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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME * OCT. 31, 2021

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Wednesday thru Friday.....8 a.m.
First Friday Mass 8:00 a.m.
First Friday Adoration..... 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

PENANCE

Saturday 3:15–3:45 p.m. before Mass
Or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to wedding. No weddings during lent.

BAPTISM

First Saturday of the month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.
Baptismal Seminar: Last Tuesday of the month.
Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance.

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Anytime when in need. Please phone.

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We the family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church provide worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the Spiritual growth of all.

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In Loving Memory of Robert Thibodaux Jr, Roger & Fields Flys, Mire & Duet Flys & Randy Duet by Velma & Jimmie Duet.

*Banns of Marriage #1
Tommy Bonvillain & Gabi Dominguez
Nov. 19, 2021*



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 31, 2021

Our first reading for this weekend is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy and the reading contains what many consider to be the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion. It is a profession of faith in the one God to whom belongs Israel's exclusive and undivided attention, commitment, and worship. The prayer itself contains only four words, two of which are the personal name of God. They are: LORD; our God; Lord; alone. Following the prayer or profession of faith is a call to commitment.

Two creedal testimonies are made in this short prayer, each preceded by the personal name of God. This God is the patron deity of Israel, not a god attached to a shrine or identified with some natural occurrence. All of Israel's history with God is contained in the phrase "our God." This is the God who drew the people out of Egyptian bondage, led them through the perils of the wilderness, and brought them into the land of promise. This is also the God within whom all the attributes of deity can be found, not a divided deity whose various characteristics are worshipped at various shrines.

The love that is enjoined on them must be complete. Obedience cannot be simply external conformity to law. It must be total commitment to God, and all of their interior faculties must be involved in this commitment. This would include the heart, which was thought to be the seat of mind and will; the soul, which was considered the source of vitality; and all of their strength.

The Gospel story from the Gospel of Mark is different from most such stories. Frequently Jesus' answer is a response to a challenge that has been hurled at him. Such is not the case here. In fact, the integrity of the scribe who poses the question can be seen in Jesus' assurance of his proximity to the reign of God.

Jesus named this commandment to love God the central one of all. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart." If our heart is attached to God, it seeks him constantly. "Love God with your whole soul." The soul is where our depth of commitment lies. If our soul loves God, it commits all it has to him. "Love God with all your strength." Our strength is the power of action. We commit it all to God. Jesus went further by adding another word: "Love God with all your mind." The mind is the power to know God and his creation. We give God our mind by praying as Jesus taught us.

When the scribe asked which commandment was first, it wasn't an empty question because the Jews had 613 commandments. The 613 commandments that had grown up surrounding the official law were divided into two major categories. Although all laws were considered binding because they had been delivered by God to Moses, some were regarded as "heavy" or very important and others were looked upon as "less weighty." Presumably the scribe, whose very profession included the interpretation of the law, should have understood it better than Jesus, who was not a scribe. Because of the complexity of the law, however, the professional seems unable to prioritize it. He must have recognized something in Jesus to prompt him to ask this very significant question.

Jesus is asked to identify one commandment, and he offers two. The first one is the most significant prayer of the Israelites religion (Deuteronomy 6:5). The second is a citation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18). Twice Jesus has reached into the biblical law in order to answer the scribe's question. By bringing these admonitions together as he does, he has shown that, though not identical, they are interrelated. Clearly commitment to God takes priority over everything else.

The scribe, who is schooled in the religious tradition, recognizes Jesus' response as both accurate and profound. He calls him teacher, a title that has special significance coming from one who was himself an official interpreter of the law.

The controlling theme in the response is the character of God. There is no other God but this God! From this flows the responsibility to love God with one's entire being and to love one's neighbor as oneself. It is the scribe who merges the two admonitions as if they were one. It is the scribe who further points out that love of God and of others far surpasses any kind of cultic obligation. He now sees through the complexity of the law and is able to discriminate between what is "heavy" and what is "light." He is on the threshold of the reign of God.

The final statement could mean that no one dared to challenge Jesus again, that this answer covered all other questions. What else was there to ask? What other answer could be given?

Please do pray for me as I will be travelling home on the 4th of November. I will reach home early morning of 6th of November. I will come back on the 2nd of December. It has been two years since I went to home.

Fr. Joe—pastor



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COLLECTION—Oct. 23 & 24

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Masses.....	110.00
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Donuts.....	31.00
World Mission Sunday.....	705.00

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+There will be No CCD classes this Monday, Nov. 1st due to the All Saints Day Masses.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O good St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, I place myself under your faithful protection.

You were always attentive to the voice of the Lord and never ceased to follow wherever God led you. Help me to hear and respond to God's voice with the same humble fidelity.

O St. Joseph, Terror of demons, protect me from all that might tempt me away from abiding in communion with Jesus.

Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, grant me a pure heart that I may see as God sees, and love as God loves.

With deep tenderness you cared for Mary and held the sleeping child Jesus, the Son of God, in your arms.

O dear St. Joseph, pray for me that I might have a mind and heart to receive that same love from my Father in heaven. St. Joseph, intercede for me always so that under your care I might be found worthy to rejoice forever with Jesus and you in heaven. Amen.



Mass Schedules

+All Saints Day-Monday-11/1 at 8 am & 6 pm in church
+All Souls Day Memorial Mass -Tuesday-11/2 at 6 pm in church

+There will be No Weekday Morning Masses on Wednesday -11/3, Thursday-11/4, or Friday-11/5.

All Saints & All Souls



We remember in prayer all parishioners and family members who have gone before us in this past year of 2021. They will not be forgotten.

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The monthly second collection for our Parish Development Fund will be collected next weekend, Nov. 6 & 7. Your continued generosity to this collection helps with many projects in and around our church. We thank you for that support!



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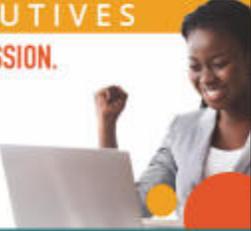


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