

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ in the House of the Pharisee*,
England, c. 1480-1490

You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.

MARK 12:31



Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

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KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

Today's Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28;
Mk 12:28b-34

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

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Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."
Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jane Davis. Vicki Hauck. Naomi Alfred. Dave Cormier. Jess Corrigan, Jr. Jane Bidlack. Fr. Mike Snider. Judy Smith. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hick-ey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joey Chaney, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading: Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel: To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 10/30 Eldon Boyd (Yolanda Boyd)

Sun 10/31 Judi Fazzio+ (Joe Fazzio) & **Tom Moroney+** (M/M Clymer)

Tue 11/02 Ruth Jackman+ & Judi Fazzio+ (M/M Clymer)

Wed 11/03 Kathryn Allen+ (Jane Bidlack)

Thurs 11/04 Kathryn Allen+ & Tony Price (M/M Clymer)

Fri. 11/05 Kathryn Allen+ (Bridget Rich) & **Liam Hughes+** (M/M Clymer)

Sat. 11/06 Tom Moroney+ (Carol Szczepanski) & **Prisella Sholtez+** (Mary Catalano)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of August, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,628

Attendance 10/23 Saturday 43 10/24 Sunday 56

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for November:

People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

BECOMING SAINTS

Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints. —St. Clement I

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.—Mark Twain

LOVE GOD

As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus' ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today's selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, "I love you, O LORD, my strength" (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

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→ **Adoration will resume Tues., Nov. 2nd**
 → **Time: 9:30am—12:30pm & 6:00—8:00pm**
All are welcome to attend!



If Interested in spending one hour with the Lord. Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

November Second Collections: 6th & 7th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"; 13th & 14th: "Christmas Flowers"; 20th & 21st "Catholic Charities—Diocese of Tyler".

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Dear Parishioners:

I want to express my sincere gratitude for all your prayers, phone calls, text messages. It was comforting to have the most delicious meals and treats delivered to the rectory during my recovery from COVID and pneumonia. I'm sorry for those that listened to me during my rambling moods. Your patience has been appreciated.

I'm so fortunate to be a pastor of this Holy Spirit Community. Looking forward to say Mass Tues., Nov. 2nd at 9:00am.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

Fr. Mike Snider

Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

Jean & David Kelly



It's never easy to say goodbye to people you care about but finding the right words to express how you feel can make the transition smoother and more memorable.

In appreciation of Jean & David we will have a pot luck breakfast immediately following the 9:00am Mass on Sun., Oct. 31st. Parishioners are welcome to attend. You may bring a breakfast casserole if you would like. Let's wish them safe and healthy travel moving closer to family in Kansas. Come and join us telling them goodbye in St. Jude's Hall.

Parishioners and friends of Judy & George Smith are respectfully invited to attend George's funeral Mass at Holy Spirit on Friday, Nov. 5th at 11:00am.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS

OCTOBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 31st: Immediately following 9:00am Mass pot luck breakfast in appreciation of Jean & David Kelly in St. Jude's Hall.

NOVEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Mon., Nov 1st: ALL SAINTS DAY. **Not a holy day of obligation this year.**

Tues., Nov. 2nd: 9:00am Mass & Adoration resumes. (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00—8:00pm). ALL SOULS DAY. Election Day.

Sat., Nov. 6th: 9:00am Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America

Sun., Nov. 7th: Daylight Saving Time Ends. Fall back one hour. Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Wed., Nov. 10th: Fr. Mike's Birthday

Thurs., Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day. No Mass Fr. Mike attending Priests Study Day in Tyler.

Sun., Nov. 14th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Sun., Nov. 21st: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. And, Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class.

Thurs., Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am. Diocese of Tyler closed & Church office.

Fri., Nov. 26th: Diocese of Tyler closed & Church office.

Sun., Nov. 28th: No coffee & donuts.

Holy Spirit plans to participate in the **Christmas Golf Cart parade.** We would like to collect any leftover candy that we can toss to those who line the parade route. The children always have a smile on their faces. Please hold on to yours after Halloween and drop the candy off at church.
Thank you. Welcoming Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We expect to be delivering food to 20 families this year. This drive is above and beyond our weekly food distribution. Below is a list of food items needed.

Stuffing mix; gravy packages; can cranberry sauce; can yams; cake mix & frosting; can pumpkin; instant potatoes; \$ 10/\$ 20 gift cards for meat; pudding; jello & fruit cups, etc.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for this food drive and our weekly food baskets. Please place donations in the K/C box just outside Bridget's office on or before **11/17/2021.**

If you are unable to deliver your donations, please call or text **Robert Mailliard at 503-559-6022**

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the food boxes on **11/20/2021.**

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