

Once all are ready to continue, invite each person to offer that memory to God and ask for the wisdom to have Jesus direct your path to love as he loves us. Next, ask: *Can God help you open your heart and seek forgiveness? What does that look like?* Consider this time an opportunity to act on what the Spirit is inspiring of you.



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