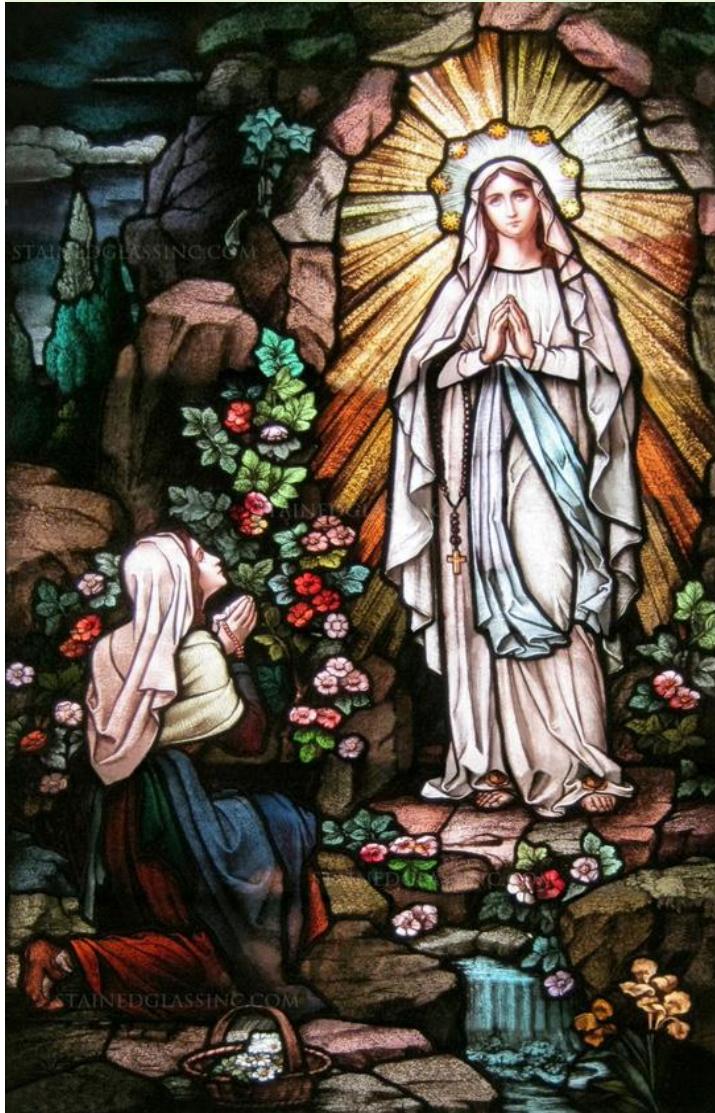


31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021



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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register.

We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANointing of the Sick MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFessions

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
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Donation	\$3,066.00
Donation Online	\$1,152.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,253.00



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PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

DEAR HOLY SAINTS OF GOD, WE JOIN OUR PRAYERS OF PRAISE TO YOURS THIS DAY.

WITH YOU, WE SING OF GOD'S GOODNESS, REJOICE IN GOD'S MERCY AND CELEBRATE GOD'S INCREDIBLE LOVE.

TEACH US TO LIVE AS YOU LIVED – ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS, ALWAYS RECOGNIZING OUR WEAKNESSES, ALWAYS REJOICING IN GOD'S GIFTS, ALWAYS CLOSELY FOLLOWING JESUS. BLESSED ARE YOU, HAPPY ARE YOU, ALL YOU HOLY SAINTS OF GOD.

PRAY FOR US THAT WE TOO MAY SOMEDAY BE AMONG GOD'S HOLY ONES.

AMEN

Sunday Readings 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt: 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28
Mark 12: 28-34



"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." Mark 12: 28-34

Jesus Inserts a Shocking Link

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Jesus makes a surprising link in the conversation we just heard in the Gospel Reading.

- He links forever the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself.
- When asked for the greatest single commandment, he actually answers by naming two commandments – loving God and loving neighbor; they necessarily, intrinsically go together.

In Jesus' time, this answer was surprising because it put love for neighbor on par with love for God.

- No one had ever done that before; everyone simply agreed that loving God came first.
- Loving one's neighbor was good, they thought, but it was secondary – the primary thing was loving God.
- Jesus challenges those assumptions: true love for God, he teaches, cannot exist apart from true love for neighbor.
- If someone claims to love God, that invisible love can be verified in the visible way they treat their neighbor.

In our day, on the other hand, perhaps the more surprising aspect is the priority Jesus gives to loving God.

- Our post-modern world has, in many ways, given up on the idea of God.
- The sheer quantity of religions and denominations and their inability to agree on doctrines has created a cynical indifference to God.
- Government and popular culture have almost succeeded in keeping God in the closet – at best.
- What the seculars do agree about, however, is the importance of loving one's neighbor – toleration, diversity, random acts of kindness, paying it forward...
- These are things we can sink our teeth into, so they say.

And yet, is it really possible to make the sustained effort necessary for truly Christian love of neighbor, without staying connected to the reason why our neighbor ought to be loved? In other words, if I don't love the God in whose image my neighbor is created, how long and how deeply can I really, truly love my neighbor?

A Nun and a Million Dollars

Years ago, Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen told the story of a nun who was caring for a horribly ill patient.

- The patient's leprosy was well-advanced, with the putrid, rotting skin and the smell of decaying flesh. The nun attended to the patient with remarkable gentleness and kindness. It was as if she didn't even notice how grotesque the disease had made this person.
- A visitor to the hospital stood and watched for a few moments. And when the nun had finished, the visitor went up to her with a grimace of disgust and said, "Sister, I wouldn't do what you just did for a million dollars."
- The nun smiled and said, "Neither would I."

True love for our neighbor can't be based on how much we like our neighbor or on how much we can get from our neighbor. Those motivations won't last, and they won't lead us to the true self-giving that Christ-like love involves.

True love for our neighbor can only come from a true love for God, in whose image our neighbor is created. Loving God and neighbor are the great commandments - they are the path to true happiness and fullness of life.

- This week, let's go the spiritual gym; let's exercise our love for God and neighbor. We don't have to do anything crazy - just something, just something intentional.
- Traditionally, the Church gives us a lot of help by identifying ways we can exercise this love - they are called the Works of Mercy.
- Don't let a day go by without consciously, intentionally exercising your love for God and neighbor - the love God himself has planted in your heart.

Because if we exercise it, it will grow, and when love grows, so does everything else that is good.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

For all who have died from Covid-19

November 8 | 7pm
St. James Cathedral
Archbishop Etienne presiding

Join us in person or livestream
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