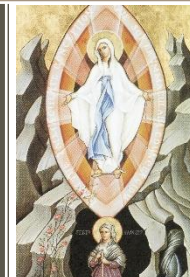


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Sunday, October 25, 2020 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Kids @ Mass



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**This Week's Gospel >>>**

**The Greatest Commandment:**

God is Love. All the commandments that God gives us are to help us truly love our creator and all of his creation. Jesus reminds us of the importance of love.

*"It's easy to be a Saint.*

*Do the ordinary things in an extraordinary way."*

*~ St. John Bosco*

**Preparing our children for the Feast of All Saints and All Souls.**

November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are two very important feasts in the life of the Church: the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. In these feasts the Church celebrates all those who have died and are now

with God. We go to Mass to remember all these holy people and to pray for those preparing to join them in heaven with our Father.



When speaking with your children about the Saints, you want to remind them that everyone who has lived and died believing in the love of Jesus is a saint. Some of these people are very well known, like St. Peter, St. Francis or St. Therese of Lisieux. Others, may be people only known to us, such as

members of our family, friends, or neighbours. Some of these people lived their lives so much like Jesus that the Church says that they are definitely in heaven and calls them Saints.

Help your children know that we are

All saints in the making—this is what we understand as the call to holiness. Saints are people who love God and share his love with others.

Finally, help your children know that the saints and those who have died are never far away from us. We can talk to them through prayer – it's like having a friend who lives close to Jesus. Be sure to take a look at some of the resources on the Saints located on the back page of this newsletter! God Bless!

## Sharing God's Word >>>

1. *Let's start with a Prayer*  
– *make the Sign of the Cross*

In the name of the Father  
And of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## 3. *Some things to think about before we read the Gospel.*

Hi friends! Hope you all had a great week, and used your gifts and talents in ways that are pleasing to God, as we learned last Sunday.

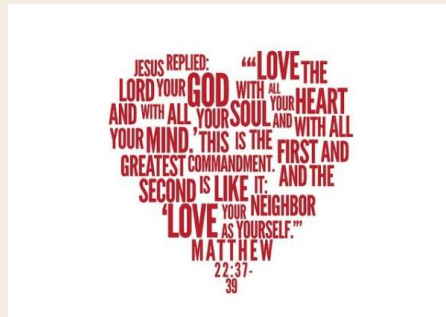
Today we are talking about **LOVE**.

I'm sure we can all say we love our parents, our family, and our friends. And that's awesome, because in today's gospel Jesus is teaching us that Love is so very important.

So here is a really tough question for you: **How**

**would you describe love?**

Love is a bit hard to describe! It cannot be seen or held in our hands; it has no colour or shape; it cannot be described by size or what it looks like. Love is a very special feeling



Here's another question:

**Who loves you, and who do you love?**

Can you list three or four?

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Well guess what? As much as you love them, God loves them even more!

**How does being loved make you feel?** Pretty awesome!

To feel that we are loved by someone fills us with happiness and security; it is a feeling that everybody

**How do people show that they love one another?**

It is something we can show or express by our words and our actions. For instance through a simple handshake, a kiss or giving someone a hug. Also we can tell someone we love them or simply just treat them with kindness.

Okay everyone, let's get ready to listen and learn with our eyes, ears, and hearts wide open!

**You will find a video of the Gospel at Catholic Kids Media at the following link:**

## Gospel Reflection & Activity:

Hi again friends, good job on being attentive to today's readings!  
Let's see what you remember with a little bit of Fill-in-the-blank!!



1. The Pharisees asked Jesus: "Which of the commandments is the \_\_\_\_\_?"
2. Jesus said that two commandments are the most important. The first is "You must love \_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_."
3. The second commandment: "You shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself."

Word Bank:      love              greatest              mind  
                                        heart              neighbour              soul

God gave Moses ten commandments to help his people to lead lives pleasing to God. What are the two commandments that Jesus said are the most important? Why do you think that Jesus chose these two above all the others?

By loving God all that we can, each of us learns to become more loving and ready to share that love with each other. And remember, "our neighbour" isn't just the people who live next door to us, or even people we know well. They include both people we know well and those that we might meet by chance. Everyone is our neighbour.

Jesus showed us how to love by caring for and healing the sick, the blind and the paralyzed. He made time for people and was ready to listen and share with them. He was forgiving. He taught us to not judge others but to give them another chance when they make mistakes. More importantly, there's no greater act of love than Jesus giving His life for us. He showed us the depth of His love when he died on the cross.

