

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2026

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

[Full readings can be found 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 listen and audio with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, WOG channel, 1:06 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Saddleback Kids channel, 2:04 min)

2. PRAY

After listening to this Sunday's readings, gather with your family or with friends around a simple prayer space in your home.

Jesus told a beautiful story in today's Gospel, a story we can all relate to. **How many times have you struggled with doing the will of God?**

The apostle Paul reminds us that we are to be *"of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing..."*

Sit in quietly and ask the Holy Spirit to help you hear the voice of Jesus. Think of all the times you have not listened to God's word and done what God would want you do. Ask Jesus to reveal what he would like you to do differently the next time you are asked to do his will. Listen for his response.

Join the rest of the group in praying the responsorial psalm, and after each verse recite the psalm's antiphon: **"Remember your mercies, O Lord."**

Close this time of prayer saying a **"Glory Be..."**

3. TALK

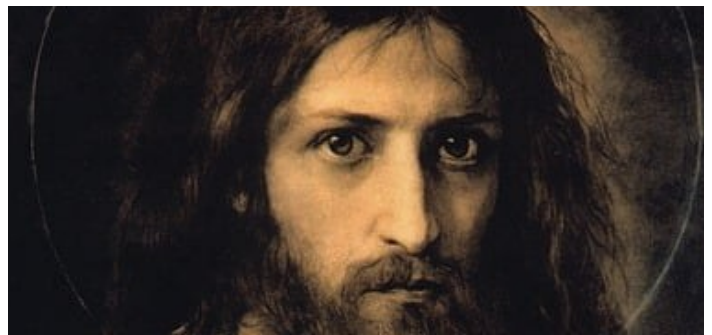
The story Jesus told in the gospel can be the story of each or any of us. We always struggle to follow the voice of God and we don't want to do what God is inviting us to do.

For sure, following God's will is never easy and there are many voices telling us that is the way to be happy in life. But Jesus' teaching shows that if we follow and listen to the will of God, we will build a better family, a better neighborhood, a better community and a better world.

Share with another person in your group:

- **Which of God's ways is most difficult for you to obey?**
- **What will you do differently this week to follow this way of God more fully?**
- **How can your family (or a friend) support you or help you in this commitment?**

As family, commit to doing something concrete to follow the will of God for your lives, and practice it during the coming week.



Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

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