



Guardian Angels Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Do you love me?

There is a very tender and moving scene in the play, *Fiddler On The Roof*. Teyve and his wife Golda are being forced to move from their home in Russia. One day Teyve comes into the house and asks his wife, "Golda, do you love me?" "Do I what?" "Do you love me?" Golda looks at him and then responds. "Do I love you? With our daughters getting married and this trouble in the town, you're upset, you're worn out, go inside, go lie down, maybe it's indigestion." Teyve interrupts and asks the question, "Golda, do you love me?" Golda sighs as she looked at him and says, "Do I love you? For 25 years I've washed your clothes, cooked your meals, cleaned your house, given you children, milked the cows. After 25 years, why talk of love right now?" Teyve answers by saying, "Golda, the first time I met you was on our wedding day. I was scared, I was shy, I was nervous." "So was I," said Golda. "But my father and my mother said we'd learn to love each other, and now I'm asking, "Golda, do you love me?" "Do I love him?" Golda sighs. "For 25 years I've lived with him, fought with him, 25 years my bed is his! If that's not love, what is?" "Then you love me?" Teyve asks. "I suppose I do!" she says. "And I suppose I love you too!" he says. "It doesn't change a thing, but after 25 years it's nice to know." "Do you love me?"



Challenging Task

In today's Gospel, Jesus leaves us his classic formulation of love, a teaching so simple that a child could grasp it, and yet so challenging that not even the saints quite live it. Christ clearly distinguishes between love of God and love of neighbor, calling love of God the first and greatest commandment and love of neighbor the second. But even though he distinguishes them in this way, Jesus does not separate them. He instead insists that the second is like the first, and uses the same Greek word for both God-love and neighbor-love.

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PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am; 11:00am; 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 7:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Sacraments:

Confessions— Saturdays between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Baptism / Marriage / Anointing of the Sick or Home

Communion / Funeral - Please contact the Parish office.

Devotions / Prayers

Morning Prayers / Breviary:

Tuesday-Friday 7:40 am
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays 6:30 pm

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays —Fridays 8:30 am
Saturdays 9:30 am
Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays - Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.



First God then Neighbor

By ranking and relating God-love and neighbor-love in this way, Jesus establishes an order of loves—a hierarchy of first things and second things. There's a certain rule that applies to everything arranged in this way, a rule that we'll call the rule of "second things." The rule goes like this. whenever we prefer the lower to the higher, the part to the whole, and—in general—"second things" to "first things", we lose not only the first thing (which one would expect), but we lose the second thing as well.

Priorities

Illustrations of this rule are everywhere. When we put our job before our families, for instance, not only do we hurt our relationship with our family, but we also quickly lose the true pleasure of working. Work uncoupled from community tends to become compulsive rather than rewarding. The same pattern holds for whole societies. The history of the 20th Century has shown that whenever countries violently suppress religion for the sake of human freedom (as they did in the heyday of atheist communism) the result was not only a forgetfulness of God, but a loss of human freedom as well. Whenever we put humanity before divinity, we get neither right.

Family

Though this rule of "second things" holds quite generally, it applies in a special way to Christian marriage. For it is in this particular form of neighbor-love—the love between husbands and wives—that the second commandment is most "like" the first. "Marriage based on exclusive and definitive love," writes Pope Benedict, "becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love" (DCE 11). Because marriage is called to bear a special "likeness" to God's love, our natural human love requires a special form of assistance to meet this standard. We need God to lend His own strength to our love, the seed of which strength he plants in every sacramental marriage.

Because of the special demands of marriage, putting first things takes on special urgency here. When husband and wife do not love each other for God's sake, even their love for each ends up stunted. Why? We are made with an infinite longing, a yearning to love perfectly and to be loved perfectly. But there is no Mr. or Mrs. Perfect. No single person—no matter how compatible according to eHarmony—can bear the weight of our infinite expectations. After a smooth beginning, marriages almost always pass through a time of trial, even a phase of disillusionment—a time when the other's faults and limitations become infuriating and when we realize, moreover, that he or she is unlikely to change. It's then that the proverbial "seven-year itch" arises. And it's then that our love is either matures into something deeper, or it dies.

Deeper Love

It's also then that we need to call upon the reserves of a love deeper than our natural affection. And our ability to tap into this reservoir depends on the degree to which we have cultivated friendship with God. Entering into friendship—any friendship—increases our ability to see things from that friend's perspective, to appreciate the things he/she appreciates and to reject the things that he/she rejects. God's friendship is like this too. By entering into friendship with Christ, then I "learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend".

Prayer and the sacraments give us, little by little, the ability to look at our husband or wife (or any neighbor) through Christ's eyes. We strengthen this vision when we meditate on Christ in the Gospels, when we receive him worthily in the Eucharist, and when we accept his forgiveness in confession. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Luther pastor killed for resistance to the Nazi party, used to exhort the couple in his wedding homilies, "Live in the forgiveness of one another's sins." So essential. But nearly impossible if we have not contemplated Christ's indulgence toward our own sins.

Practical Conclusion

As Christ sees it, friendship with God is that first thing on which our love of neighbor depends. Hence, taking a moderate time apart to cultivate our friendship with God is not taking "quality time" away from our spouses and our children and our neighbors. It ensures instead that the time we spend with them is "quality;" for prayer changes the quality of our love, salting our love with divine fire. Do I want to be a better husband, wife, father, mother, and neighbor? I must put first things first. I must love God more ardently—with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

Remember that the persecution of Jesus and his followers was championed by well-meaning religious people motivated by what they believed to be zeal and love for God. The same people asking about the first commandment are the ones trying to entrap and kill Jesus. They are so conscious about love of God. Why then are they so insensitive when it comes to love of neighbour? Saul who later became St Paul is a good example of this kind of skewed religiosity. Jesus prophesied that "an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God" (Jn 16.2).