## Praying together to Our Father

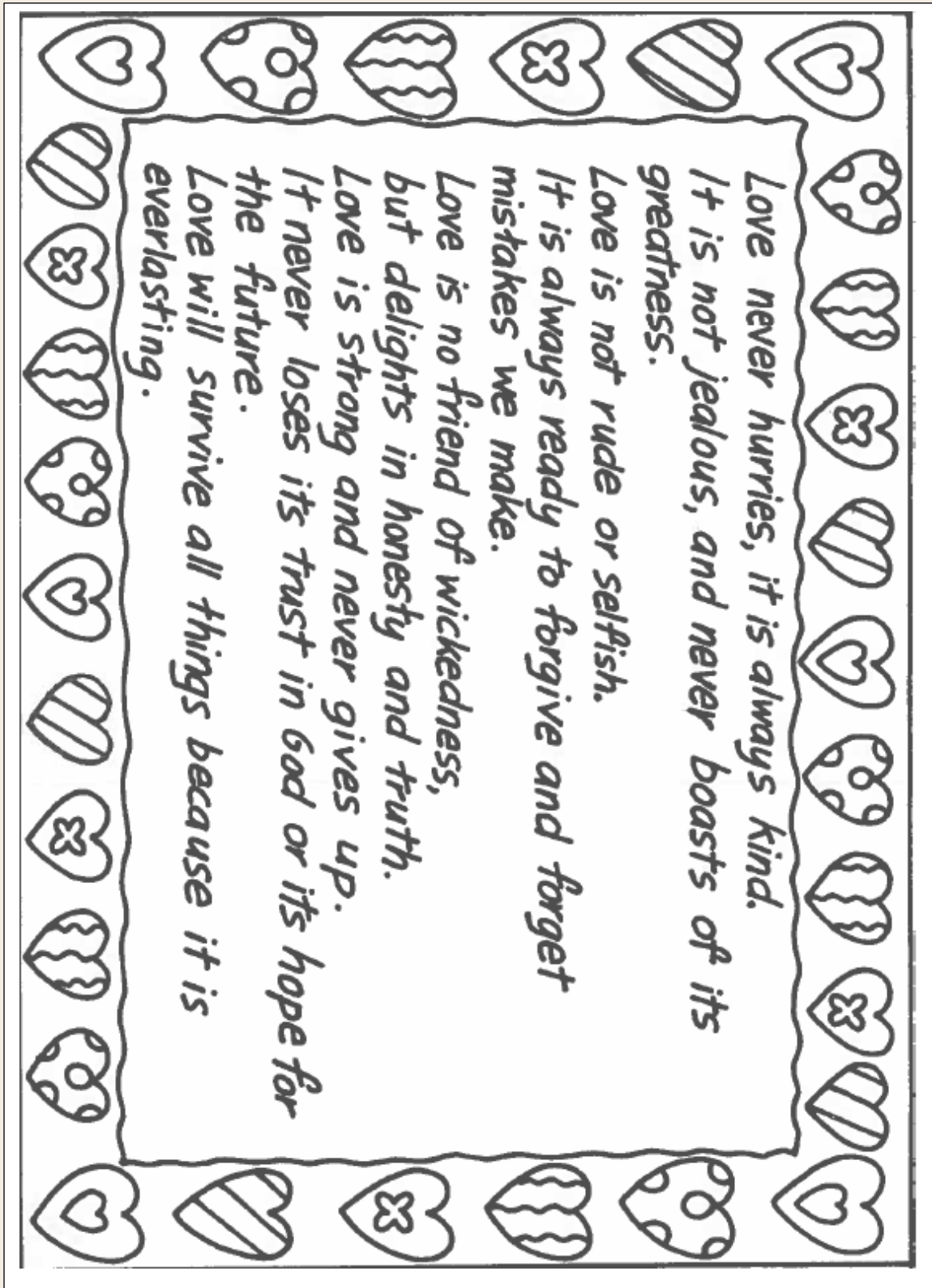
Let's now pray together a very special prayer that Jesus taught us, Our Father.

Our Father,  
Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done,  
on earth as it is in  
Heaven.

Give us this day  
our daily bread.  
And forgive us our  
trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen!

Here are some beautiful words from St. Paul about Love. If we remember to put these words into action we will be putting the two greatest commandments in our lives. Can you decorate the picture and keep it somewhere to help remind you about the two greatest commandments.



# Kids@Mass...

Great job everyone! We're so glad that you joined us today and we hope to see you soon. Be good, be healthy and be safe! God bless and take care!

## For Moms & Dads >>>

- Is your child nearing Sacramental age – usually age 7 or 8? We will be registering children for 1st Communion and 1<sup>st</sup> Confession Preparation throughout the month of October. If you would like more information, or need a registration form, email us: [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to)
- Are you receiving our Parish Weekly update? Let us put you on our flocknote list and we will keep you up to date on all the parish news: sign up through our website: [lourdes.to](http://lourdes.to)

## askfather@lourdes.to

Did you ever have a question that you wanted to ask a priest? Father John would love to hear from you. Email him with your questions and thoughts any time. Questions that might be helpful to other families will be posted in upcoming issues along with Father's answers. Stay

Here some great faith resources on the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls to consider for your family:

- Check out this amazing website, with great ideas on how to celebrate the liturgical year – recipes included! Catholic Cuisine: Celebrating the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year: <https://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2009/10/saint-o-lanterns.html>
- Here are some great You-tube videos:
  - 7 characteristics of a saint <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcpsCsmKvTU>
  - All Saints Day for Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcPXns6gilK>
  - Tomkin Called to be a Saint [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmh\\_wOlQwn0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmh_wOlQwn0)



## Coming Soon >>>

Here's what's happening at Lourdes during the month of October:

- **Sunday, October 25:** Issue #3 of the Family Pack with supplement on preparing for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls (November 1 and November 2)
- **Sunday, November 1:** Feast of All Saints: Livestream of Kids@Mass (<https://lourdes.to/kids/>)
- Monday, November 2: Feast of All Souls
- **Sunday, November 8:** Issue #4 of the Family Pack with supplement on preparing for Advent.

See you next week for our next Kids@Mass episode at <https://lourdes.to/kids/>