

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you,
and thus have long life.

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them,
that you may grow and prosper the more,
in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers,
to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!

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

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, O LORD, my strength,

O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

My God, my rock of refuge,

my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,

and I am safe from my enemies.

R. *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king

and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many
because they were prevented by death from remaining in office,
but Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God
through him,
since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,
higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests,
to offer sacrifice day after day,
first for his own sins and then for those of the people;
he did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests,
but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law,
appoints a son,
who has been made perfect forever.

The word of the Lord

A reading of the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart,

with all your understanding,

with all your strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself'

is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,
he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful

- A** For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he will thrive, spiritually and physically,
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For civil servants who labor to maintain clean water, dependable power, and reliable communication systems,
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For all who labor to gather in the harvest, that they and their important work be appreciated,
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** For first responders and all who have lives dedicated to public health and safety,
let us pray to the Lord:
- E** For all who are living with terminal illness, may they always feel God's love, care, and compassion,
let us pray to the Lord:
- F** For all Holy Family parishioners who are sick and in need of God's healing touch,
let us pray to the Lord:
- A** For all who grieve the loss of loved one, may our hope be placed in the Risen One,
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For today's mass intentions:
(PLEASE READ NAMES),
let us pray to the Lord.

(Please read all after everyone has received communion)

For those not able to be here physically or receive Holy Communion at this time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen