



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCE PACKET

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 3, 2024

### Gospel

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:  
Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

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."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."



## **Seekers of Truth**

**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.**

**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.**



**Anointing  
of the Sick**

**During Masses  
November 9 4pm  
November 10 9:30am**

If you have any personal intentions you would like to add they will be added to our list, contact Tom 546-7980 or [tbrefka@clementmanor.org](mailto:tbrefka@clementmanor.org):

**Weekly Prayer Intentions:**

- For those residents who are sick, may they feel the healing presence of God



## **Annual Memorial Service**

**Thursday,**

**November 7, 2024, 6pm**

This is a special evening for all of you and for us here at Clement Manor.

We hope you will find space

To remember, to grieve,  
to be comforted and to find hope.



### **Shades of Gold**

**So many shades of gold**

**Autumn**

**Another miracle we take for granted**

**Another expression of the artist's vision**

**The blending of the autumn hues**

**with the setting sun**

**Warm**

**Comforting**

**Perfect**

**Thank you for autumn, Lord.**

**- Author Unknown**



# **Fall Back!**

Remember to move  
your clocks  
back one  
hour.



**Offer Masses for your Loved Ones**

**A Mass Stipend**

**The suggested offering is \$20.**

**Contact Tom Brefka – 546-7980**

## **Autumn Prayer**

**God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.**

**We thank you**

**for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,  
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,  
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,  
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,  
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,  
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.**

**God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.**

**Amen**

**— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.**

## **Prayer for Healing and Hope**

**Loving and tender God,  
touch my heart with hope.**

**Touch my mind with clarity;  
touch my soul with peace.**

**And, touch my body with the  
warmth of your Healing**

**Presence. Grant me courage**

**to face the future, insight to**

**understand life's trials, wis-**

**dom to discern how I can**

**touch the lives of others, and**

**the comfort of persons who**

**care about me as I reach for**

**your loving hands. In Jesus'**

**Name. Amen.**



**Pope Francis' November 2024**

**Monthly Intention: For Anyone Who has Lost a Child**

**We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.**

**St. Mary Mother of God, Menomonee Falls**



**Dear God, You are the source of all comfort and strength. I lift up to You the grieving parents who have experienced the unimaginable loss of their son or daughter. I ask, dear Lord, that You surround them with Your love and peace.**

**Give them the strength and endurance they need to navigate through life during difficult days, weeks, and months. Hold them close to Your heart and provide them with the support and solace they need to heal. May Your Holy Spirit minister to their broken hearts and grant them the assurance that their son or daughter is now safe in Your loving arms. In Your Name I pray, AMEN.**

*November 4*

*St. Charles Borromeo*

St. Charles,

You are invoked as the patron of all those who suffer with stomach ailments and obesity.

You are also called upon as a helper for all those attempting to diet and lose weight.

Please intercede for me today and help me to control my desires and compulsions, so that I may fix my appetite on the glory of heaven.

Amen.

*St. Charles Borromeo, PRAY FOR US*

*November 9*

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*

Christ our Savior, through the intercessions of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, I pray for the Church today. I pray for your abundant mercy upon every sinner whom you are calling into your Church for reconciliation. I pray for my local parish, diocese, country, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. I especially pray for the Holy Father, the pastor of the Lateran Basilica and shepherd of the whole Church. Draw him close to You, make him holy, and use him to draw many people to Yourself. Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, pray for us. Jesus I trust in You.

Amen.

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**Join us on Clement Manor**

**Channel 3.1**

**Word & Communion Service**  
**Monday & Tuesday—9:30am**

**Mass**  
**Wednesday—Friday & Sunday**  
**9:30am**  
**Saturday — 4:00pm**

**Individual Reconciliation**  
**Available upon request call**  
**Fr. Bob 546-7383**

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

### **Sunday November 3, 2024**

Reading 1, Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 57

Gospel, Mark 12:28-34

Reading 2, Hebrews 7:23-28



Daily Reading for

### **Monday November 4, 2024**

Reading 1, Philippians 2:1-4

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 131:1, 2, 3

Gospel, Luke 14:12-14

Daily Reading for

### **Friday November 8, 2024**

Reading 1, Philippians 3:17-4:1

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Gospel, Luke 16:1-8

Daily Reading for

### **Tuesday November 5, 2024**

Reading 1, Philippians 2:5-11

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 22:26-27, 28-30, 31-32

Gospel, Luke 14:15-24

Daily Reading for

### **Saturday November 9, 2024**

Reading 1, Genesis 28:11-18

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11

Gospel, Luke 19:1-10

Reading 2, First Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17

Daily Reading for

### **Wednesday November 6, 2024**

Reading 1, Philippians 2:12-18

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

Gospel, Luke 14:25-33

Daily Reading for

### **Sunday November 10, 2024**

Reading 1, First Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Gospel, Mark 12:38-44

Reading 2, Hebrews 9:24-28

Daily Reading for

### **Thursday November 7, 2024**

Reading 1, Philippians 3:3-8

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gospel, Luke 15:1-10



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