

Seekers of Truth

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." [Mark 12:32-33](#)

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it.

In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives. ... *continued on inside ...*

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am

~~12:30 pm English Mass~~

cancelled until further notice

Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office:

Please email or leave voice message.

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Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

welcome
to our parish

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary #152 ~ Liturgical color: green

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Resp Psalm: Psalm: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4,47, 51

2nd Reading: Hebrew 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

Gloria

Creed

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Continued from the backside...

Lord of all Truth, in You and You alone will we discover the truths that set us free. Give me the grace and courage I need to always seek out the truth You teach. As I discover and understand all that You teach, help me to express my discoveries with joy and enthusiasm so that others will also be drawn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

2024 ACA Parish Goals

Mary, Queen of Heaven, Sprague \$5, 759

We have currently received \$2,570—44.6% of our goal.

Thank you to all who have donated.



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am

~~12:30 pm~~ cancelled until 11-17

Father will resume Mass on November 17



All Saints Day

Kindly listen to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Amen

PRAY FOR our priests and Bishop Daly!

Binding Prayer for Fair and Moral Elections

by Father Chad Ripperger

By the Power of the Precious Blood, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I petition Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bind any spirit that interferes with fair and moral elections in the United States, to go to the foot of the Cross and receive their sentence. Amen

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Parishioner of Mary, Queen of Heaven



TROOPS OF SAINT GEORGE

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Attention fathers of boys ages 6-18. Do you want to deepen your Catholic faith while experiencing the great outdoors with your son?

The Troops of Saint George apostolate aims to use the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys.

Learn more about past and upcoming activities, reach out to ask questions or join at our website.

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St. George, pray for us.



Please note: Mass Intentions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

27	Sunday	Pro Populo
28	Monday	
29	Tuesday	Mark Smith
30	Wednesday	
31	Thursday	
01	Friday	Harvey & Maria Ester Luce
02	Saturday	Harvey & Maria Ester Luce
03	Sunday	Pro Populo

*Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!
St. Anne ... Pray for us!*

Seven Sisters Apostolate

That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.

A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email sookiesue@msn.com

Seven Sisters Apostolate meet after 9:00 am Mass at St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake. For all those interested—Please join us in the Church.