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*On Your
First Communion Day
October 29, 2023*

May Jesus come to bless you on your
First Communion Day.

May you feel His Loving presence
in a very special way.

And as you strive
to follow in His footsteps
may He bless your life
with many graces
and lasting happiness.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052



Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,
I share with you this article / reflection based from
Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel this Sunday:

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/greatest-commandment/>)

THE RADICAL RABBI & THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT By: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

When his enemies quiz him about what commandment is the greatest, Jesus reveals just how radical he really is. His answer goes to the very root of every single one of the 613 commandments found in the law of the Old Testament – the distinct kind of divine love known as charity or agape is the great commandment.

They are at it again. Jesus' opponents enlist a lawyer to do what lawyers do best- ask a question that puts a person on the hot seat. "Which commandment of the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:34-40). If the law consisted in only the Ten Commandments, this would be tough enough. But the written "Torah" included many more moral, ceremonial, and dietary prescriptions – 613 to be exact.

RADICAL RABBI GOES TO THE ROOT

Jesus, of course, is a radical. A "radical" is one who goes to the "radix" or root of the issue. The root problem was that these Pharisees majored in the minors. They loved to strain out gnats and swallow camels. They missed the forest for the trees, going to great lengths to observe the letter of the law while totally missing its spirit.

So Jesus fires a broadside. Splicing together two passages from the Torah, he sinks them. "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind" (Deuteronomy 6:5). "This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Leviticus 19:18).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT SUMS UP THE LAW

This sinks them for a couple of reasons. First it brilliantly sums up the entire law because every single precept is an expression of these two commandments. Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and you'll see that the first three are about loving God and the other seven are about loving your neighbor. If you read every line of the Bible, you'd be able to put each command in column A (love God) or column B (love your neighbor). So these two commandments are indeed the root of them all.

But the other reason his answer sinks them is that these two root commandments are precisely the ones the Pharisees keep breaking. Observance of the law for them is not an act of divine worship but rather of self-promotion. Rather than their observance of the law leading to love of neighbor, it leads to scorn of neighbors who fail to live up to their standards (see how they treat the blind man in John 9:24-34).

LOVE WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

Note what Paul, the converted Pharisee, says: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal (1 Corinthians 13:1)." Paul knew this from experience—he spent years as a gong. On the positive side, St. Augustine says "love and do what you will."

Yet Jesus did not say just to love. He said we must love the Lord with our WHOLE heart and soul and with ALL our mind and strength. I made a discernment retreat at the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani when, at age 21, I felt torn between a desire for religious life and marriage. As I walked into the retreat house, I shuddered to see this phrase inscribed in the stone over the entryway: "God Alone."

CHARITY OR AGAPE AS THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Does wholehearted love of God leave no room in your heart for a spouse or children?

If that were the case, there would be no second great commandment in this story. In fact Jesus says the second commandment is like the first. That's because the kind of wholehearted love Jesus is talking about is charity (agape), which means loving God for his own sake and all others for his sake, and doing so not by human strength, but with the divine love that is poured into our heart by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). When we love others with charity, we love God through them. Our every loving act towards them becomes an expression of our love for God.

BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN

So at bottom, the two great commandments are just two sides of the same coin. Jesus says to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and render to God what is God's. The two-sided coin of charity is the only legal tender we can use to pay the obligation that's even more important than taxes—the one owed to the Creator.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/greatest-commandment/>)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 29, 2023



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| SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER | |
| 5:30 pm | Fran Glennon |
| SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER | |
| 7:30 am | People of the Parish |
| 9:30 am | Catherine Del Plato |
| 11:30 am | Thomas A. Bulger, Sr. (38th Ann.) |
| MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER | |
| 8:30 am | Andrew James Bruno |
| TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER | |
| 8:30 am | Michael & Matilda O'Boyle |
| WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER | |
| 7:00 am | People of the Parish |
| 8:30 am | People of the Parish |
| 7:00 pm | Deceased Members of the Macias, Martinez, & Acosta Families |
| THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER | |
| 8:30 am | All Souls Novena |
| 7:00 pm | All Souls Novena |
| FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER | |
| 8:30 am | All Souls Novena |
| SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER | |
| 5:30 pm | All Souls Novena |
| SUNDAY, 5 NOVEMBER | |
| 7:30 am | People of the Parish |
| 9:30 am | All Souls Novena |
| 11:30 am | All Souls Novena |

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| SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER | |
| 7:30 am | Mass |
| 9:30 am—11:30 am | 1st Communion Mass |
| 10:30 am | Children's Choir (OLLC) |
| 11:30 pm | Mass |

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| MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER | |
| 8:30 am | Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. |
| Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. | |

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| WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER | |
| All Saints Day | |
| 7:00 am | Mass Holy Day |
| 8:30 am | Mass of |
| 7:00 pm | Mass Obligation |
| 6:00—7:00 pm | Fam Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel) |

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| THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER | |
| All Souls Day | |
| 8:30 am | Mass |
| 7:00 pm | Mass of Remembrance |
| 6:00—8:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (OLLC) |
| 10:00 am | Deadline for News & Announcements for the Nov 5th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-011. |

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| FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER | |
| 5:30—7:30 pm | Eucharistic Adoration (Church) |

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| SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER | |
| 3—5:30 pm | Fam Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall) |
| 4:15—5:00 pm | Confessions in Church |
| 5:30 pm | Mass in Church |

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| SUNDAY, 5 NOVEMBER | |
| 7:30 am | Mass |
| 9:00 am | Rosary Recitation (OLLC) |
| 9:30 am | Founders Day Mass |
| | 109th Anniversary |
| 10:30 am | Children's Choir (OLLC) |
| 11:30 am | Mass |

| Mass | November 1—All Saints Day | | November 2—All Souls Day | |
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| | Lectors | E. Ministers | Lectors | E. Ministers |
| 7:00 am | Bless | Sr. James | ----- | ----- |
| 8:30 am | Carmelita Dizon | Espie Cain | Joe Petrillo | Wendy Sheyka |
| 7:00 pm | Kathy Petrillo | Joe Petrillo | TBD | Eileen Reilly (Choir) |

| WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE NOV 4 - NOV 5, 2023 | | | |
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| Mass | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | |
| 5:30 pm | Andrew Novoa | Patricia Saway Eileen Reilly (Choir) | |
| 7:30 am | Hermie Santos | Hermie Santos | |
| 9:30 am Choir | Carol Ford | Espie Cain Joe Petrillo (Choir) | |
| 11:30 am | Wendy Sheyka | Carmelita Dizon | |

PRAYERS Needed For...

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| Janice Augustine | Jacob Rivera |
| Joan Clarke | Jaxon Rivera |
| Keith Hari | Pat Schoeler |
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| Joan Monik | |

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Student Visitation Days Starting Wednesday January 31, 2024: OLL School will also host multiple visitation days for pre-school and grade school children, the first visitation day for grade school students is **Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024**. Parents are welcome to contact the school for additional dates or for information for Pre-K.

Please **JOIN US!** Register to attend at myoll.org/openhouse.



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1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
November 3, 2023
5:30–7:30 pm in Church

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November 5th
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End of Daylight Saving Time



Turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m.



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ALL SOULS' DAY MASS - NOVEMBER 2nd - 7:00pm

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Remembrance



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John Mooney

Prayer for all Souls Day

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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