

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Exodus 22:20-26
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
- 3) Matthew 22:34-40

FOCUS: God gives us all we need to answer his call to love others.

If we are to do any good for others, if we are to discern where God is calling us to serve, if we are to have the resources necessary to fulfill such a call, we *must* begin by seeking God and God's help first. We must start at the source of all generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, God commands his people not to oppress the weak. In the second reading, Paul commends the Thessalonians for placing their faith in God and becoming a model for others. In the Gospel, Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves, let us bring our needs and the needs of those around us before our loving God.

- 1) For all leaders in the Church, may the Lord continue to strengthen them and bless them in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may God grant them wisdom and courage in attending to and protecting the most vulnerable especially the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are marginalized and in need, may God bless them with abundance and provision, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Lord open our hearts to receive his love so we can generously serve others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they be given the peace of Christ's eternal love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and eternal God, you sent your only Son into the world to enlighten our hearts and fill us with hope and faith. Hear our prayers, we ask, through Christ our Lord.

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