

November 4, 2018

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 152

Reading 2 [Heb 7:23-28](#)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many  
because they were prevented by death from remaining in office,  
but Jesus, because he remains forever,  
has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him,  
since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:  
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,  
higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests,  
to offer sacrifice day after day,  
first for his own sins and then for those of the people;  
he did that once for all when he offered himself.  
For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests,  
but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law,  
appoints a son,  
who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of The Lord.

Gospel [Mk 12:28b-34](#)

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."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.