

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Do not mistreat or oppress foreigners, for once you were foreigners in Egypt. Do not take advantage of widows or orphans. If you do afflict them, they will cry out to me – and be certain that I will hear their complaint. My anger will be like fire, like a sword that will kill you. Your spouses will become widows and widowers, and your children will become orphans.

If you loan money to my people, to the poor who live beside you, do not act as a moneylender to them, charging them interest.

If you take your neighbor's cloak as collateral, you must return it before sunset, for it may be your neighbor's only warmth in the night – what else would your neighbor sleep in? If your neighbor appeals to me, I will hear, for I am the Compassionate One.

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Our preaching of the Gospel was not a mere matter of words. It was done in the power of the Holy Spirit and with complete conviction. You know very well the sort of life we led when we were with you, which was for your sake.

You, in turn, followed the example set by us and by Jesus—receiving the word, despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. In this way, you have become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

The word of Christ has been resounding from you — and not only in Macedonia and Achaia: the news of your faith in God is celebrated everywhere, which makes it unnecessary for us to say anything more. They themselves report to us what kind of reception we had among you, how you turned from idols to God, to be faithful witnesses of the living and true God, and to await the appearance from heaven of Jesus, the Only Begotten, whom God raised from the dead and who will deliver us from the wrath to come.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: “Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?”

Jesus answered,

“You must love the Most High God
with all your heart,
with all your soul and
with all your mind.’

“That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well.”

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!