

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021

# Faith @ Home

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7a  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5  
**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

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

### 1. HEAR

Use your Bible to look up today's readings. If you don't have a Bible, you can find the readings [here](#).

You might also like to watch the proclamation of the Gospel in [this video](#).

Families might prefer [this video](#) with the proclamation of the Gospel for children.

### 2. PRAY

Today's reading from Isaiah speaks to those who are fearful or in need and offers them hope and healing. In the Gospel, a crowd brings a deaf man to Jesus and Jesus heals him. Jesus wants to respond to our needs, too.

Take a few moments to reflect upon areas of your life in which you need healing or hope.

Bring those things to Jesus and tell him about them. Ask him for what you need. Pay attention for how Jesus responds to you. What is he saying or doing? How do you sense him working or moving in your heart? Thank Jesus for the time you spent together. Close your prayer by praying: Glory be...

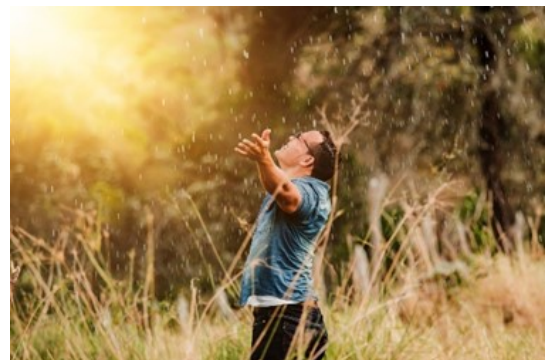
Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

### 3. TALK

Use the questions below to talk with your family or a close friend.

In today's Gospel, Jesus healed a deaf man, allowing the man to hear and to speak. This was a great thing in the deaf man's life!

- Can you think of a time God has done something wonderful in your life? Did you ever tell anyone about it? Share that story now.



- Can you think of a time when someone you knew was in need and you did something to help meet that need? How might God have been working through you? Share that story now.

#### Activity for This Week:

Take a blank piece of paper and make two columns. At the top of one column write: "With my ears I heard..." At the top of the other column write: "With my voice I said..."

Put this paper near the prayer space in your home or another prominent place in your home (like on the fridge). During the week pay attention to things you say or hear that express faith in God, love of God, or love of neighbor. Write these things in the appropriate column of the paper.