

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 04th, 2026

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

[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, John Hilton III, 3:20)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Elaine Furmage, 4:30 min.)

2. PRAY

Gather the family around a prayer space. Take a moment to reflect on the past week. When did you fail to bring a worry or problem to God in prayer? Who could you have lifted in prayer? In the second reading, St. Paul teaches us to bring our petitions to the Lord. Think about the prayer in your heart that you are shy or hesitate to bring to God. Now, imagine God stretching out His hand to you, opening it and asking you to place that prayer petition into His hand. Take a deep breath as you release it to God and trust Him to do something with it.

3. TALK

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God is entrusted to all of us, just as the vineyard was entrusted to the tenants. We are each called to share our harvest—God's blessings—with others.

On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, reflect on the courage he showed in following Jesus by placing the needs of others first. St. Francis offers a powerful example of selfless generosity and a desire to share his love for Jesus with everyone.

In the spirit of St. Francis, work together to create a family banner that proclaims your love for Christ and your desire to follow Him.

- Display the banner in your home as a reminder of your family's faith.
- Share it on social media to inspire others.
- Discuss how your family's proclamation of faith can bear fruit by encouraging others to stand for Christ.

