



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5

LOVE GOD

As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus’ ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today’s selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, “I love you, O LORD, my strength” (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

FEAST OF FAITH Prayer after Communion

The rites following the reception of Communion are very short. It is as if the Church is saying to us that the only way to respond to this great gift is to go forth and live it! But there are some significant rites yet before we are sent forth from the Mass. After Communion, we pray together in silence or sing a hymn; both are ways to thank God for the gift of the Son. Then the priest prays another collect, the Prayer after Communion. This prayer, usually very short, gathers our prayers into one. It reminds us of what we have already experienced: in receiving the Eucharist, we have received a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; we have eaten the bread of angels. This reality, this knowledge, should transform us, so that we may journey through this life with our hearts set on eternal life, and find in the Eucharist—which is food from heaven and daily bread—the strength and hope we need to work toward God’s kingdom of justice here and now.

The office will be closed at St. Andrew in Lexington on Monday and Tuesday Nov 1st and 2nd

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;
Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

The office will be closed on Monday Nov 1st .to observe All Saint’s Day

During the month of November we are called in a special way to remember our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection. A note with the name of your loved ones that you want remembered in prayer can be turned into the office .The names will be put on the altar.

Saturday, Nov 6th: don’t forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour. Daylight savings time ends.



Monday Nov 1st All Saints Day Mass will be
at St Andrew 9:00 am

Tuesday Nov 2nd All Souls Day will be
St.Andrew at 11:30 am
St. Regina at 5:00 pm

Wednesday Nov. 3rd
Mass at the regular times

Nov 7th
LECTOR Mary

WEEKLY OFFERING

Oct 24th
BUDGET \$1351.00
\$555.00
B&M
\$60.00
World Missioon
\$10.00