# *Thírtíeth Sunday of Ordínary Tíme* October 29, 2017



First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26; Responsorial Psalm 18:1, 2-4, 45, 51 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

# "I love you, Lord, my strength!"

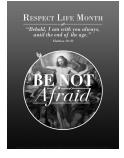
As we celebrate the final Sunday of October and our weeks of special prayer for the respect of all life, we honor with Pope Francis **World Mission Sunday**. Our mission—as our readings this Sunday remind us—is to LOVE! We are called, as St. Paul tells us, to be imitators of the Lord. And in the Book of Exodus the Lord demands: "*You shall not molest or oppress an alien*" (foreigner or immigrant) …"*You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry...for I am compassionate.*" It is no wonder that Jesus, when asked which commandment in the law is the greatest, responds, **"You shall love the** *Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

To love one's neighbor is to love God and no one can claim to love God if he or she does not love one's neighbor. To be disciples in mission is to live with compassion and humility before God and neighbor. It requires that we receive and welcome others with honor—recognizing our Lord in our midst. *"The Lord lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior,"* we proclaim with joy!

# **October: Respect Life Month**

# **Understanding Conscience**

Sister Agnes Walsh, a Daughter of Charity, is remembered for her heroism in France during World War II. In 1943, when France was occupied by German Nazis, the



search for Jews began. In the face of grave peril, Sister Agnes convinced her mother superior to open their convent and offer refuge to a Jewish family...

Most of us won't face the extreme circumstances these women faced, but we all have our own challenges. What do I do if my boss gives me a task I believe is wrong? How do I make ethical decisions about medical treatment in times of serious illness?

In the life of following Jesus Christ, both great heroes and ordinary saints alike need the same thing: a well-formed conscience.

# What is conscience?

God creates us with a capacity to know and love him, and we have a natural desire to seek the truth about him. Fortunately, we don't search for God unaided; indeed, he calls us to himself and writes his law on our hearts to help us draw closer to him.

Conscience helps us hear the voice of God; it helps us recognize the truth about God and the truth about how we ought to live. Conscience is "a judgment of reason" by which we determine whether an action is right or wrong.

Jesus told the apostles, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). We deepen our relationship with God by following him, and in doing so, we become more fully ourselves...

# How to Form Our Consciences

Wherever we are on our journey with Christ, we can grow deeper with him by continuing the work of forming our consciences well, so that we may follow him ever more closely. Although not a complete list, these suggestions can help us as we seek to inform and strengthen our consciences with God's truth.

1. Pray 2. Learn 3. Reflect 4. Nurture Friendships.

Two Challenges: 1. Indifference 2. Coercion

For the entire article please see:

http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/ respect-life-program/2017/respect-life-program-2017-articles.cfm#understanding.



### All Saints and All Souls Day Masses

Wednesday / Miércoles, November 1 Special Holy Day of Obligation in Memory of All Saints of God 7:00 am - English 6:00 pm - Bilingual

<u>Thursday / Jueves, November 2</u> In Memory of All the Faithful Departed 7:00 am - English 6:00 pm - Español

*"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."* Matthew 5:12

### Fence Replacement — Update

Good news! The work on our new fence is scheduled to begin this Thursday, November 2, and continue for two to three weeks. Our share of the project is approximately \$21,000. Thank you for your patience and support for this necessary grounds and maintenance expense.

## **Communion for the Sick and Homebound**

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a homebound family member who would like to receive weekly the Holy Eucharist.

#### **Altar Servers Needed**

Children, youth, and young adults are invited to serve as Altar Servers for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. We have a special need at our Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass.

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#### 2nd Collection

This World Mission Sunday, October 29, 2017 Propagation of the Faith (Missions)

### Offertory Report 10/22/17

Plate \$2,775; Building Fund \$650; Hope's Pantry \$10; Other \$299; Total: \$3,734.

#### Mass Intentions Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2017

Sat	4:30 pm	+Toni Kelly
Sun	9:00 am	Victims of the Fires
Sun	11:15 am	+Carlota Larios
Sun	5:00 pm	Victimas de los Terremotos
Wed	7:00 am	+Fr. Eamon MacMahon
Wed	6:00 pm	Families of the Parish
Thu	7:00 am	+Marilyn Steinbrook,
		+Orvella Andrade
Thu	6:00 pm	Fieles Difuntos de nuestras familias
Fri	7:00 am	Sick and homebound of the parish

#### **NOTICIAS ESPECIALES**

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

**Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras -** Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.



Misas de Todos los Santos - Miércoles, 1 de Nov., 7:00 am-Ingles 6:00 pm-Bilingüe Misa de Todos los Fieles Difuntos - Jueves, 2 de Nov., 7:00 am-Ingles 6:00 pm-Español

El Mes de Octubre—El Respeto a la Vida— Comprender la Conciencia

#### ¿Qué es la conciencia?

Dios nos crea con la capacidad de conocerlo y amarlo, y tenemos un deseo natural de buscar la verdad sobre Él...La conciencia nos ayuda a escuchar la voz de Dios, a reconocer Su verdad y a saber cómo debemos vivir. Es "un juicio de la razón" con el que dilucidamos si un acto es correcto o no.

#### Cómo formar nuestra conciencia

En nuestro camino con Cristo, podemos profundizar nuestra relación con Él continuando el trabajo de formar bien nuestra conciencia, para que podamos seguirlo cada vez más de cerca. Aunque no sea una lista completa, estas sugerencias nos pueden ayudar en nuestro esfuerzo de impregnar y fortalecer nuestra conciencia con la verdad de Dios: 1. Rezar 2. Aprender 3. Reflexionar 4. Cultivar Amistades Dos Desafíos: Indiferencia y Coacción.

#### Youth Corner (Matthew 22:34-40)

Our God is Love. And God's love is always extended to the most vulnerable. May our love for God and neighbor be recognized in our care for the weak and rejected, the outcast and the forgotten. And may we not forget to love the sacred gift of our self, too.



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9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

**Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo** 

Mass Schedule Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday 7 am

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