

REFLECTION QUESTIONS — WEEK FOUR

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Appreciating the Word

It Takes Two

"It Takes Two" is the title of a popular song that was recorded in 1965 by Marvin Gaye and Kim Weston. The song says that it takes two people to make love real and alive. Without someone to love, life is cold and lonely. It takes two. Jesus could have said those very words in response to the scribe in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 12: 28-34) who asked, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus did not answer with just one commandment. He responded with two. It took two commandments to answer the question that was addressed to him.

Jesus said "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." Then he immediately added a second commandment to go along with the first, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love of God and love of neighbor go together. It takes two loves if we are to be faithful children of God. Without both, religion becomes distorted.

If people only concentrate on love of God without love of neighbor, they can become blind to the needs of those around them. A person can spend hours in prayer before God and then ignore the elderly widow a few houses away who lives alone and struggles to get to the store or the doctor. In its most extreme case, people who claim to love and adore God can, without any feeling of remorse, harm their neighbors who they judge to be infidels or heretics. Such a distorted notion of love of God is all too common. Today's suicide bombers would claim to be serving God and following that first commandment.

If people only concentrate on love of neighbor, without love of God, they can fall into secularism. They can become blind to the spiritual dimension of life and the spiritual hunger that gnaws at every human heart. Such people also fail to recognize that the problems and injustices that oppress people are ultimately moral problems that demand moral solutions. The world where all people live in peace without want or fear – the world that they strive for – only comes about when God's will is followed. As we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."

To live as children of God, to live as faithful disciples of Christ, we need to follow the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. Following only one does not work, it takes two!

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Reflecting on My Life

- Describe a time in your life when someone loved and supported you unconditionally? What impression did that make on you?
- When have you loved and supported another without question?
- In what ways do you put God first – with your whole heart, mind, and strength?

Reflecting on My Home

- How do you as a family concretely show love for each other and for others?

Reflecting on My Parish

- What are the ways that our parish gives opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ in a deeper way?

Action/Mission – Living Out the Gospel

- Take some time this week for prayer and meditation on your relationship with Jesus. Jot down the ways you make time to be with Jesus each day.



PREGUNTAS DE REFLEXIÓN — SEMANA CUATRO

31 DE OCTUBRE DE 2021

Apreciando la Palabra

Se requieren dos

"It Takes Two" es el título de una canción popular que fue grabada en 1965 por Marvin Gaye y Kim Weston. La canción dice que se necesitan dos personas para hacer el amor real y vivo. Sin alguien a quien amar, la vida es fría y solitaria. Se requieren dos. Jesús podría haber dicho esas mismas palabras en respuesta al escriba en el Evangelio de este domingo (Marcos 12: 28-34) quien preguntó: "¿Cuál es el primero de todos los mandamientos?"

Jesús no respondió con un solo mandamiento. Respondió con dos. Se necesitaron dos mandamientos para responder la pregunta que se le dirigió.

Jesús dijo: "Oye, Israel. El Señor nuestro Dios es Señor solo. Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas". Luego, inmediatamente añadió un segundo mandamiento junto con el primero: "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo".

El amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo van juntos. Se necesitan dos amores para ser fieles hijos de Dios. Sin ambos, la religión se distorsiona.

Si las personas solo se concentran en el amor de Dios sin amor al prójimo, pueden volverse ciegas a las necesidades de quienes los rodean. Una persona puede pasar horas en oración ante Dios y luego ignorar a la viuda anciana a unas casas de distancia que vive sola y lucha por llegar a la tienda o al médico. En su caso más extremo, las personas que dicen amar y adorar a Dios pueden, sin ningún sentimiento de remordimiento, dañar a sus vecinos a quienes juzgan infieles o herejes. Una noción tan distorsionada del amor por Dios es demasiado común. Los terroristas suicidas de hoy afirmarían estar sirviendo a Dios y siguiendo ese primer mandamiento.

