

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2–6

Psalm 18:1–2ab, 46

Hebrews 7:26

Mark 12:28–31



We Pray

God our Father, help us to love you above all things. Help us to love others as we love ourselves. Amen.



The Word of God This Week

Jesus Teaches the Great Commandment

A teacher of the Law of Moses heard Jesus and the Sadducees talking. The teacher asked Jesus, “What is the most important commandment?”

Jesus answered, “The most important one says: ‘People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God. You must love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.’ The second most important commandment says: ‘Love others as much as you love yourself.’ No other commandment is more important than these.”



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Activity

In today's Gospel, Jesus said that we must love God with all our heart. Inside the heart below are the other three ways we can love God. Color the words and then color the heart. Think about the ways you can use these words every day to love God and others.



Family Corner

Faith Focus

Children can sometimes feel that life is a day-to-day routine of negatives: "Don't do this. Don't do that." It is challenging to find or feel love in all the negatives. God loves us every minute of every day—that's positive! God the Father loves us so much that he sent Jesus to us. Jesus loves us so much that he summed up all the "nos" with just two "yeses": Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love others as yourself.

Family Activity

This week, lift the family's spirits by loving God and loving others. As a family, choose a way to serve a neighbor. Before beginning, pray: "Loving God, receive our love and help us to always love you. Thank you for our neighbors; may they receive our love and yours. Amen."