

**OCTOBER 31, 2021**  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6*  
*Hebrews 7:23-28*  
*Mark 12:28b-34*

**Sum Up the Law!**

In the time of Jesus Jewish people demanded their rabbis give a summary of the Law. It has been said there were 600 precepts of the Jewish Law at the time. As my old scripture professor once said, "if anything was needed for salvation it was a good memory." (Fr. Eugene Maly)

The Old Testament (Deuteronomy) gives a summary of its own. It is called the *Shema'*. "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This is the basic principle of the Mosaic Law. It is the keynote. Since the Lord alone is God, we must love Him with undivided heart. It is a creed. It reminds the people of their special relationship with the one true God.

When Jesus is asked to sum up the Law He states the *Shema'* as the first law. Then He adds Lev. 19:18, the love of neighbor, as the second. The two are not the same. Love of God must be recognized first. Flowing from this is love of neighbor and self.

Love expresses itself in love of neighbor. Note the Scribe agrees care for others is greater than any other sacrifice.

Fr. Eugene Maly points out that to say "Lord" is more than to speak of a creator. It means "loving saving God" who has reached into our lives in deep and profound ways. Both Old Testament and New Testament say this. This action of God comes first! We cannot love God and neighbor on our own. We must accept God loves us and loves us first. Accepting the Lord God's love for us makes all love possible. It makes it possible to love God, neighbor, and ourselves.

Both loves, love of God and of neighbor, sum up the Law.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

*1Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44*

**Join in Scripture Sharing every Thursday evening, 7pm to 8pm.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

Time, Talent, Tithing

Attendance last week:	230
Tithes Collected:	\$3,783.00
Online Giving:	\$555.00
Total:	\$4,338.00

**SPIRITUALITY**

An Affirming Thought

"I have a mission...I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. God has not created me for naught...Therefore I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. God does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about." John Henry Newman

Do not fear to speak out about the Love of God. Tell others you are a Roman Catholic Christian who is filled with faith!

**NOTE**

**All Saints Day is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. That is because it is on a Monday. When a holy day falls on a Friday or Monday it generally is not. Christmas is always a holy day of obligation.**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**October 31, 2021**

**After the 10:45am Liturgy**

**On the above date we will have a meeting with the families of School Age children. It will take place after the 10:45am Liturgy. The program material for this year will be distributed and explained. We will also use the time to get to know each other. A donation of \$25 will be accepted.**

**Publix Cards**

Please bring in Publix Gift Cards. This is our annual campaign to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide food for the holidays. Many people do not have the means to cook. Therefore, with the Gift Cards they may purchase food that is already prepared. The cards also help us provide supplemental food items to families in need throughout the year. Please provide the cards in \$10 increments. Again, please bring in Publix Gift cards in \$10 increments. Thank you.

**Thanksgiving Day, November 28th**

**Liturgy at 10:00am**

We will celebrate Mass at a special time. We will celebrate at 10:00am. It is a simple liturgy of about 40 minutes. You will be home in time for the football games. (The office will be closed that day and the day after.)

**LITURGY FOR OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time :Cycle B**

- **SONG #1: LOVE THE LORD** (L. Brewster)
  1. //Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength;//
  2. **With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength; Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.**
  3. //I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength//
  4. I will love you (**reply: I will love you**)

I will praise you (reply: I will praise you)  
I will serve you (reply: I will serve you)  
I will trust you (reply: I will trust you)

• **PSALM 18:** (D.Perez-Cuan)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

• **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

• **SONG # 2: Parable** (MD Ridge)

1. To everything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.

• **SONG #3: I CHOSE TO LOVE** (D. Pérez-Cuan)

• In God's eyes, we're all the same;  
We're all His children. He loves us all,  
so I choose love, I choose to love;  
you my brother and you my sister.  
I choose to love, I choose to love  
//with all my heart with all my soul,  
with all my strength, with all my mind  
I choose to love! //

• There is no doubt, that in our hearts,  
we hold the power to love each other;  
it's up to you to freely give  
the gift of love to all the world:  
Let's choose to love, let's choose to love  
with all our hearts, with all our souls,  
with all our strength, with all our minds,  
let's choose to love.