Si las personas solo se concentran en el amor al prójimo, sin amor a Dios, pueden caer en el secularismo. Pueden volverse ciegos a la dimensión espiritual de la vida y al hambre espiritual que riega todo corazón humano. Estas personas tampoco reconocen que los problemas y las injusticias que oprimen a las personas son, en última instancia, problemas morales que exigen soluciones morales. El mundo en el que todas las personas viven en paz sin necesidad ni miedo, el mundo por el que luchan, solo se produce cuando se sigue la voluntad de Dios. Mientras oramos, "Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad".

Para vivir como hijos de Dios, para vivir como fieles discípulos de Cristo, debemos seguir los dos grandes mandamientos: el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo. Seguir solo uno no funciona, ¡se necesitan dos!

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Reflexionando sobre mi vida

- Describe un momento de tu vida en el que alguien te amó y apoyó incondicionalmente. ¿Qué impresión te causó eso? ¿Cuándo has amado y apoyado a otro sin dudarlo? ¿De qué manera pones a Dios primero, con todo tu corazón, mente y fuerzas?

Reflexionando sobre mi hogar

- ¿Cómo ustedes, como familia, muestran de manera concreta el amor mutuo y por los demás?

Reflexionando sobre mi parroquia

- ¿Cuáles son las formas en que nuestra parroquia da oportunidades para encontrar a Jesucristo de una manera más profunda?

Acción / Misión - Viviendo el Evangelio

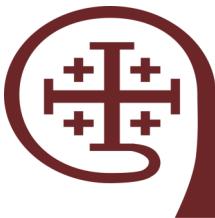
- Tómate un tiempo esta semana para orar y meditar sobre tu relación con Jesús. Anote las formas en las que hace tiempo para estar con Jesús todos los días.



Please help us keep this updated.

THE PRAYER LIST: Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends: Gloria Hansberger, Lola Plungis, Caitlin Czeh, Noreen Dixon and John Dixon, Teresa Powers, Jim Then, Mary Jean Castro, Rose Kepler, Pam Bosselait, Sean Hayes, Bob Rivers, June Berube, Thomas Todaro, Frank and Donna Kamienski, Ronald Derrickson, Sue Hanson, Mark Hanson, Mark and Cheryl Lauer, Susan Rogers, Salvatore Martorano, Denise Discullo, Kent Thomson, Nicole Cadavid, Kevin Monahan, Laura Marshall, Carol Lagemann, Bill Lagemann, Priscilla Sibley, Briana Evens DiScullo, Mark Urban, Roger Mason, Carmen Sherry, Kelly Gillette, Gary Neverick, Charles Hayes, Kathy Linde, James Molenda, William "Bill" Fox, Don Samsel, Heather Shivo, Jean Mauger, Peter Stanich, Sharon Donofrio, Elaina Roche, Chelsea Avitable, Daniel Aiden Richardson, Kim McGuire, Irene, Kelsy Palmer, Bridie Healy, James Dixon, Sam and Debbie Coccia, Kennedy James Kraft, Jimmy Wigal, Loretta Voghel, Ronald Solomon, Beth Miller, Morie and Angie Pollard, Bernard Swann, Thomas Martorano, Katie Molenda, Tim Vance, Kevin Hamilton, Marie D'Andrea, Ronald Blank, Dennis Allen Main, Charles Wokutch, Fran Garrity, Gertrude Delitta, Bob Arias, Terry Youman, Travis Schrift, Jeffrey Goodrich, Phyllis Schaffer, Suzie Gordon, Rebecca Trustee, Joyce Sgro, Guy Aliotta, Daniel Bireley, Kathy Walsh, Brendan Horstman, Lynn Clark, Marion Fallone, Richard Greff, Janette Polon-Ramirez, Ray Kilpatrick, Maggie Heverly, Maureen Florio, Christi Rippy, Susan McGuffin, Devin Rinaldi, Christina Powell, Anna Schwartz, Sandy Lagasse, Joe Hughes, Maria Soto, Marcella Fahey, David Bartlewski, Cheryl Scerba, Andrew Zepada, David Larkins, Joshua Thomas, Bob Gagne, Karen Catania, Arlene Forman, Rachel Wesselius, Rita Williams, Barbara Geschlecht, and Joe Abate.

WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL: Would you like an Extraordinary Minister to bring communion? Would you like a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Please call the office and let us know.



St. James New Mission/Vision Statement

Go and make disciples/Vayan y hagan discipulos

A community of joyful disciples/Una comunidad de discipulos alegres

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Maintenance Director Earl Videan, ext. 232
Director of Music Gene Borkes
Organists Bradley Hardee, Laura Candler-White
RCIA Sunday, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Blood Pressure Screening postponed until further notice
Eucharistic Adoration Daily in the Chapel
..... Check the schedules for an open hour
Pro-Life Lori Videan, 843-503-3607
Ladies Guild 3rd Monday, 10:00am (Sept.-June)
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 4th Monday, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus 2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm
Catholic Charities 1-855-377-1357
Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services 843-853-2130 ext. 209
Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister 800-921-8122
Safe Environment Coordinator Taylor Lilly, ext. 235

To email staff members, use
first initial, last name@stjamesconway.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 3:30PM

Religious Education/Catecismo: Call office

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament is normally celebrated during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the office to register for the preparation process. Suzanne McDonough, ext. 234.

Marriage: By arrangement at least six months before the proposed wedding. Paula Loehr, ext. 221.

Ministry to the Sick: Call to request visitation. Please let us know when loved ones are in the hospital.

Bulletin Articles: Items of communal interest must be at parish office no later than 9:00am Monday. Kathy Caughey, ext. 224.

New Parishioners: Welcome! There are several ways you can register, on our website, or by stopping by the church office during office hours.

Altar Flowers \$150: Call the office to arrange donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.

Religious Articles are available for purchase Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Special orders are always welcome. Contact the church office at 843-347-5168.

Columbarium: Available to all registered Catholics of the Diocese. Call the church office for more information.

Tree of Life: This is a great way to remember your loved ones or honor a special occasion. Donations start at \$250. Contact the parish office for details.

Prayer Chain Request: If you have a special need we would like to help you pray. Simply call Shirley at 843-397-2318.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31
LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL
31 DE OCTUBRE**

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God's devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God's primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God's presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God's kingdom. ©LPI

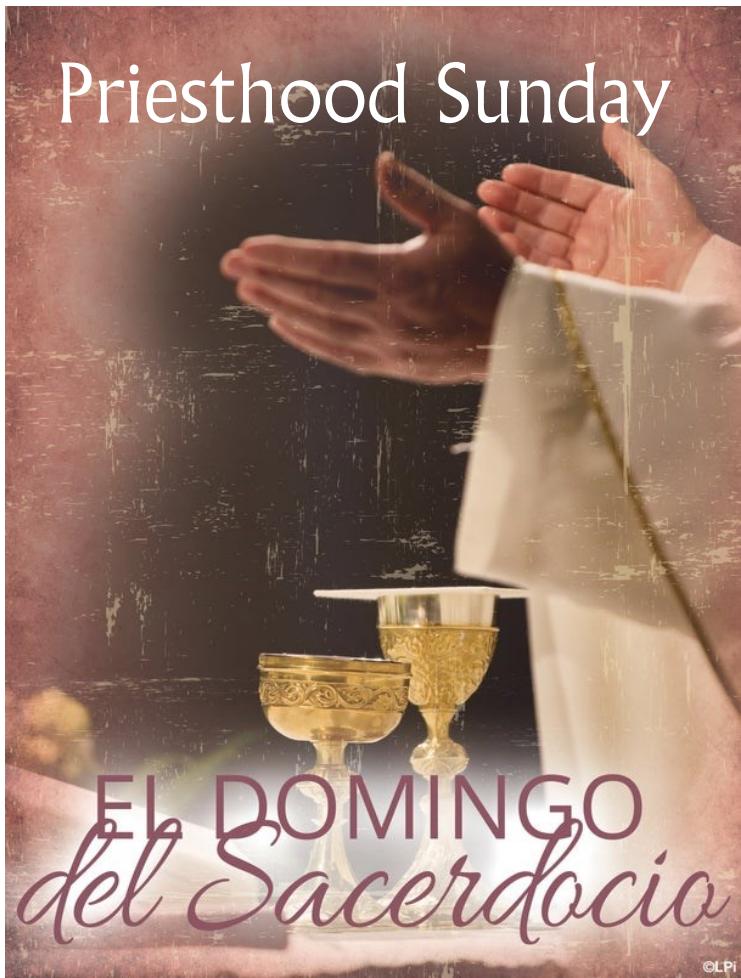
VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

