



[The scribe said to Jesus.] "To love your neighbor as yourself" is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

MARK 12:33

Liking Versus Loving

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

"I never met a man I didn't like," Will Rogers said that. I can believe he said it, but I have a more difficult time believing he meant it. I don't think he lied. I just find it hard to believe there could be a person who never disliked anyone.

Loving is something different, although there are many people who talk as if liking and loving are interchangeable. They love ice cream or country music, and they like their friends. One can love, that is, behave in a loving manner, without positive feelings. You couldn't say that about liking, but about loving you can. Some folks say one of the reasons you should love others and do good for people is because of the good feeling you get when you help someone. The problem

with this is that when you no longer get a good feeling, you stop doing the good things. But as disciples of Jesus, love we must. It's different than liking.

It seems to me the most difficult people to love today are the anonymous souls, the people we don't know—the immigrant coming to our land, the person of another religion who prays differently, or those living a lifestyle foreign to us. Jesus didn't have a problem with loving people like them. ■

Reflect

Who has loved you and who do you find most difficult to love?

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Thirty -First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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.

Kindly keep me in your prayers. The first month of my sabbatical I will be in the North American College in Rome. The second month I will be in the African missions. In January I am going for an Ayurvedic treatment for all my health problems. Fr. Mike

Join Spirit Catholic Radio for a Biblical Theology Conference in Partnership with the St. Paul Center!

Hear from Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma, and Dr. Brueninger at Christ the King Catholic Church in Omaha.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at spiritcatholicradio.com. Come to hear the Friday evening talks, the Saturday talks, or however many your schedule allows! Friday, November 8th from 7:00 - 9:30 PM or Saturday, November 9th 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM. Lunches are available for pre-purchase at \$11.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of Nov 4, 2024

Mon.	Nov	04	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Nov	05	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Nov	06	5:30	PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Nov	07	5:30	PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Nov	08	8:30	AM	SJ	No Mass
Sat.	Nov	09	5:00	PM	SJ	Mike Lemmer †
Sun.	Nov	10	9:30	AM	SA	Joni Claymon †
Sun.	Nov	10	11:00	AM	SB	People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule

Date: Nov 10	St. Agnes	St. Boniface	St. John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Saturday Nov 9 5:00 PM</u>
Hospitality	Conrad & Aleta P.	Dan & Jo T.	Cody & Charlie S.
Lector	Katie W.	Bartley B.	Jenny J.
Server		Emma S. & Katie P.	Cayson J. & Wyatt D.
EMHC	Conrad & Aleta P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Jon & Molly W.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		Steve B.	Music: Robin

St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church
Oct 27, 2024

Total Collection:
\$222.00

Blesses an Appeal
Dollar Goal = \$4014/
Donor Goal: 16

Thrift Store
Open Nov 15st from 9AM to 4PM

-CCD Class Nov 6

Note: As you finish using your Word Among US from Oct Aleta Ambler would like it. Please give it to Fr or to the office to take to Arnold.

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church
Oct 27, 2024

Total Collection:
\$1681.00

Blesses an Appeal
Dollar Goal = \$7306/
Donor Goal: 19

-CCD Class Nov 6

UPCOMING:

Please join us for a Husker Volleyball Tailgate party at St. Boniface! Mass will be at 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 16th & the game starts at 7:30. We'll have it on the big TV! Please bring your favorite tailgate food to share!
NO Sunday Mass on Nov 17th.

St. John's

Our Gifts to God & Church
Oct 27, 2024

Total Collection:
\$1553.00

Blesses an Appeal
Dollar Goal = \$5001/
Donor Goal: 17

-CCD Class Nov 6
Super Amos

UPCOMING:

*Sunday Mass for Nov 10 will be at 5:00 PM Saturday 11-9 all are welcome to celebrate with the confirmation candidates. **NO Sunday** mass at St John's this week.

Initiative Measure 434

Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimester.

For
 Against

Initiative Measure 439

All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

For
 Against

Quote for Today
Blessed Bernard Lichtenberg
(1875-1943)
Feast Day November 5

"Do not allow yourselves to be confused by an unchristian attitude but act according to the words of Jesus Christ: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

Dear Padre,

Do saints ever smile? That question comes to me every year on the feast of All Saints (November 1) as I look at the pictures and statues in church. The faces are so somber and serious. What are the saints really like?

Artists through the centuries may have portrayed sanctity in very subdued tones. The saints, however, and their biographers tell a different story. The holy men and women who make up the communion of saints are an incredibly fascinating array of diverse personalities. The feast of All Saints celebrates our universal call to holiness. Our challenge is to imitate the characteristics these unique individuals have in common.

Saint Irenæus (125–202) said that the glory of God is the human fully alive which reflects Jesus' own words, "I came so that they may have life; and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Saints enjoy life! The nearsighted St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787), founder of the Redemptorists, sat in the back row of the Naples theater with his glasses off so he could enjoy the music he loved without the distraction of the half-naked chorus line. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), caught devouring partridge in the convent kitchen, said, "When I pray, I pray; when I eat partridge, I eat partridge!" Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) loved horses, and St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) loved chess. Indeed, saints do smile. They even laugh. •



Sculpture of a smiling Pope St. John Paul II outside the Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Trnava, Slovakia.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is necessary that...the "great commandment," [love God and our neighbor] resound in us, that it be assimilated, that it become the voice of our conscience. This way, it does not remain a dead letter, in the drawer of the heart, because the Holy Spirit makes the seed of that Word germinate in us.

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Monday

November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:1–4

Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 5

Weekday

Phil 2:5–11

Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 6

Weekday

Phil 2:12–18

Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 7

Weekday

Phil 3:3–8a

Lk 15:1–10

Friday

November 8

Weekday

Phil 3:17–4:1

Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

In 2:13–22

Sunday

November 10

Thirty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:58–44 or 12:41–44



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