



October 29, 2017 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 148 Gospel MT 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Spiritual Reflection: When I was a freshman in high school, I sculpted an angel (a cherubim to be more precise) in art class. I thought I did a good job for my skill level and so I kept on a shelf in my bedroom. One Christmas break, I returned home from college to discover it was gone. I never said anything about it but a few days later I discovered the angel statue in my mother's room on her dresser where she kept all the things she most valued. She later told me that the reason she had taken the statue (despite others calling it ugly) was because it was something that I made and since she loved me she therefore loved my angel sculpture. In the same way if we love God, then we should love the things that He created especially the things He created in His own image.

Spiritual Questions

1. Do you believe God loves you?
2. How does God show His love?
3. Do you love God?
4. How do you show God you love Him?
5. How does loving your neighbor and yourself help you love God?