

Reflection: The Law of Love by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Love is the only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading. The unity of God—the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit—means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength. We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can't love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have. And we are called imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the cross. As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God. There is no greater love than to lay down your life. This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God. The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that He desires. The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of our selves that God truly desires. We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us? Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

Daily Readings

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131: 1-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1.4.13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2.8-9.12; Ps 46:2-3.5-6.8-9
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112; Lk 16:9-15

Schedules for Masses:

Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili
9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12.00 noon & 5.30 pm English
Saturday: English 7.00 a m; 9.00 am & 5.30 pm
Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am & 1.15 am
5.30 pm Kiswahili

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast, - Friday 9th,
St Leo the Great, Pope & doctor, Memorial, - Saturday 10th,



CONSOLATA SHRINE **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time** **4th November 2018**



Love and Do What You Like!

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

"Hear, O Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart."

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart."

RESPONSOLIA PSALM

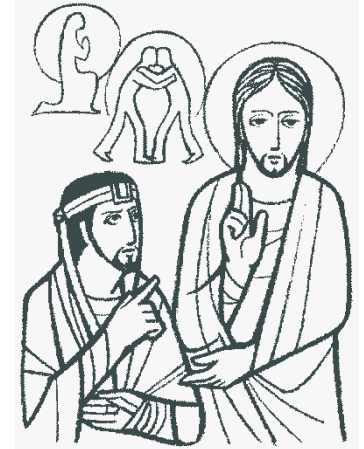
Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51(R.2)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength;
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my savior. **R**

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
My shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, "Praised be the Lord!"
And see, I am saved from my foes. **R**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king,
And shows merciful love for his anointed. **R**



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Second reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

“He holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren: The priests [of the former covenant] were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Christ holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.



Alleluia

If a man loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 12:28b-34

“You shall love the Lord your God. You shall love your neighbour.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark



At that time: One of the scribes came up to Jesus and asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to

love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the

strength, and love one’s neighbour as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God” and after that no one dared to ask him any question.

Announcements

1. Today is the first Sunday of the Month. There will be a blessing of our Tithe, our families and our work at the end of all Masses. Thanking you for your generous contribution.
2. Today the Rosary will be prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o’clock Mass.
3. We will have a mass at 3pm at Langata Cemetery praying for the peaceful repose of all the deceased.
4. In November we remember all the departed souls. Envelopes with the November cards are available at the entrance of the Church for you to fill them in and deposit them with your dues in the blue boxes. They will be remembered in all masses during the month.
5. Consolata Self Help Group (CORPORATE) is Registering new members today. Kindly visit the desk outside the church.
6. The Central deanery have organized a **MASS WEDDING** on November 24th. Couples willing to take part, are kindly requested to visit the parish office for more information.
7. The Childrens Holiday program will begin on Tuesday 6th November. Please collect registration details outside the church. Also check in the consoling eye for the full Holiday program.
8. The Bible diaries for 2019 are on sale at the bookshop and at the entrance of the church.

Souvenirs on sales at the gazebo

