



## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Times

November 3, 2024

### 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.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every four years, we engage in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in "chapter" at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in "chapter" by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don't have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

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

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### Remember In Prayer

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Timothy Zaunbrecher

### 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: Phil 2:1-4; Ps John 15:16; G Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 16:11; G Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 16:11; G Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 16:11; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 16:11; G Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ezk 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps Pet 2:5; G Joh 2:13-22

Sunday: Dan 12:1-3; Ps 16:5,8,9-10,11; G Mark 13:24-32

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the angels and saints, I beg for an outpouring of Your Divine Mercy upon every poor sinner and every poor soul in Purgatory.

**NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 6TH FATHER WILL BE  
OUT OF TOWN**

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LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER JESUS

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER

ANITA , ANN C, JIM

NOV.3 RD

LECTOR MARY

SERVER MAX

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER  
PEGGY ,TOM,, BEVERLY

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

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LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER  
JANET, FLORENCIA, ANN F.

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

NOV 17th

LECTOR MARK

SERVER JESUS

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER  
JIM,FLORENCIA,,ANN F.

COUNTER MARY & ANN

NOV 24TH

LECTOR JANET & MARINA

SERVER MAX

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER  
ANITA, PEGGY , BEVERLY

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

10-27-2024

\$898

WORLD MISSION

\$10.00

CATHOLIC CHARITY

\$1.00