



**Fear the Lord,
your God,
and keep,
throughout
the days of
your lives,
all God's
statutes and
commandments.**

Deuteronomy 6:2



Love the Lord your God with all your heart

November 4, 2018 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings are fairly simple and straightforward. Do just these two things—love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself—and you will be saved. Deuteronomy and the psalm emphasize the importance of loving God with our whole selves. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus loved us as he loved his Father and so he offered himself for our sins. Mark says that loving God completely must also be accompanied by loving our neighbor. Jesus loved his Father with his whole soul, his whole mind, his whole strength. The love between God and Jesus makes them one. Everything hinges on the completeness and the inclusiveness of that love.

LOVE

We all love rules to measure our actions and assure us that we have done enough. Today we are given two rules that offer us none of that. These rules require us to focus only on love: love of God and love of neighbor.

There are not seven or ten. There are just two. You must love God but you must do it with your entire being. Everything you are must be focused on and reflect loving God. And then you must love your neighbor. The first is key to the second.

Unless we understand how God loves both the lovable as well as the unlovable, we will never be able to love ourselves or any other creature or creation as God loves them all. The Gospels remind us that Jesus sought the broken, the marginalized, the unwanted to teach us how God loves. If everything about you is about loving a God who created and redeemed you, then you love as God loves. If you love as God loves, you recognize the weakness in yourself and in the world yet you still love that broken self and broken world as its Creator does. That is the only measure of success that matters.

Today's Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day Mass Schedule:
8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

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By appointment. Contact the Parish House at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

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By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (C.C.D.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Jim Lawther, Craig Madden, Ray Wojcicki, Donald Reynolds, Mark Joseph Nov-el, Joe & Helen Cuchta, Christy Klug, Kimberly Peffley, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Don McCormick, Chris Colby, Richard Timko; **Home-bound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt. Joe & Helen Cuchta

**Five Wishes Presentation
Sign up in Church Vestibule**

On Tuesday evening, **November 13**, please consider joining the St. Francis Xavier and St. Jude communities in a thoughtful discussion of the essential end-of-life questions experts contend everyone should answer for themselves. This 90 minute session will be held at 7 PM in the newly renovated St. Francis Xavier basement. Individuals age 18 and over are encouraged to attend. There is **no cost** to participate. Doors open at 6:30 PM for fellowship and a fantastic coffee and dessert bar. Please join us!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m.

St. Jude Church

Featuring many local church choirs (including our own St. Francis Xavier Choir) with a special appearance by the "Singing Shepherds"

Hosted by the Moundsville Ministerial Association

2018 - 2019 Appalachian Alumni Institute Lecture

Pope Francis and Climate Change

Given by Dr. John Glaser, WJU class of 1966

Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Recital Hall in the CET building

Wheeling Jesuit University

Free and open to the public

**THANK
YOU**



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I would like to extend my sincere thanks for all your prayers, visits, meals, cards and good thoughts. I am on the mend but will still take any prayers you can send my way, and I will do the same for you. God Bless.

- Maggie Yeater

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 11 - Concert & Reflection 1:00

Nov. 13 - Five Wishes Presentation 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 15 - Pick up Holiday Baked goods

Nov. 18 - Community Thanksgiving Service

Dec. 2 - St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration

Dec. 9 - Communal Penance Service 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 20 - Pick up Holiday Baked goods

Jan 26 - World Youth Day

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