

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Exodus 22:21-27*

This is a reading from the book of Exodus.

Our God says,

“When there are foreigners and strangers living among you,
you must never do anything to hurt them.

Remember that you used to be strangers in the country of Egypt.

And don't do anything to hurt widows and orphans.

If you do hurt them, and they cry out to me,

I will listen to them, and I will help them.

But I will punish you.

“When you lend money to people who are poor,
don't make them pay back more than they owe you.

And if you take their coat

as a promise that they will pay you back,

don't keep it overnight

because they will need it to keep warm.

If they cry out to me, I will help them,

for I love the poor and will take care of them.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 113*

1. You love the poor; you love the needy.
You give them help; you care for them.
2. Teach us to love the poor and needy,
to give them help, to care for them.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Leader: Love God with all your heart. *All:* Alleluia, alleluia!

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself. *All:* Alleluia, alleluia!

(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)

GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:34-39*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

One day a lawyer who belonged to a group called Pharisees, asked Jesus this question:

“Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the law?”

Jesus said,

“You must love God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.

This is the first and most important commandment.

And the second one is like it—
you must love your neighbor
just as you love yourself.”

The Gospel of the Lord.