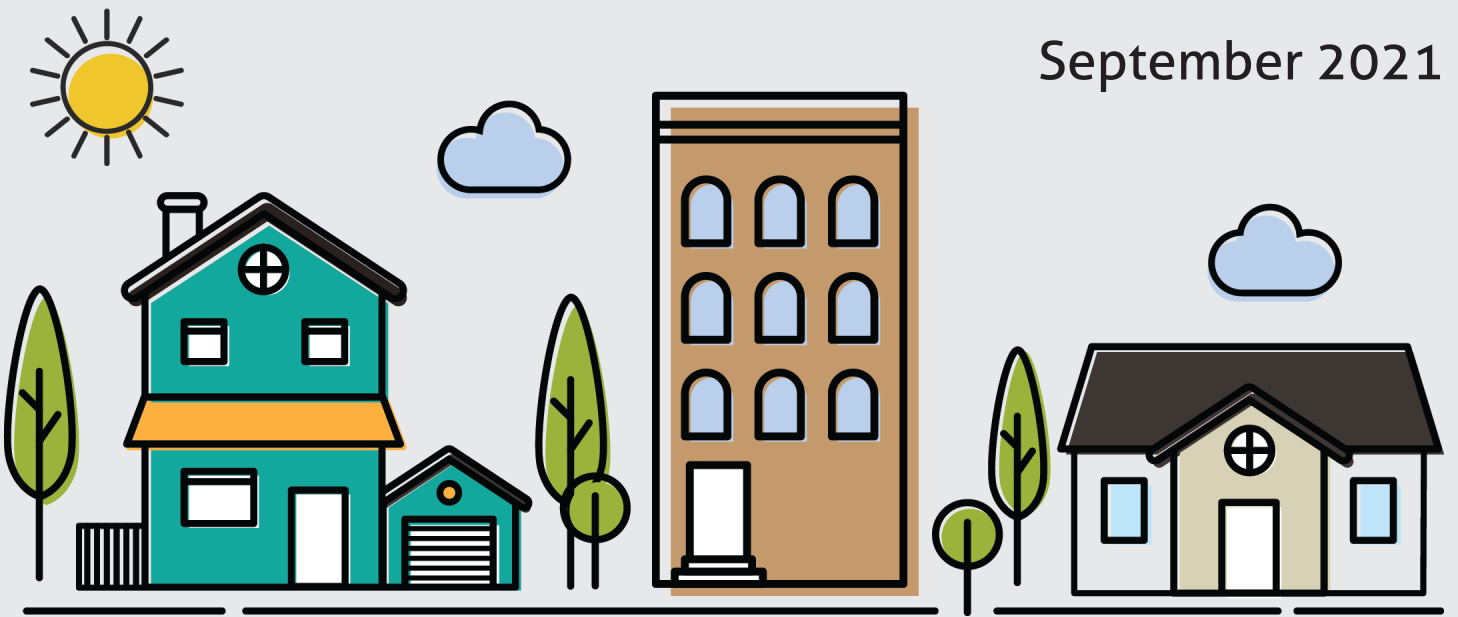


September 2021



# Faith in the Home



# September 5, 2021 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WHEN WE ARE DISCOURAGED, GOD COMES TO OUR RESCUE.

### **LEARN**

**Read Bible:** Isaiah 35:4-7a — Catholic Children's Bible page 1128



Tell everyone who is discouraged,  
"Be strong and don't be afraid!  
God is coming to your rescue,  
coming to punish your enemies."

The blind will be able to see,  
and the deaf will hear.  
The lame will leap and dance,  
and those who cannot speak will shout  
for joy.  
Streams of water will flow through the  
desert;  
the burning sand will become a lake,  
and dry land will be filled with springs.  
Where jackals used to live,  
marsh grass and reeds will grow.



### **Did You Know?**



This passage is from the Hebrew prophet, Isaiah. The Hebrew people lived a long time in the Middle East. Isaiah was important because he told people that Jesus was coming to be our savior more than 700 years before Jesus was born!

### **PRAY**



O powerful God, when we are discouraged, help us to be strong and know that you are coming to rescue us. Amen.

## **DISCUSS & DO**

### **Say something like:**



Back in June, it was so hot we had to stay indoors. Our outdoor plants were so dry. Can you imagine a beautiful stream running through our yard to give our plants water? That is what God can do for us ... come to our rescue when things are hard!



### **For Preschool-K**

**ACTIVITY:** Ask your child to draw a picture of your yard with happy plants after they have been watered.

### **For Grades 1-5**

**ACTIVITY:** After your child waters a dry plant in your house or yard, ask them to talk about how good this is for the plant and compare this action to God giving us what we need when we discouraged.

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# September 12, 2021 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## JESUS WANTS US TO KNOW WHO HE IS AND FOLLOW HIM.

### LEARN

**Read Bible:** Mark 8:27-35 — Catholic Children’s Bible page 1545



Then Jesus and his disciples went away to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Tell me, who do people say I am?”

“Some say that you are John the Baptist,” they answered; “others say that you are Elijah, while others say that you are one of the prophets.”

“What about you?” he asked them. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

Then Jesus ordered them, “Do not tell anyone about me.”



Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life.” He made this very clear to them. So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But Jesus turned around, looked at his disciples, and rebuked Peter. “Get away from me, Satan,” he said. “Your thoughts don’t come from God but from human nature!”

Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. “If any of you want to come with me,” he told them, “you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for me and for the gospel, you will save it.

