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As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
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and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

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[The LORD said,] "You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt." —EXODUS 22:20

PEXELS

God's Lessons of Love

The readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us *who* we should love; the Gospel tells us *how* we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one's life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot

promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make *their* lives more comfortable and enjoyable.

How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?*
- ✦ *What might you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?*

Mass for the Intentions Week

Intention			Requested by
Saturday, October 24	5 p.m.	Gerardo Santos †	Priscilla Flores
Sunday, October 25	8 a.m.	Edna Lafleur Lewis †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
	11 a.m.	Veronica Nicolas †	Victoria Tannady
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
Monday, October 26	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
Tuesday, October 27	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
Wednesday, October 28	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
Thursday, October 29	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Ann Torres
Friday, October 30	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
Saturday, October 31	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship-joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Ex 22:20-26. 1 Thes 1:5c-10.
Mt 22:34-40.

Monday Readings: Eph 4:32-5:8. Lk 13:10-17.

Tuesday Readings: Eph 5:21-33. Lk 18:21.

Wednesday Readings: Eph 2:19-22.

Lk 6:12-16.

Thursday Readings: Eph 6:10-20. Lk 13:31-35.

Friday Readings: Phil 1:1-11. Lk 14:1-6.

Saturday Readings: Phil 1:18b-26.

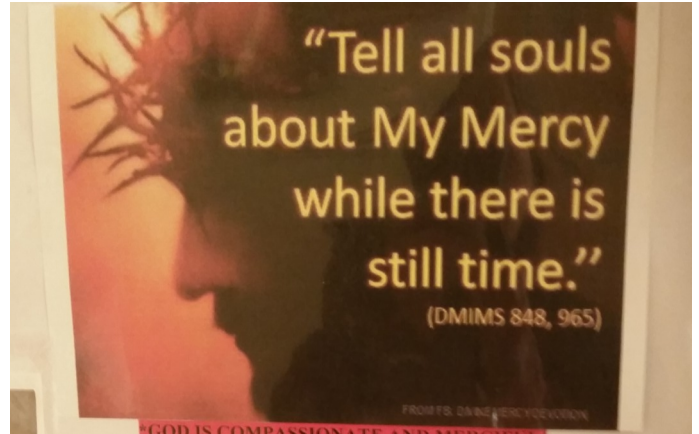
Lk 14:1, 7-11 .

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Daily at the
Chapel.

Confessions. Sat., 4pm

Henry Scheving Memorial

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Scheving who passed away last October 7. A funeral Mass, celebrated by Fr. Ray Ogbemure, was held at the St. Joseph Cemetery Complex in San Pablo, at 11am on October 24. Margaret Scheving



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First Saturday Devotion

Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Lucia of Fatima on December 10, 1925. It was there Our Lady requested the Five First Saturdays Devotion and gave a great promise.

Appearing with the Queen of Heaven in that apparition was the Infant Jesus, Who said to Lucia: “Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation.”

Our Lady then spoke: “See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”



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