

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2026

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

[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, 1:11 min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Everyday Can Be a Sunday channel, 2:50 min)

2. PRAY

(Beforehand, get some blank cardstock cards with different messages of encouragement and support. You can also print this model that we offer by clicking [HERE](#). Have pens available for each person. In the place assigned for prayer, place photos of your family members, or friends, or of people who have visited your home and who have been welcomed with joy.)

Being hospitable is an attitude of the heart, and it goes beyond offering our home to others. Hospitality is demonstrated by the way we welcome, honor and make present the people we love and who are part of our lives.

With the advancements of technology, today more than ever we can be connected with those special people through phone calls, video calls, emails, etc.

Invite all the people gathered to think of a friend, neighbor or family member who needs their support at this time. (It may be one of the people whose photograph was placed in the prayer space.)

Ask each person to take a card from those that are available and write a message of support or encouragement to that chosen person. (You can play instrumental music on your phone right now.)

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to be more generous with the people he has placed in our lives. The more room we have for God in our hearts, the closer we can be to others. Let us pray that Jesus will bless these cards with messages of encouragement that we have written and that his love and mercy will be poured out on the people to whom they are addressed.

Conclude this moment of prayer by reciting together an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father.

(Place the cards in an envelope and give them to the people you chose. You can also mail them.)



3. TALK

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: **"Whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."**

To receive Jesus is to have the time to listen to others, and to accompany those who need our support. Knowing how to listen to other people when they seek us out is one of the highest forms of hospitality.

- Who are those people I know who perhaps need to be heard?
- How can I show hospitality the way Jesus did?

This week make a resolution to get to know a coworker, neighbor or friend with whom you have lost contact better. (Children may Think of a classmate who may not have friends.) Make time to meet with that person, either live or through technology, to talk and listen to each other.



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