1. Where there is hatred, let's show them love. Where there is anger, let's show them more love. There's only one thing that really matters. That we love each other, the way the God loves us.

2. The time is now, to trust your heart.  
Don't fear what love brings.  
God's guiding light  
will lead your way, //let's choose to love  
with all our hearts, with all our souls,  
with all our strength, with all our minds,  
let's choose to love//

• **SONG # 4: The Power of Love** (G.Bullock)

1. Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed; flowing from the grace that I found in You. And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.

2. **Hold me close, let Your love surround me, bring me near, draw me to Your side.**

**And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.**

3. Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face; the knowledge of Your love, as You live, in me. Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life, in living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love.

• **SONG # 5: GO OUT AND TELL** (B.Fisher)

1. **Go out and tell, make disciples of nations. Go out and tell the good news. Sing from your heart, sing to all of creation. Go out and tell the good news.**

2. Go out and tell! God's love is everlasting. Go out and tell! He is a loving friend. Go out and tell! He'll never leave you orphaned. Shout it from the mountains, let the Word be alive in you.

3. Go out and tell! Give food to the hungry. Go out and tell! Be compassion to the poor. Go out and tell! Be a friend to the lonely. Come down from the mountain, let the Word be alive in you!

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 30

4:00 p.m. † Maria Squadrito by St Vincent de Paul Society

† Jean Ingraham by Marie, Linda, & Peggy

Sunday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Daniel T. Murphy by Dil Hatchett

10:45 a.m. † Annie Falzone by Joanie

† Justine Miller by Martin & Frank

Monday, November 1

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, November 2

8:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 3

8:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 4

8:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena

Friday, November 5

8:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 6

4:00 p.m. † All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 7

9:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena

10:45 a.m. † All Souls Novena

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**Synod 2021 – 2023**  
**Consultive Questions**

**Consulting the People of the World**

\*Thank you for even pausing long enough in your busy day to read this page!\*

What is this? Synod? It is an ancient Tradition of the Christian Church which is the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called "followers of the Way" (cf. Acts 9:2; 19:9-23; 22:4; 24:14-22)

This synod is both a gift and a task. It is the way the Church is to proceed, and this is the way set out for us by the Second Vatican Council (1963-65). Obviously, we have journeyed a very long way already since Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. Thus, we reflect on what we have personally experienced. By responding to the broad questions presented below we will learn from one another's experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit.

What to do then. First pray for God's guidance.

Note there are three sets of questions to guide your reflection. For the majority of them all keep your response short. Carefully think through your response to each question. Focus in on what "jumps out" at you or appears most strongly as your experience or perspective on the topic of the question. It may be a word, phrase, or sentence (or two sentences). Your response may be made in a string of one-word answers that come to mind. Print this on the sheet that has the question written on it. Please answer in this brief manner. Your carefully chosen word, phrase or sentence may be very powerful. More so than writing a paragraph. The authors are looking for key concepts and thoughts that surface most often among all the responses (worldwide). Long paragraphs may make your experience or perspective be lost in too many words that those who must distill all the responses to manageable inputs/data.

The two questions within "Question 1" may be answered by a phrase or sentence or a string of words.

The first three questions within "Question 2" may be a simple "yes" or "no". Your response to the final (fourth) question may be the short two or even three sentences or a string of words. You see? Right to the point leading to possible solutions.

The three questions within "Question 3" may take one to two sentences each.

\*Keeping it simple will have the most impact and get you heard.\*

Thank you again for your help!

**Please mail the question and answer sheet back to:**  
**Blessed Sacrament Church**  
**1701 East Oakland Park Blvd.**  
**Oakland Park, FL 33334**  
**Or drop it off in church on the weekend.**

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**The Questions**

**Please contain your responses to the space provided.**

Question 1

a. What fills you with joy about the Catholic Church?

b. What causes you concern about the Catholic Church?

Question 2

a. Are you encouraged to speak up courageously and responsibly about challenges and concerns?

b. Do you feel heard?                      C. Do you listen to the voices of others?

d. How can we create greater opportunities for people to be heard in Church and in the public square?

Question 3

a. What type of support do you need to grow in your personal relationship with Jesus and His Church?

b. What type of support do you need *to help others* to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus and His Church?

c. How can the Catholic Church *accompany and support* you with these?

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