The error of the Pharisees is still here with us. There are still many Christians who try to separate love of fellow human beings from love of God. Their commitment to faith does not include commitment to human rights and to justice and peace issues. We shall do well to heed the message of Jesus in today's gospel: that true love of God and true love of neighbour are two sides of the same coin. Any attempt to separate them is a falsification of the message of Christ. "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 Jn 4.20).

Daily Readings**Oct. 30-Nov. 4
2017****Monday: Oct. 30**Romans 8:11-17; Psalm 68;
Luke 13:10-17**Tuesday: Oct. 31**Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126;
Luke 13:18-21**Wednesday: Nov. 1**Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12**Thursday: Nov. 2**Job 19:1,23-27; Psalm 103;
1 Cor. 15:20-23; John 12:23-26**Friday: Nov. 3**Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 147;
Luke 14:1-6**Saturday: Nov. 4**Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29;
Psalm 94; Luke 14:1, 7-11**Mass Offerings****Oct 30—Nov. 5, 2017**

Monday 7:00 pm-

Sp. Int. of Rosemarie Santos
By: Family

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Lucila Deza +

By: Larry & Ludy Urbano

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Rosemarie Mascarenhas+

By: Theresa Dagenais

Thursday 8:00 am-

ALL SOULS

Friday 8:00 am-

+Ernesto Fornelos +

By: Lolita Fornelos

Saturday

9:00 am:

+Rafaela Tiampo +

By: Helen Tiampo

4:00 pm:

+Jaime & Josefina Chua**Tiampo +**

By: Helen Tiampo

Sunday

9:00 am:

+Anita & Pascual Poblete+

By: Violet

11:00 am:

Deceased of Wisniewski**Family** By: Barbara Wisniewska

12:30 pm:

+Marciz, Aleksander &**Marianna+**

By: Alicja Marynczak

IN THE PARISH***All Souls' Day Masses**

There shall be two Masses on Thursday, November 2nd—one at 8:00 am and another at 7:00 pm. Please remember to drop off your All Souls' Day envelopes on or before that day so the names of your deceased loved ones will be included in our All Souls' Day Masses.

***First Friday Masses**

Friday, November 3rd- Morning Mass is at 8:00 am; evening Mass is at 7:00 pm preceded by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament which begins with Exposition at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to experience the Living Presence of Jesus during holy hour of Adoration.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Guardian Angels Council

invite fellow parishioners to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast next Sunday, November 5 following the 9am Mass. Those attending the 11am Mass are also invited to arrive early and partake in the breakfast.

Admission is by donation and all proceeds will be directed to helping the victims of the BC Wildfires.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

***St. Joseph's School's Open House** will be on November 22 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Our Parish school is accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 year. Located just a half block from St. Joseph's Church at 3261 Fleming Street, we have offered a solid, affordable Catholic education to children in our city since 1922. We also offer a very reasonably priced After School Club until 5pm. Registration packages are available on our website www.saintjosephschool.ca or at our school or Parish offices (604) 872-5715. Don't miss out!

NES Conference 2017: Setting Hearts Ablaze

What keeps you from sharing your faith? Ministry leaders and volunteers involved in evangelistic and discipleship ministries are invited to participate in a one-day conference with worship, fellowship, and inspiring speakers who will share how to step out in faith and share the joy of the Gospel. Setting Hearts Ablaze will be held on Saturday, November 18 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Job Opportunities:

- ◆ **General Reporter / Photographer, The B.C. Catholic Newspaper** (Part-Time)- The newspaper is seeking a part-time reporter/photographer to write news and feature stories.
- ◆ **Guest Attendant, Catholic Charities Men's Hostel (Full Time and Part Time)**
The Catholic Charities Men's Hostel is seeking a full-time and also a Part-Time guest attendant.
- ◆ **Teaching Positions**
Various teaching positions available on the CISVA employment page. Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese is seeking individuals interested in working in the CISVA as Educational Assistants and as Teachers. Please visit our website at www.cisva.bc.ca for further information on how to apply and to view available teaching positions.
- ◆ **Volunteer Opportunities**
The Archdiocese of Vancouver is accepting applications for volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Administrative Support, Program Support, and Events Support. For more info, see rcav.org/employment/



**Thank you to those
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Sunday Readers

**But we still NEED
Readers at 4:00 PM
Saturday Mass**

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**PROJECT ADVANCE
2017****Pledge Status Report
Oct. 15, 2017**

Parish Goal	\$50,000
Total Pledges	\$45,405
Total Paid	\$44,945
(45 Donors out of 650 Parishioners)	

What will you give back
to God from the blessings
you have received?

Stewardship
A WAY OF LIFE

**"You shall love the
Lord, your God, with
all your heart, with
all your soul and with
all your mind."**
-Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

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**There is no saint
without a past, and
no sinner without a
future.**

-St. Augustine



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**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they have the heart.**



**Let us pray for those
in our long-term prayer list**

Maryjo Santi,

Debbie Sutherland, Dana Daruwalla, Letizia Lorello, Maggie, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa, Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson, Masooma Noorzai, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milt Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja Lawrence, Colleen Mason, Jara Asterova, Zenaida Nicolas, Doreen Millburn, Helena Glavot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrys, Soledad dela Cruz, Rosa Maria Santos,
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