

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary time– 31 October 2021

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

This weekend's Scripture defines love as concern. Love is more than just emotion, certainly more than self-gratification. Love is a precarious undertaking that requires committed action on behalf of another.

The Book of Deuteronomy is an expression of Israel's covenant. Fashioned after ancient Near Eastern treaties, this book depicts Yahweh as a suzerain and Israel as a vassal. The suzerain is generous toward the vassal; in return the vassal gives love, a love that implies obedience. The formulation of this treaty means that Yahweh has an exclusive claim on Israel.

Psalm 18 is a royal psalm of thanksgiving. This passage comments on the meaning of love, using a Hebrew word that actually means "womb" -- thus connoting feminine compassion. Israel addresses Yahweh as rock and fortress, recalling God's promise to King David to protect and help him.

In Mark, the Great Commandment reappears under two names: the first of all the commandments (verse 28) and the greatest commandment (verse 31). Out of 248 positive commands and 365 negative prohibitions of the Torah, Jesus selects two (Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18). These two, love of God and love of neighbor, give meaning to all the others. Mark has already pointed out how Jesus incorporated this twofold love into his lifestyle. He loved his neighbor by reaching out to those despised by others. He loved God by accepting God's will, even suffering and death.

Whom have we promised to love? How have we shown our love for these people? Often the little things count the most!

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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**What Matters the Most to God?** The answer is simple: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. The practice is harder. Recall the Good Samaritan who cares for the beaten man on the roadside (Luke 10:29-37). A neighbor is not just a friend or relative or part of the tribe. A neighbor is anyone. We are to love everyone. That kind of loving keeps us near the Kingdom of God.

- ♦ What of my actions show that I am loving God?
- ♦ What of my actions show that I am loving myself?

What of my actions show that I am loving my neighbor, that is, everyone

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time– 7 Nov 2021

1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.



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## **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte. 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

## **The Principal Laws of Social Life**

The great commandment of the Hebrew covenant, ratified by Jesus as the greatest commandment, is to love God above all else and with all we have.

Already in ancient times it was the most abused commandment, as the people of Israel struggled with different forms of idolatry.

In our own day we continue to violate this commandment with the various idolatries that infect our public life: worship of the almighty dollar, adoration at the altar of capitalism, religious reverence for ‘the American way of life.’

Jesus did not invent the second greatest commandment, either. His contribution was to link it with the first, to tie together love of God with love of neighbor.

Just as we violate the first commandment, so we violate the second one as well: we discriminate against our neighbor, we use our political and economic power to oppress our neighbor, we overwork and underpay our neighbor, we sexually harass our neighbor, we physically abuse our neighbor, we lock our neighbor up and forget about him, we seem to do many things that are not love of neighbor.

“Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.” It seems so simple, doesn’t it? Our experience tells us otherwise.

*One may not take as the ultimate criteria in economic life the interests of individuals or organized groups, nor unregulated competition, nor excessive power on the part of the wealthy, nor the vain honor of the nation or its desire for domination, nor anything of this sort. Rather, it is necessary that economic undertakings be governed by justice and charity as the principle laws of social life.*

*Pope John XXIII, Mater et Magistra, 1961: 38-39*

--Gerald Darring SLU Sunday Site

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 31	8:00 am Mass	David Dickey
Mon	Nov 1	6:00 pm Solemnity of All Saints Mass	
Tues	Nov 2	8:00 am All Souls Day Mass	
Fri	Nov 5	5:00-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
Sat	Nov 6	8:30 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass	Carol Simmons
Sun	Nov 7	8:00 am Mass	Billie Anderson

<b>Birthdays</b>
Nov 3 Harry Gruszczyk
Nov 5 Mitch Garrett

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 31 8 am	M Slife	L Coleman	B Palmer	C&B Bergmann	*Jon Slife, Ryan Weeks
		<u>Cantor</u>	J Starrett		
Nov 7 8 am	L Miller	V Anderson	Erin Garrett	M Palmer	*M McMahan,
				M Bergmann	D Zmuda, Sr
		<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett		

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 31	Mass.....	8:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am
		Trunk or Treat Vienna Park .....	5:00-7:00 pm
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		Liturgy Planning Mtg Vienna Dinner.....	9:30 am
		Parish Work day.....	9:30 am
Sun	Nov 7	Mass .....	8:00 am
		Breakfast honoring our Parish Veterans...	9:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am



**CORRECTION OF MASS TIMES. SAINTS DAY IS NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>. MONDAY.** While this is a non obligatory Holy Day, Father Christian is making a special effort to provide us a Mass that day **at 6:00 pm.** On All Souls Day, November 2 he will provide a mass **at 8:00 am.** Our Parish Book of Remembrance will be available in the Church Foyer for you to list your loved ones, who died through the month of November, starting October 31. At the November 28 Mass, we will offer prayers for all listed in this book.

**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE** approximately 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** is Sunday Oct. 31 in the Vienna Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm in the Vienna Park.

**NOV 5<sup>TH</sup> IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 5-6:30 PM**

**NOV 6<sup>TH</sup> IS 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY MASS AT 8:30 AM.** The Liturgy Planning committee will be meeting with Fr. Christian for breakfast at the Vienna Diner following this Mass.

**PARISH WORK DAY** will also follow 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass on November 6.

**VETERANS RECOGNITION BREAKFAST FOLLOWS NOV 7 MASS.** Please stop by for this opportunity to recognize our parish veterans.

**FAITH ALIVE VOLUNTER WORKER APPRECIATION DINNER** will be November 8 at the Shawnee Worship Center at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Madonna Slife or Arlene Dueker if you would like to attend.

**WELLNESS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON NOV. 9** in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m.

**PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE.** If you or a family member are interested in a part-time position as office manager for our parish, please contact Matt Slife at 618-534-6978

**VOCATION CORNER Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**  
“National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 7-13, 2021 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.”  
*United States Council of Catholic Bishops website*

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