



St. David's Parish
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October 29, 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Looking at the other "with the eyes of God" captures the deep desire to be loved and " by opening myself to the other person, just as he or she is, by reaching out, by making myself available, I am also opening myself up to know God, to feel that He is there and is good".

Pope Benedict XVI

Mass Timings

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00 Pm

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Weekdays 9.00 am In Denbigh House

READINGS

1st Reading Ex 22:20-26

Reading 2 1 Thes 1:5c-10

GOSPEL Mt 22:34-40

INTRODUCTION: The central theme of today's readings is the greatest Commandment in the Bible, namely, to respond to God's Infinite Love for us by loving Him, and to express that love in action by loving Him in our neighbour.

First reading (Ex 22:20-26) explained: Since Jesus, in today's Gospel, sums up the Law of God in a formula of loving God and loving others, the passage chosen from Exodus prepares us for this message. This passage is part of a long narrative, Exodus, chapters 19-24, in which the

Hebrews, liberated from Egypt, are in the desert of Sinai. God announces His desire to enter a Covenant with the people. Moses is the mediator. God manifests Himself in terrifying thunder, lightning, and clouds. God gives the terms of the Covenant in various paragraphs, on several occasions. The people assent to the terms. These include the familiar Ten Commandments, the paragraphs that elaborate the commandments in great detail, ritual prescriptions and much more.

The second reading (I Thes 1:5c-10) explained: First Thessalonians is the earliest letter we have from Saint Paul. The first century AD Thessalonians lived and served in a mostly pagan city with an enthusiasm so contagious as to attract others to the Church. Here Paul congratulates his community on the positive effects of their example of loving one another as Jesus has commanded them to do. They have received the Gospel with ready Faith, he tells them, and they have withstood persecution with joy. Those actions, particularly their loving response to Paul himself, their ready belief in Jesus, and their generous living out of that Faith, have bolstered the Faith of Christians elsewhere who have heard about them. Paul and these earliest Christians believed that Jesus would come again **very soon**. Their conviction was that God was soon to bring history to its end with the return of Jesus in glory. [This expectation faded over the years during which the New Testament Scriptures were composed].

Gospel exegesis: The context: A Pharisee, who believed in both the written Law and the oral tradition, seeing how Jesus had defeated the Sadducee who had tried to humiliate Him with the hypothetical case of a woman who married seven husbands, asked Jesus to summarize the most important of the Mosaic Laws in one sentence. This was a challenge because, in the Judaism of Jesus' day, there was a double tendency to expand the Mosaic Law into hundreds of rules and regulations and to condense the 613 precepts of the Torah into a single sentence or few sentences. [The Pharisees themselves identified 613 commandments in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). Two hundred forty-eight were positive ("thou shalt") and three hundred sixty-five were negative

(“thou shalt not”). Summarizing the Law, King David proposed eleven (Ps 15), Isaiah six (33:15), Micah three (6:8), and Amos only one (5:4).

From the Commandments that deal with “loving our neighbor,” the Jewish scholars of the law produced 14 particular commandments about business practices, 19 about employees, servants and slaves, 36 about courts and judicial procedure, eleven about property rights, seven about criminal law, and 24 about punishment and restitution. Yet that doesn’t exhaust the commands to “love our neighbor”! When you turn to “loving God”, the lists of commandments are even longer, including 33 about the Temple and sacred objects, 46 about idolatry, and 102 about sacrifices and offerings! With 613 commandments, it was easy for the average Jew to lose focus. Jesus wanted to bring a focus to God’s command to love Him first and foremost.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- OCTOBER 21-22

Loose cash	130.00
Gift Aid	109.76
<u>Total</u>	<u>239.76</u>

SECOND COLLECTION= 102.41

MASS INTENTIONS Oct 28-Nov 3

Date	Offered by	Intention
October 28, Saturday	Sosthenes Fernandes	Thanksgiving
October 29, Sunday		For the Parishioners
October 30, Monday	Mother	Patrick Moor House
October 31, Tuesday	Wife	Christy Moorhouse
November 1, Wednesday	Valsamma John	Holy Souls
November 2, Thursday	Philomena Rocha	Souls in Purgatory
November 3, Friday	Philomena Rocha	Edward Rocha RIP

ANNIVERSARIES (Oct 28-Nov-3)

Emily Alice Elizabeth Butcher ‘92:Patrick Fleming, Joan, Moynihan, ‘09., Sean Cahill:, Janet Poscha ‘87: Mary Clare Marsh ‘89 Sr. Gregorious ‘03: Sr. Dominique ’88, Christopher Carus ’78, Sr. Bernadine ‘74: William Harrison:Kath Parry, Thomas Ferguson ’79

Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer

Ann Parry, Patrick Ngale, Philip McGreavy, Antony Parry

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277**

November 1, Wednesday- All Saints Day- Holyday of Obligation

Holy Mass- 10.00 am

November 2, Thursday- All souls Day

Holy Mass- 10.00 am followed by blessing of graves.

A plenary indulgence, applicable to all souls in Purgatory, is granted to the any of the faithful who-

- 1) On one of the days from 1-8 November visit devotedly a cemetery or simply pray mentally for the dead
- 2) On All Souls Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the "Our Father" and the Creed

A partial indulgence, applicable only souls in purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who-

- 1) Visit devotedly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead.
- 2) Recite devotedly Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...."

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