"¡Escucha, Israel! ¡El Señor es nuestro Dios, solo el Señor!" Esta antigua oración se ha encontrado en labios de muchos de los siervos devotos de Dios a lo largo de la historia. En su sencillez, nos recuerda una verdad eterna que a menudo olvidamos. A menudo adoramos a otros dioses en lugar del único Dios verdadero y, como resultado, encontramos todas nuestras relaciones distorsionadas. Este Único Dios verdadero y eterno que es el único que tiene un derecho solitario sobre nosotros y debe ser amado con todo nuestro corazón, alma, mente y fuerzas. Es importante que nos recordemos a menudo el lugar principal de Dios en nuestras vidas, para que no nos distraigamos y nos desviemos del camino. Pero hay una pieza más importante en la que Jesús insiste que pertenece con esto. Debemos amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. No puedes tener uno sin el otro. La presencia de Dios dentro de cada uno de nosotros requiere que todas nuestras relaciones funcionen juntas. Este es el corazón del reino de Dios.

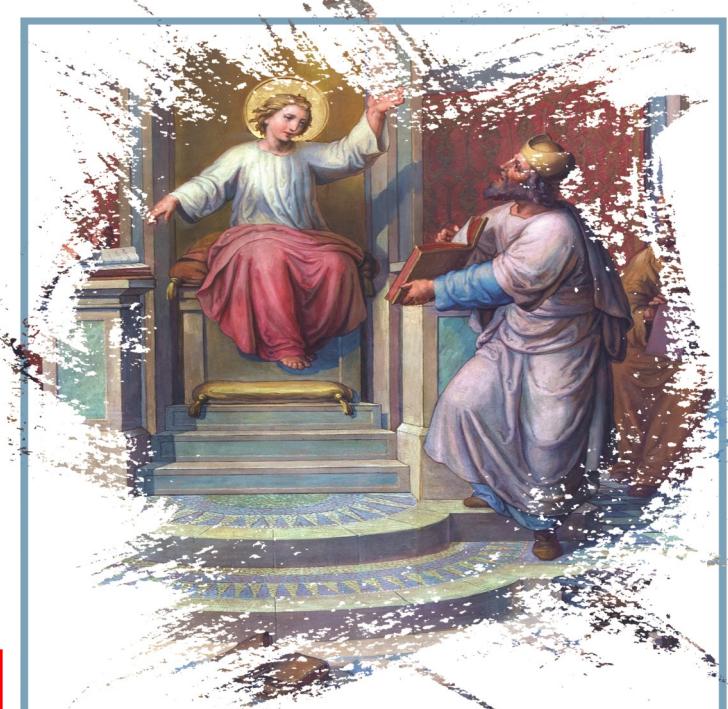
I love you, Lord, my strength.

*Yo te amo, Señor,
tú eres mi Fortaleza.*

Priesthood Sunday



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*"YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD."
- MK 12:34AB*

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"NO ESTÁS LEJOS DEL REINO DE DIOS". - MC 12, 34

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