

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.

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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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,283.00	\$3,864.00
Number of Families contributing	195	92
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)	\$132,930.00	\$135,325.00
Received to Date	\$133,145.00	\$105,262.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(215.00)	\$30,063.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$143.00	\$8,369.00

Thirteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$15,420.00	\$132,565.00

Four people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$131.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$127.00.

BAA totaled \$40.00.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH totaled

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A beggar came asking for food. I told him to come around to the back door and asked him to sit on the floor while I went in to bring the left over food.

I brought him food and said, "Let's pray. Repeat after me, Our Father in Heaven." He said, "Your Father in Heaven." I said, "No, say Our Father in Heaven." He again said, "Your Father in Heaven."

This irritated me. I asked him why you say, "Your Father when I say Our Father?" He said, "Sir, it's like this. If I say Our Father, then we both become brothers. If we are brothers, you would invite me in through the front door and not the back; you would ask me to sit at your dining room table not on the floor; you'd also not give me stale food! Sir, somehow it's not possible that we are sons of the same father!"

He may be your Father, but he can't be Our father! Whose father is He? It took a beggar to teach me the truth.

GOD becomes our FATHER when we treat one another as brothers and sisters.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Saint in thanks for him on his 3rd Birthday and in loving memory of Eddie O. on his 67th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jack Patrick Sherlock and Vegas Sherlock.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for John Patrick Mack and Briseis Mayson.

NOVEMBER 1ST: ALL SAINTS DAY is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated this Monday, November 1st at 10:00 A.M.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held next *Sunday, November 7th at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION The special collection next weekend is for the *Mission in Guatemala*. Please be generous in this collection.

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER IN LIFE

- ❖ Take care of your thoughts when you are alone.
- ❖ Take care of your words when you are with people.

GOD USES BROKEN THINGS BEAUTIFULLY

Broken clouds pour rain, broken soil sets as fields, broken crop yields seeds, broken seeds give life to new plants.

So, when you feel you are broken, be rest assured that God is planning to utilize you for something great.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to the Blessed Mother and Mother Teresa for a favor received; and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

QUIPS & QUOTES

- God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but He expects us to do the baking.
- When you get to heaven you will be surprised to see many people there you do not expect to see. Many people may be just as surprised to see you there.
- You can read the world's shortest sermon on a traffic sign: "KEEP RIGHT."

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A businessman who needed millions of dollars to clinch an important deal went to Church to pray for the money. By chance he knelt next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt.

The businessman took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the Church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention..."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<i>Sunday:</i>	Halloween
<i>Monday:</i>	All Saints Day
<i>Tuesday:</i>	All Souls' Day; Election Day
<i>Wednesday:</i>	St. Martin de Porres
<i>Thursday:</i>	St. Charles Borromeo
<i>Friday:</i>	First Friday
<i>Saturday:</i>	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Monday:</i>	In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
<i>Tuesday:</i>	In thanks for Saint Riley on his 3 rd Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Eddie O. on his 67 th Birthday.
<i>Wednesday:</i>	For Maverick Sherlock on his 15 th Birthday.
<i>Thursday:</i>	For Evan Michael Carroll on his 18 th Birthday.
<i>Friday:</i>	For Paco's Pete on his Birthday.

IN HIS STRENGTH

*In His strength
I stand each day
As He guides me
On my way.*

*I'm so weak
And He is strong,
Without His help
I can't go on.*

*Jesus, precious Jesus,
Always at my side
Who else can I turn to,
Where else shall I abide?*

*His strength is all I need
To continue and to bear.
My God is always with me
To love me, and to care.*

READERS

Sat. Oct. 30th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. Oct. 31st, 10:00 A.M.
Christina & Julie Ann Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

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Sat. Nov. 6th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. Nov. 7th, 10:00 A.M.
Mary Martha & Natalie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Julie Ann
Wednesday	-	Cathy Lisa
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Gracelyn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Rose Melissa
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>October 30th</u>
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>October 31st</u>	<u>November 7th</u>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

KEEP SMILING

LITTLE KEYS open big locks, SIMPLE WORDS reflect great thoughts, your SMILE can cure heart blocks, so KEEP ON SMILING it rocks.

WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN

In every friendship hearts grow and entwine themselves together, so that the two hearts seem to make only one heart with only a common thought. That is why separation is so painful; it is not so much two hearts separating, but one being torn asunder.

RAISE YOUR STANDARD

When God blesses you financially....Don't raise your standard of LIVING...but raise your standard of GIVING.

GO TO CHURCH FOR WORSHIP

*Some go to church to see and be seen,
Some go there to say they have been,
Some go there to sleep and nod,
But few go there to worship God.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

In Your hands, O God our Father, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life You embraced them with Your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away. Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.