

SUNDAY, October 31, 2021
30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings:

- 1) Deuteronomy 6: 2-6
- 2) Hebrews 7:23-28
- 3) Mark 12:28b-34

FOCUS: The road to the Kingdom is paved with love for God and for our neighbor. The greatest commandments are these; to love God first with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus tells us there are none greater than these, and understanding and living these commands brings us ever closer to the kingdom of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses speaks to the people, telling them to observe the commands of God and to love him with all their heart, soul, and strength. In the second reading, Jesus is acknowledged as the perfect sacrifice who has redeemed us. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the two greatest commandments are to love God completely and *to love your neighbor as yourself*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathered as a family united in faith and baptism, let us with confidence bring our needs and prayers before our loving God and Father.

- 1) For leaders of the Church, may God send his spirit to love and strengthen them as they minister to his people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all in authority, may God infuse them with his wisdom and grace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who live with the burden of hatred or racism, may God grant them his loving comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may the Lord's teaching shape our lives and his grace conform us ever more to his heart, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our loved ones who have died, may God invite them into their final resting place in his presence for eternity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of love, we place these needs before you and trust in your promises to love us and give us what we need. Through Christ our Lord.