



[The LORD said,] “You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.” —EXODUS 22:20

## God’s Lessons of Love

**The readings today are all about love.** The first reading tells us *who* we should love; the Gospel tells us *how* we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one’s life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot

promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make *their* lives more comfortable and enjoyable.

How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?
- ★ What might you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?

# Assumption of Our Lady



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October 25, 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

| Date    | Readers                       | Collection                    | Gift Bearers | Eucharistic Ministers | Coffee & Snacks |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Oct. 04 | Please volunteer during mass. | Please volunteer during mass. | postponed    | postponed             | Postponed       |
| Oct. 11 | First Communion               | Please volunteer during mass. | postponed    | postponed             | Postponed       |
| Oct. 18 | Please volunteer during mass. | Please volunteer during mass. | postponed    | postponed             | Postponed       |
| Oct. 25 | Please volunteer during mass. | Please volunteer during mass. | postponed    | postponed             | Postponed       |
| Nov. 01 | Please volunteer during mass. | Please volunteer during mass. | postponed    | postponed             | Postponed       |



National Chairperson of Legislation Betty Colaneri,  
October 22, 2020

“It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions” (Pope Francis).

Following the proroguing of parliament, members of parliament returned to their parliamentary duties on September 23rd. Presently 54 bills are before the House of Commons that have completed first reading and 11 bills before the Senate that have completed first reading.

Unfortunately, Bill C-7 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying), has been brought back and is among those that have completed first reading. The federal government introduced the bill (sponsored by the minister of justice) and have vowed to move it quickly through parliament. Encourage members to send letters and contact their local member of parliament to voice their concerns. Time is of the essence.



Shareable Image— “You shall love the Lord, your God”  
October 25, 2020



Catholic Women's League

Rachel's Corner

“I have hope now. I had not felt that before. I got rid of a 30-year weight. I have been able to go to Communion and have this weight removed from me, and before I didn't even believe there was forgiveness for me. I am a new person now, and I am free of that burden.”  
- Testimonial

Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and see what it is like to live free of the burden of involvement in past abortion decisions.

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| Weekly Revenue                |                      |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| \$1,539.55                    | Collection           |  |
| \$0.00                        | Canada Helps Website |  |
| \$1,539.55                    | Revenue Total        |  |
| \$1,831.00                    | Expenses Total       |  |
| -\$291.45                     |                      |  |
| Expenses are based on 2018 Q1 |                      |  |

Dear Padre,

When I was young, we always prayed for “the poor souls in purgatory.” Is this because some go to hell and some go to heaven?

On the feast of All Souls' Day, we remember all of our faithful departed. Most of them are already with God in heaven. But some of them might still need some purification. Those needing purification from the temporal punishment still due to their sins are in purgatory. These people aren't damned. They are the elect and are friends of God. They are already saved, assured of salvation. There is no going to hell from purgatory. There is only upward movement to heaven.

There has always been an ancient tradition in the Church that there exists a strong bond between the faithful who die and those of us who are still alive. The Church especially emphasizes the mutual help that Christians on earth and in purgatory give to one another by their prayers. It is the belief of the Church that our prayers lessen the amount of time a person could spend in purgatory. Our prayers speed their journey into the fullness of God's love.

On this upcoming All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2), we are invited to unite with all the faithful Christians, living and dead. These feast days are our opportunities to pray for and with them and to receive the benefits of their prayers for us in return.



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

All of us, living and dead, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of those who have received baptism, and of those who are nourished by the Body of Christ....We are all the same family, united. For this reason, we pray for each other.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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Calendar

- Monday  
OCTOBER 26  
Weekday  
Eph 4:32—5:8  
Lk 13:10–17
- Tuesday  
OCTOBER 27  
Weekday  
Eph 5:21–33  
Lk 13:18–21
- Wednesday  
OCTOBER 28  
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles  
Eph 2:19–22  
Lk 6:12–16
- Thursday  
OCTOBER 29  
Weekday  
Eph 6:10–20  
Lk 13:31–35
- Friday  
OCTOBER 30  
Weekday  
Phil 1:1–11  
Lk 14:1–6
- Saturday  
OCTOBER 31  
Weekday  
Phil 1:18b–26  
Lk 14:1, 7–11
- Sunday  
NOVEMBER 1  
All Saints  
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14  
1 Jn 3:1–3  
Mt 5:1–12a

