

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

Faith @ Home

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

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

1. HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? You can find the text [here](#).

To see a video of the Gospel, [click here](#).

To see a video of the Gospel for children, [click here](#).

2. PRAY

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus talking about the greatest commandment.

Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Begin by praying with this statement from Jesus.

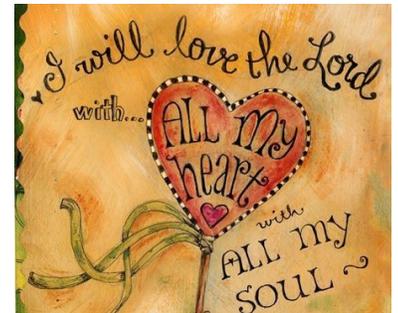
Consider getting a piece of paper and in the center of the paper, write the name of someone who you love deeply and who you know is in need of prayer today.

As you write this person's name on the paper, ask Jesus to be with you and place all the needs of the person in the hands of Jesus. Draw a heart around the person's name. Close your eyes and pray with Jesus for this person.

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

After your prayer time, reach out to this person and text them/email them a message that you prayed for them today.

Turn your paper over, now in the middle of the paper pray for someone you may be separated from. We are called to love our neighbor, as well as those we consider our enemies. Ask Jesus to be with you, to soften your heart and the heart of the person you have written down on this piece of paper. Close your eyes and place this person in your mind and in your heart, ask Jesus to help you forgive or reconcile with this person.



This prayer time may be more difficult for you, but remember Jesus is here with you, the Holy Spirit will give you strength and peace in this situation. After this prayer time, consider praying the Psalm for this Sunday, especially the Responsorial Response: **"I love you, Lord, my strength."**

3. TALK

Gather with a family member or friend. Share the feelings you experienced praying for the two people today.

How did you feel in your heart when you prayed for the family/friend you are close with? How did you feel when you prayed for someone you have been distant with? After sharing with each other, pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.