

Lectio Divina

October 29th 2023 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A – Matthew 22:34 - 40

²²⁻³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered

together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ ³⁷He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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At the very heart of our world is a God who loves us unconditionally. This is the content of this week’s gospel - good news brought to us by Jesus Christ. During His life on earth Jesus taught by word & example that God is a loving God. Jesus tells us that our response to God's love is to love God with all our being and your neighbour as yourself. Only when we accept ourselves as good because God created us , will we be able to begin to love others. Recall relationships and experiences in your life. Which are the ones you treasure most because they enriched your life?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for great people who have touched our lives. They were not learned people like the Pharisees but they taught us the basic lessons in life.

Lord forgive us Christians for complicating your very simple message that pleasing God is the only important thing in life.

Help us Lord to be simple and uncompromising like Jesus, showing that being kind and understanding to others in your name is the same as worshipping You.

