



# Building Faith@HOME

September 5, 2020

**1st Reading:** [EZ 33:7-9](#)  
**Responsorial Psalm:** [PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#)  
**Second Reading:** [ROM 13:8-10](#)  
**Gospel:** [MT 18:15-20](#)

## A Simple Act of Love Prayer



Oh God, we love you above all things.  
Help us to love ourselves and one another  
As Jesus taught us to do.

(Sadlier Publishers)

### Faith, Love and Community

"In any community, there are going to be differences and difficulties. Sometimes, these differences are minor and brought about by clashes in personality. Sometimes, though, they are brought about by someone acting against the interests of the group.

Jesus is setting out some of the rules for living in the Kingdom and knows enough about human nature to know that His own people are not going to be immune from this.

So, today, Matthew lays out some of Jesus' teaching about relationships and what to do when things go wrong.

It is straightforward wisdom - start by trying to work things out on your own - then invite people you can trust to listen and advise - and finally ask the community to make the final judgement.

If someone has hurt another - and refuses to listen and work things out - then, in effect, he or she is excluding themselves from the community.

Jesus then hands on to the other disciples the power to bind and to loose in heaven. that He gave to Peter earlier in the Gospel. The community also has the gift to discern what is forgiven - and what still needs a further change of heart.

He closes with words that offer comfort and strength - where two or three meet in My name, I shall be there with them. This is not a random meeting of a few Christians coming together - but a gathering of people who have come together in a unity of heart and of purpose.

The Kingdom is to be a place of openness, trust and honesty where differences can be aired and forgiveness given and received.

This is possible only because the single thing that underpins all the rest is love - a love which, at its best, resembles that of Jesus Himself - complete and unconditional" (Retrieved from

<[http://wellsprings.org.uk/weekly\\_wellsprings/year\\_a/sunday\\_23.htm](http://wellsprings.org.uk/weekly_wellsprings/year_a/sunday_23.htm)>

### September 8th - Celebrate the Nativity of Mary!

Bake a cake for Mary. Put 10 candles on the cake. Pray one decade of the rosary, lighting one candle for each Hail Mary. When you're finished, sing "Happy Birthday" to Mary, and blow out the candles! See More activities at [CatholicCling.com](http://CatholicCling.com) - "How To Celebrate The Nativity Of Mary"



## Celebrate the Nativity of Mary September 8th

Happy Birthday Mary,  
Mother of God!

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

**Question for Children:** What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

**Question for Adults:** How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[YouTube](#) - *Gospel Reading and Reflection for Kids - Matthew 18:15-20 USCCB (Young children faith builder)*

[LoyolaPress.com](#) - *How to Raise Kids Who Care: 4 Ways to Cultivate Empathy (Young Family faith builder)*

[Ocarm.org](#) - *Lectio Divina with Matthew 18:15-29, The Order of Carmelites (Adult faith builder)*

[CatholicLink.org](#) - *How Do You Resolve Conflicts With Others? Three Key Insights Fr. Ian Van Heusen (Teens - Adults faith builder)*



Our website [RCfaithquest.syrdio.org](http://RCfaithquest.syrdio.org) has many ideas during this Ordinary Time!

