

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 6:4-6*

This is a reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people:

“People of Israel, listen!

We have only one God.

And you must love God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your strength.

This is God’s commandment.

Keep these words always in your heart!”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 18*

I love you, God, for you are my strength.

You are my God.

I give you my praise.

You are my God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Leader: Love God with all your heart.

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself.

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mark 12:28-34*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.

One of the teachers of the Jewish law came to Jesus and asked him,

“Which one of the commandments is the most important?”

Jesus said,

“The most important commandment is this:

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

And the second most important is this:

You must love your neighbor
the same as you love yourself.”

The man who asked Jesus the question said,

“Teacher, you are right. We have only one God.

And we must love God with all our heart,
all our mind, and all our strength.

And we must love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Doing this is more important
than anything else we could do for God.”

Jesus was pleased with what the man said,
and he told him,

“You are very close to the reign of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.