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To Love God and Neighbor

The Pharisees in the Gospel this weekend want to test Jesus. They taught that there were 613 precepts that the pious Jew must observe. They ask Him which of them was the most important. With so many precepts, it was easy to get lost among them and lose sight of the more important. They often did lose sight of the principal will of God and Jesus calls them out on it often in the Gospels.



The answer Jesus gives is a very simple one. To love God with all your heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. It is clear that the principal commandment is the love of God, but – as we read in first letter of St. John 4:20-21 – we cannot really say we love God if we do not love our neighbor. Loving our neighbor, then, becomes the test of our true love of God.

The first reading from the book of Exodus speaks precisely of this love of neighbor, giving us examples of this love. It begins with what has become a "hot button" issue in our days: "*you shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.*"

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Today there is a lot of talk and consideration of immigration and those who "belong" or do not "belong" in our country. Unfortunately, as often is the case, the discussion becomes quickly polarized and political, each taking sides, instead of coming to an agreement. What should be clear to us as Christians, regardless of how you feel immigration policy should be enacted, is that we should treat all people with respect. Immigration policy in a sovereign nation is a question of prudential judgement, and good people can disagree on how it should be established. What is beyond discussion is that everyone, legal or illegal, citizen or non, should be treated with the dignity of every human being, that is, with fairness, respect and love, regardless if we allow them to stay in the country or not.

Immigration is only one issue we face today. The reading from Exodus continues speaking about other vulnerable groups. Today we continue to deal with the lack of respect for the human dignity in the poor, the unborn, those with disabilities and the elderly among others. As we go to the polls to vote in this election, we should consider carefully those we elect who make or enact the laws of our land. Are they seeking in the decisions they make to protect the most vulnerable among us?

Fr. Peter

The World Mission Collection will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend as well as on-line.

October 24 - November 1

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday 24:	5:30 pm	+ CAROL WHEELER
Sunday 25:	9:00 am	+ LEO LOERA & +JUAN CRUZ
	11:00am	**PRO POPULO**
Monday 26:	8:00 am	QUEEN OF PEACE
Tuesday 27:	8:00 am	ACCEPTATION OF THE DIVINE WILL
Wednesday 28:	8:00 am	+ PAT BARRY
Thursday 29:	8:00am	SUCESS OF "ADOPT A PRIEST " CAMPAIGN
Friday 30:	8:00 am	+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF ANTONI & LANZA FAMILIES
Saturday 31:	5:30 pm	+ FRANK F. MAYA
Sunday 1:	9:00 am	+ SAL TORRES
	11:00am	**PRO POPULO**

Catholic in Recovery, Mondays @ 5:30 at the Turn of the Card Community Center. Call 480-408-4513 for info.

AA - call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information

This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday :	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Our Lady of :Perpetual Help Novena
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Rosary for America
	6;00 pm	Religious Education in St. Joseph Family Center
Friday:	8:00 am	Mass. ***Parish Office Closed***

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

Pastoral Council: Katherine Larson; Mike Caruth; Mary Knaust; Tim Williams; Steve Vasquez; Margie Zavala; Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting: **TBD**
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Would you like to receive the sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation or Holy Communion, or would like your child to receive them? Or would you like to learn more about your faith? Come join us for an hour each week to learn and share the faith.

Religious Education meets Thursdays, at 6 pm in St. Joseph Family Center!

Our choir has openings. If you are interested contact Chris McConnell at 928-367-2080.

We are accepting candy for our Halloween party on October 28. Donations can be left before or after Mass with Mike or dropped off at the parish office. Thanks your continued support.

The Madonna Guild is accepting monetary donations to support our Thanksgiving Food Distribution Program, which provides assistance to individuals and families in need throughout our community. Donations may be given to any Madonna Guild member or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Your kindness helps make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors in need**.**

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All - especially young people - are invited to the **Halloween party on October 28** at 6 pm in St. Joseph Family Center. There will be food, games and fun in Halloween Costumes! Halloween reminds us of the celebration of **All Saints** which we will celebrate October 31 and November 1 (this year Saturday anticipated Mass and Sunday), and **All Souls** on Monday, November 2.

Saints of the week:

October 28: Sts. Simon and Jude
Apostles





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This weekend Oct. 25-25, there will be a second collection for the World Missions