

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus which commandment in the law is the greatest. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus states: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the law and the prophets" (Mt 7:12). Now Jesus elaborates on that statement to bring into view the other side of the same coin: love of God.

The commandment to love God with one's whole heart, soul and strength is found in Dt 6:4-9, the Shema, recited twice a day by Jews. The whole self is involved: the heart, considered the seat of emotions, the soul, the center of vitality and consciousness and strength or power. What is not explicit in this text but appears in many other places in Scripture, is that God's love is prior. Before one is able to demonstrate love of God and love of neighbor, God has taken the initiative in loving. When divine love overwhelms us, we are prone to ask with the Psalmist, "How can I repay the Holy One for all the good done for me?" (Ps 116:12). The response is one simple word: love. It has two objects, which are inseparable: God and neighbor.

When the greatest commandment is to love, it becomes very difficult to spell out how to keep it. St. Augustine advised, "Love and do what you will" (*Sermon 7 on the First Epistle of John*). When tested on his knowledge and fulfillment of the commandments, Jesus passes with an answer that cannot be bested, but it can be repeated.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Week of October 23, 2011

Theme: The Greatest Commandment - "Love".

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words. For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.



Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- Tues. Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wed. Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
- Thurs. Rom 8:31-39; Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31; Lk 13:31-35
- Fri. Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Sat. Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13,14-15,17-18; Lk 14:1,7-11
- Sun. Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 10/24— 7:00 AM -----Lori Voss, R.I.P.
- Tues. 10/25— 7:00 AM ----- Intentions of Rose Dumuk
- Wed. 10/26— 8:15 AM ----- Intentions of the Siaki Family
- Thurs 10/27—7:00 AM ----- Edna Bereziuk, R.I.P.
- Fri. 10/28 — 7:00 AM ----- Clifton Beck, R.I.P.
- Sat. 10/29 — 8:15 AM- -----Ruldolfo Diaz, R.I.P.
- Sat. 10/29— 5:00 PM ----- Esther Maravilla, R.I.P.
- Sun. 10/30— 7:00 AM ----- Vocations
- Sun. 10/30— 8:30 AM ----- Cormac Brady, R.I.P.
- Sun. 10/30— 10:00 AM- ----- Eileen McCarthy, R.I.P.
- Sun. 10/30— 12:00 PM ----- Elizabeth Batallones, R.I.P.
- Sun. 10/30— 5:00 PM --Misa en Español - Por Vocaciones

Let us remember to pray for the hungry and homeless in our midst: that they may find food and shelter through the Church's ministries.



FAITH FORMATION

Registration for faith formation is now closed and classes are in session.

YOUTH GROUP



DONUT SALES—Last donut sale fundraiser! Thank you to all for your generous support and donations! Proceeds will assist with expenses for the upcoming Youth Rally on 11/5.

SPECIAL YOUTH MASS - Come and support the Young Adults and Youths at the Solano Deanery Youth Mass held on Saturday, 11/5 during 5:00P mass.

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matt 22:39

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to all who participated or contributed to last week's parish golf tournament. It was a big success and a lot of fun!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



World Mission Sunday Collection: This Weekend—October 22nd and 23rd is set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. The needs of the Catholic Church's Missions are growing. Approximately 1,150 mission dioceses receive regular annual assistance from funds collected through this special appeal. Please be generous.

BAPTISM DATES

BAPTISMS TO BE HELD IN December—Our next baptisms will be held on the weekend of December 17 & 18 at the 5:00 pm and 10:00 am Masses. Registration is taking place now and classes begin at 7:00 pm on November 29th. Please contact the office to register or get more information. (707) 447-2354

SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

On the weekend of 10/29 – 10/30, donations for the St. Joseph Sack Lunch Project will be collected during each Mass. Every Thursday St. Joseph parishioners meet to assemble and deliver sack lunches to Opportunity House, which is Vacaville's shelter for homeless people. Each sack lunch costs \$1.75 to assemble and your donations that will be contributed help to fund the project. No donation is too small. Please put your contribution into an envelope labeled "Sack Lunch" and drop it into the collection basket. Vacaville's homeless appreciate your help. For questions, please call the office – 447-2354.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—PRO LIFE MESSAGE ON VACAVILLE TV: Two very pro-life people want to get our site, our prayers, our signs, our voice on camera, and in the news! This is a HUGE opportunity! **Please come and join us:** MONDAY Oct 24th; 5 TO 6 PM; 600 NUT TREE RD in Vacaville at the Planned Parenthood site. For more information, please call the office at 447-2354.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Bus Trip to Reno—The local Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, covering the Councils in Vacaville, Fairfield, and Dixon, is sponsoring their annual bus trip to Reno on Saturday, October 29. The cost is only \$35 per person with \$15 back at Silver Legacy. Call Ed and Flora Huestis at 449-1982 for additional information, reservations, and departure times.

UNCLAIMED/LOST & FOUND

To our parishioners who have not claimed dishes brought to a church or rectory event or who have lost an item in the church, please check our Martha's Ministry or Lost & Found cabinets in the Parish Meeting Room. At the end of October all unclaimed items will be donated to the Opportunity House Thrift Shop.

OUTREACH

Warming our community... one coat at a time
One Warm Coat® is a nonprofit that started in 1992 to help make the winter months a little warmer for those less fortunate. Beginning **Sunday, Oct. 9th through Sunday, Oct. 30th**, you may drop off your spare, **“gently used”** coat or jacket in the church lobby. Hats, gloves and mittens are welcomed; however, **no other types of clothing** please. Donations will be GIVEN to the following organizations; Opportunity House, The Vacaville Storehouse and Mission Solano. Contact Alix at [707-451-1557](tel:707-451-1557) if you have questions.

WALK FOR LIFE

8th Annual Walk for Life West Coast--Save the date!
A chartered bus will be leaving from St. Joseph for this peaceful, prayerful march to end abortion on **January 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** Cost per seat: \$21 for anyone 12 and over; \$18 for children under 12; Priests, Religious, and children sitting in parents' laps ride free. For more information, please look for the Marriage and Family Life Team in the Narthex after Mass, or contact Sherri at sonflower81@hotmail.com or [\(707\) 718-5369](tel:707-718-5369). For more information about the event, visit www.walkforlifewc.com/

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