

October 30-31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

This weekend we have our FIRST READING encouraging us to 'FEAR THE LORD, YOUR GOD...' and then in the Gospel we have Jesus urging us to, 'LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' As he is prone to do, Jesus also expands on this FIRST commandment by adding...'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' Thus, with but a handful of weeks remaining in this Liturgical Year we are challenged to either LOVE or FEAR God. Drawing something of a parallel with law enforcement, many of us value and appreciate the presence of local Police/Highway Patrol for the 'protection' they seemingly imply/provide. Knowing that a police car may patrol our neighborhood assures us that there are watchful eyes endeavoring to prevent us from being robbed or vandalized. HOWEVER...to have a Highway Patrol car suddenly begin to follow us on the highway is frequently unsettling...causing us to slow down or sweating over how FAST we may have been driving. Fear and love are perhaps different sides of the same coin, we LOVE GOD for what our hearts tell us about his undying faithfulness to us...yet we individually are aware of our mistakes, our failures to follow God's teachings or guidance. NUANCE is ESSENTIAL...NUANCE allows us to err on the side of LOVING GOD, of opening ourselves to God's grace, guidance and support. NUANCE allows us to acknowledge we have CHOICES...**then it is ALWAYS UP TO US**...to choose good...or darkness?

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

'I love you Lord, my strength.'

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE trash receptacles at the back of the Hall.

With but a few hours remaining of October, our **ALL SOUL'S envelopes** are on the tables as you enter the Hall as a way to prayerfully remember and honor all your own beloved, deceased, family and friends throughout November. As well, while CHRISTMAS may still seem a long way off, we are nonetheless making available the **CHRISTMAS DECORATING ENVELOPES** by which we generate the monies to cover our 29 living-pine trees and over 100 large poinsettias and multiple wreaths with which we will transform our Hall into a blessed and magical place in which to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus. Your generous help is ALWAYS welcomed and greatly appreciated. **Occurring as it does on MONDAY, the celebration of ALL SAINTS is NOT an obligatory Holy Day this year...**thus the usual 8:30am Mass will be the only liturgy offered. Please note....**next Saturday (November 6th), SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR when you go to bed** as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end! Enjoy your trick or treating...if you are out driving please watch out for the goblins on the streets **and always remember, YOU ARE LOVED! FKB**