



1st Reading: Dt 6:2-6
Responsorial: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
2nd Reading: Heb 7:23-28
Gospel: Mk 12:28b-34



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - You are not far from the Kingdom of God

In the verses just before today's reading, we can find Jesus in the Temple, confronted by religious leaders with mounting hostility towards him. One scribe in the crowd takes to heart the obedient primary command of Judaism to "HEAR." The scribe's question, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" is not meant to provoke an argument, but rather is a sincere quest for faith and truth. Jesus replies with the "Shema", a centerpiece prayer of Judaism, meaning "Hear!" We hear this prayer in the First Reading, which Jesus recites to scribe in the Gospel of Mark. But, Jesus adds something to the prayer..."You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Following this teaching from Jesus come a moment of agreement between Jesus and the scribe, but also a new understanding between the old law and the new law. In the act of "hearing," the meeting of Jesus and the scribe becomes an enactment of the great commandment of love. They treat each other as neighbors... regardless of politics, religious differences, and other ways culture may lead to divisiveness and hostility.

Connecting the First Reading to the Gospel, Moses urges the people, "Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." What did you "HEAR" in today's message that resonates with you? How do you live the command to love God and love neighbor with your whole heart?

Reference: (Liturgical Press, *Living Liturgy*. Pgs 228-229)

St. Charles Borromeo - November 4

Patron saint of Bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians and spiritual leaders.

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live."

- Charles Borromeo



[YouTube](#) - CatholicKidsMedia 31B



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A GOOGLE EARTH ACTIVITY

October 30 - November 6

"Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter." St. Charles Borromeo

A Saintly Halloween!



Halloween or All Hallows' Eve is the day before All Hallows' Day, or All Saints Day. Learn more about All Hallows' Eve and how your family can celebrate both Halloween and All Saints' Day. Costumes such as St... Mother Theresa, St. Kateri, St. Francis, St. George and the dragon and more!

Pray everyday this week!

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Reflect: How did I love the Lord today?



A Synod Minute: HEAR

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The "Shema", heard today reminds us of the importance of a single action, to HEAR. But let's add just one more letter, "T". HEART. True listening requires us to open not only our ears, but our hearts so that we may be open to one another's experiences. The Church Universal is embarking of a world synod, beginning at the diocesan levels. The synod is a journey to HEAR one another and to HEAR the Holy Spirit's wisdom.

Watch and HEAR the Diocese of Syracuse's, "A Synod Minute" [YouTube](#)

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- [Catholic-link.org](#) - How To Hear God When (You Think) He Is Being Silent (Adult Faith Builder)
- [catholicicing.com](#) - All Saints Costumes All Saints' Day Costumes - or for Halloween! (Kids Faith Builder)
- [Drive.google.com](#) - Coloring Sheet for Mark 12:30 (All Ages Faith Builder)
- [lifeteen.com](#) - The Secret to Love Your Neighbor (Teens Faith Builder)
- [YouTube](#) - Love your Neighbor Backpack Tags (Kids Faith Builder)
- [Drive.google.com](#) - Candy Corn Coloring Prayer The Trinity

