



**Sunday Activity
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October 25, 2020
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him: “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

2 Reflection

Jesus's teaching in today's Gospel is sometimes called The Great Commandment, or the Law of Love: love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. It sounds very nice, and it is beautiful, but often people do not recognize the great challenge it poses.

What is love? Love means wanting what is good for someone else, without thinking of ourselves at all; only for their good. It means being willing to suffer for someone else. It can be hard. And Jesus tells us that we must love God first. How? With all our heart, soul, and mind. We must be totally dedicated to God, no matter what it costs us.

Second, we must love our neighbor. How must we love our neighbor? As ourselves. And Jesus has told us who our neighbor is. Everyone – even those we may consider our enemies. Jesus is calling us to treat even our enemies the way that we would treat ourselves, with that kind of care, wanting what is good for them.

Love is wonderful, but it is not only about happy feelings. Love is hard; it is an adventure; and it is a challenge. Jesus's Law of love is a call to be a Saint; it is a call to be a hero; it is a call to be like Him.

3 Discussion Questions

Why is loving God first, and then loving others, the greatest commandment?

Have you failed to keep the Law of Love recently? What do you have to do, to follow this commandment more closely?

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Vocabulary

- Love – Wanting what is good for another, for their sake. Real love is never selfish.
- Pharisees – Jewish leaders who were respected by the people, but jealous of Jesus. They often tried to trick Him.
- Sacrifice – Giving up something or being willing to suffer for the sake of someone else. Sacrifice is the sign of real love.
- Sadducees – A group of Jewish leaders who were responsible for caring for the Temple, and like the Pharisees, were also jealous of Jesus.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) The question in today's Gospel was asked by one of the _____.
- 2) Besides the Pharisees, another group that did not like Jesus was the _____.
- 3) Jesus teaches us that we must _____ God completely, and our neighbor as ourselves.
- 4) _____ is the sign of real love.

- 1) What did the Pharisees ask Jesus about?
 - A) Whether they should go to the Temple
 - B) Whether He was the Messiah
 - C) Which commandment is the greatest
 - D) Why He didn't fast?

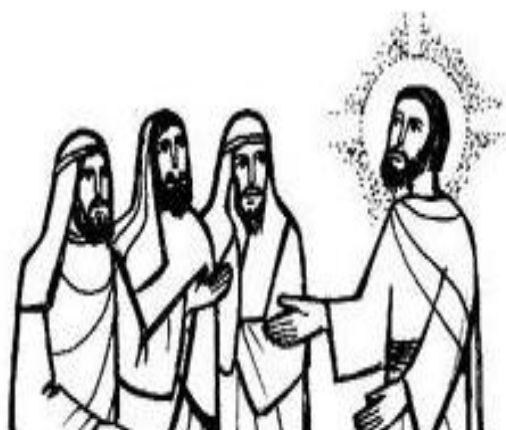
- 2) What commandment did Jesus say was the first and greatest?
 - A) Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind
 - B) You shall not steal
 - C) You shall not kill
 - D) Do not eat meat on Friday

- 3) What commandment did Jesus say was second?
 - A) Sell animals at the Temple
 - B) Do not work on the Sabbath
 - C) Love your neighbor as yourself
 - D) Study hard in school

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JESUS
 PHARISEES
 SADDUCEES
 QUESTION
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 LAW





Fill in the Blank

- 1) Pharisees
- 2) Sadducees
- 3) Love
- 4) Sacrifice

Quiz:

- 1) C – Which commandment is the greatest
- 2) A – Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind
- 3) C – Love your neighbor as yourself