### **Did You Know?**



John the Baptist was a relative of Jesus who baptized people and preached about being sorry. He even baptized Jesus. Elijah was a prophet who lived many years before Jesus was born. A prophet is a person who could warn people about what might happen in the future. Peter knew that Jesus was the Messiah who would come to set people free and show God’s love.

### PRAY



Dear Jesus, we are grateful that you came to earth to tell us and show us who you are. Help us to know you more and be like you every day. Amen

## **DISCUSS & DO**

### **Say something like:**



Jesus is the Son of God, who came to earth to show people how to follow God and how to love and care for others. When you grow up, you will have a certain job. No matter what job you do, your most important job will be to love God and do what you can to help others. Now, let's play a game.

#### **For Preschool-K**

**ACTIVITY:** Have your child find items to dress up for different jobs (chef, firefighter, animal doctor, etc.). Then have fun guessing what they are. Tell them that God loves them no matter what work they do.

#### **For Grades 1-3**

**ACTIVITY:** Have your child find items to dress up for different jobs (chef, firefighter, animal doctor, etc.). Then have fun guessing what they are. Afterwards, ask them what they would like to be when they grow up and how they could help others if they had that job or the ones they dressed up to be.

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# September 19, 2021 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**JESUS WANTS US TO THINK OF OTHERS AND TREAT THEM WELL.**

## **LEARN**

**Read Bible:** Mark 9:30-37 — Catholic Children’s Bible page 1546-1547



Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, because he was teaching his disciples: “The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him. Three days later, however, he will rise to life.”

But they did not understand what this teaching meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you arguing about on the road?”

But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all.” Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, “Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me.”



## **Did You Know?**



In the Bible story, Jesus found a child and held it in his arms. At that time, many people did not treat children very well. Jesus told his disciples to treat children just like they would treat Him. Jesus lived his life in a way so that we could see how to think of others first and treat them well no matter what their age.

## **PRAY**



Dear Jesus, help us to serve you and to always treat others as you would like us to treat them. Amen.

## **DISCUSS & DO**

### **Say something like:**



Jesus set an example to all of us by doing many good things for other people. If Jesus had only thought of himself, he would not have done those things. He knows that we will be happy when we think about others, not only ourselves.

#### **For Preschool-K**

**ACTIVITY:** If you have blank name tag or computer label around your home ... help your child to make their own stickers and decorate them with markers. Have the stickers say something nice. Then, ask your child to give their stickers to someone else.

#### **For Grades 1-5**

**ACTIVITY:** Have your kids make a list on ways they can help others. Try to come up with at least seven ideas, one for them to do for each day of the week.

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September 26, 2021 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 27 – Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul

**WE CAN HELP OTHERS IN NEED LIKE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

## **LEARN**

**Read Bible:** Matthew 25:34-36 — Catholic Children’s Bible page 1509



Then the King will say to the people on his right, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.’

### **About the Saint**

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor family in France in 1581. He did so well in school that he was paid to be a tutor and then became a priest. Once when he was traveling on a ship, he was captured and sold as a slave in Africa. Two years later, he escaped. When he got back to France, he was put in charge of giving money to the poor. From then on, he spent his life serving them, creating hospitals, and helping others in prison. There were so many people in need that he founded the Ladies of Charity and a group of priests, called the Vincentians.



**Watch the Video:** [Saint Vincent de Paul: A Man with a Mission](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHaZkHxn3fU) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHaZkHxn3fU>

### **About the Organization**

To carry on his work, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul began in 1833 and continues today. All around the world, groups of Catholics follow Jesus’ call to serve by giving rent, utilities, food, and clothes to those in need.

### **Did You Know?**



We have a Society at OLL who helps people too. There are barrels in our church to collect food all the time, and there are food drives during Advent and Lent. Have you seen these barrels? They are very big.

**Watch the Video:** [St. Vincent de Paul – Portland Council](https://www.svdppdx.org/a150/) – <https://www.svdppdx.org/a150/>



## **PRAY**



Dear St. Vincent, may we follow your example and do good works. Inspire us to feed the hungry, to love a child, to comfort the sick, to clothe those who need clothes, and to offer hope to all who are in need. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us. Amen.

## **DISCUSS & DO**



### **Say something like:**

Jesus wants us to help others who are in need. After we buy some extra canned goods for the poor, we will drive to church and donate them. We will need to go from 8 am - 4 pm and find the St. Vincent de Paul food barrel inside the A Ave doors near the American flag.

#### **For Preschool-K**

**SAY:** Explain to your child that we need to help others who do not have enough food to eat.

**ACTIVITY:** Have your child find 1-2 canned goods in your pantry that you can donate.

#### **For Grades 1-5**

**ACTIVITY:** Have your kids accompany you to the grocery store and select several canned goods to donate. Have them put the food in the St. Vincent de Paul barrel at church. Ask them how this makes them feel by doing something good for someone else.

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# MORE Faith in the Home

## FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

### Week of September 5

#### **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SEPTEMBER 8**

On this day, we celebrate when Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born. She loves us and is our spiritual mother. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us."

### Week of September 12

#### **FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS - SEPTEMBER 14**

The cross is a very famous symbol of being Christian. It reminds us that Jesus died to save us. We make the Sign of the Cross every time we pray or enter/leave a church. Our hands trace the shape of the cross, as we pray: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

### Week of September 19

#### **SAINT MATTHEW - SEPTEMBER 21**

St. Matthew was not liked by many people because his job was to collect taxes from them. After Jesus chose him to be one of his followers, he became a great man. St. Matthew wrote a gospel book in the Bible and told stories of how Jesus loves people of all kinds. "St. Matthew, pray for us."