

October 29, 2023
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD’S LAW AND GOD’S LOVE

The secret to our Sunday readings today lies in the Gospel Acclamation: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him” (John 14:23). That single line from John’s Gospel gets right to the heart of today’s readings, reminding us of the intimate relationship between the law (“keeping God’s word”) and God’s love. While human nature tends to resist burdensome rules, our readings show us the wisdom of God’s plan that guides us with the rule of law. In Exodus, the law boldly prevents injustice, protecting the most vulnerable members of society. In Thessalonians, the law elevates our behavior and saves us from “the coming wrath.” In Matthew’s Gospel, the law swaddles us in God’s compassion. In loving God, neighbor, and self, we imitate God and bring blessing to a fractured world.

Day of the Dead (All Souls Day - November 2)

During the month of October, Mexico and other Latin American countries prepare for the celebration of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). In these countries, these two feasts are a mixture of ancient Christian rites and Meso-American devotions. They assert that death is a natural part of the cycle of life and that the deceased are not forgotten by their loved ones. This is the basis of the Catholic devotion to the saints: God is God of the living and not the dead (Matthew 22:32).

At the end of October and the beginning of November, families spend time in the cemetery, visiting the graves of their relatives and friends, washing the headstones, placing bouquets of marigolds, and lighting candles. This custom is similar to that of the Christian Romans who did the same with the tombs of martyrs and relatives in the catacombs.

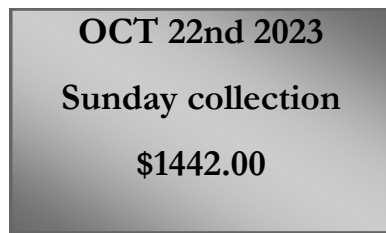
Often we cannot go back to the graves of our loved ones, so the custom of the altars of the dead has become important in our churches and homes. Many Latinos construct and adorn small altars and dedicate them to the souls of their loved ones who have died. On the altars are found decorated colored paper, photographs of the deceased, religious articles, food, drink, and other things that the deceased enjoyed during their lives. These altars are testimony to the fact that deceased Christians do not forget us and we do not forget them either. The love of God unites us forever.

NO FOOLING You may fool those who work around you; but you will rarely fool those who work under you.

The holiday and advent calendar is at the front of the church with all the holiday mass and services dates.

The office will be closed on Wednesday Nov 1

Please submit the names of those you want remembered during the month of November



INCLUSIVE LOVE

Love of our neighbor is included in the love of God.

Scripture study on Jonah will start Sept. 14th at the home of Peggy Hauck from 1:30 until 3:00 pm . Questions call Peggy at 937-707-0083

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

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

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers

(1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: 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 Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a,

14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Halloween

Wednesday: All Saints

Thursday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)

Friday: St. Martin de Porres; First Friday

Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

(Recited as part of the Rosary on Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin

At the end of the Rosary, the “Hail, Holy Queen” or the “Prayer after the Rosary” may be added.

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NOV 5TH

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

NOV 12TH

LECTOR JANET&MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

NOV 19TH

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

NOV 26TH

LECTOR JEFF

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

All Saints day Mass will be at 5 pm on Wednesday it is a holy day of obligation

All Souls Mass will be at 5 pm on Thursday Nov 2nd