



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- October 31: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time—
Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday & 9:00 AM on Sunday
- November 1: All Saints Day
Mass at 7:30 AM
- November 2: All Souls Day
- November 3: Memorial of St. Martin de Porres
- November 4: Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo
- November 7: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—
9:00 AM Mass & FCF Unit 2 Formation Session

Bible Facts

This Sunday's first reading (Deuteronomy 6:2-6) contains the traditional Jewish morning prayer, "Hear, O Israel" called the **Shema**, which is the Hebrew word meaning *hear or listen*.

The prayer is both a declaration of faith in God alone and a dedication of giving oneself completely — heart, soul, mind, and strength— to loving God.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 12: 28b-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Opportunities to Share Our Gifts with Others



When doing your fall clean-up, remember our Women's Club Coat Drive is Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7. We will be collecting coats, jackets, sweaters, and warm scarves. Your donation will be greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army and the recipient of your kindness.

The Knights of Columbus...



are helping the Christmas Cheer Foundation by collecting brand new and crocheted hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children in need to keep them warm this winter. Bins are located in the vestibule for the collection of these items through Sunday, November 28.



Sunday Gospel Connection: October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Mark 12: 28b-34

Gospel Background: As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.



The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

Family Connection: As Christians, our moral behavior is guided by the two-part commandment taught by Jesus in today's Gospel: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Many of us learned to use this framework as an examination of conscience. By examining our lives through the lens of these commandments, we have learned that the challenge of these commandments is not in our desire to follow them but in our capacity to consistently honor these commandments in our daily lives.

For one week, identify and collect news reports of how Christians show their love for God by loving and serving their neighbor. Clip these news items and share what you have heard when you gather as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 12:28b-34. Talk about ways in which your family might contribute to the examples of Christian service you found. Choose one of these actions to do together as a family. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help us show love to our family members and friends. Pray together the [Act of Love](#).

For more information and Sunday Connection resources visit:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/31st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

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Fill a Bag = Feed a Family

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As Thanksgiving approaches, we reflect with gratitude on our blessings and good fortune. At the same time, let's also remember that many of our neighbors are feeling the pain of need more than ever. During the season of Thanksgiving, many food pantries see an incredible rise in need.

In 2020, with help from all of you, St. Eulalia passed out Thanksgiving Food Boxes to 786 FAMILIES. We're asking for your help once again to address what we know will be another major year of need. Help them by filling a bag of food over the next few weeks.

Here's a list of the items needed:

Stuffing Mix	Hominy (canned) OR Masa	1-2 pound bag of black OR Pinto beans OR black-eyed peas
Cranberry Sauce	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Pie crust (not frozen),
Broth (boxed or canned)	Brown sugar & Marshmallows	pie filling,
Potatoes (boxed)	Whole grain cereal OR oatmeal OR	evaporated milk
Gravy (can/box/packet)	pancake mix & syrup	Cake mix & frosting OR
Corn (canned)	Green beans (canned)	Brownie/cookie mix
Unsweetened applesauce (cups/pouches)	Cream of mushroom soup	
Cornbread mix (like Jiffy) OR Biscuit mix	French Fried Onions	
	1-2 pound bag of plain rice	

Please, NO GLASS JARS, outdated or expired items, open or used items, or homemade items.

The items you see in the picture here fulfill this list. Almost everything was purchased at Aldi for about \$33!

This is the perfect opportunity to get your kids involved and help them learn more about the importance of giving back! Here are a few ways you can make a difference:

1. Shop for the items all at once, put them in a paper grocery store bag, and bring them to the church vestibule.
2. Contribute individual food items. There will be a box in the church vestibule labeled St. Eulalia Thanksgiving Food Drive.
3. Overwhelmed with work, school, kids, and/or just this 2021 life in general?! Just send \$33 (or an amount of your choice), and we will shop/fill a bag in your name!

Monetary donations can be sent to Kacie723@yahoo.com via quickpay or Kacie Bratko via Venmo. If neither of those options work for you, you can leave a contribution at the Rectory, marked for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

If you are filling your own bag or bringing food items, bring them to the church vestibule no later than Tuesday, November 16. All donations (food and/or monetary) must be received by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 16th.

Thank you for your generous, faithful care of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

