

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus!

They are concerned about keeping the hundreds of laws that they have laid out as burdens for themselves and others!

They test Jesus on the Ten Commandments; Jesus summarises the commandments in two commandments, both focused on loving God, others and one's self.

The part that is often most difficult is that of loving ourselves as the precious ones created lovingly by God.

If we can love ourselves as gifts from God, how much easier it is to love others!

Matthew 22:34-40



The Greatest Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question:



Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?




You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.



The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.





Do you think God ever gets
sad like "What do you mean
you don't love yourself I
worked so hard on you."

GOD IS
LOVE

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Read **Matthew 22:34-40** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 22:34-40

1 You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. But have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

2 If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

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Consider



Do you know how much God loves YOU!

Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to that you
are loved by God.**

**Ask God to help you to be
more loving.**

