

Covenant Life

- Our next **prayer meeting** is a week from today on Sunday, November 10th at 3pm. We plan to have Children and Youth ministries. We will continue our tradition of honoring past and present family veterans and invite everyone to send a photo and service details asap to Sue Wagner at s.wagner@msmcatholic.org.
- We have started our **2025 Stewardship Promise & Recommitment Drive**. It is important that we hear from all members (also welcoming those not yet a member) by clicking here: [2025 Promise](#) or using the attached form.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

Reflection

The [Gospel](#) and the [First Reading](#) concern the Greatest Commandment. When Laurie and I hear the Deuteronomy reading, it is very hard to stop at verse 6. It was a family favorite scripture to also read verse 7...in the New American: "*Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.*" The "them" that is being referred to are, of course, the words of the greatest commandment that Moses was enjoining on the people that day. The funny part for our family is that we would wiggle our finger touching our children as pretend drills. It is so important to pass on God's words to our children and grandchildren!

I was also very impressed by Moses' admonition to speak these words at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. Basically, he was challenging us to always speak of them. This brings back a similar charge from our founder Bobbie Cavnar who, on many occasions, challenged us to pray anytime our minds were not needed for our profession. This happens to also be the theme of a new book I started about Brother Lawrence. What I have been most impressed with so far is the degree to which it appeared that he was continuously engaged with God. Every moment of every day he appeared to be as engaged as possible in loving God and loving neighbor.

Maybe this is a word for all of us today. We know the first two commandments, and I am sure that we all do our best to live by them, but maybe today God is asking us to address the degree to which we do.

I know, for myself, I am busy, busy busy. I have been working on pausing to pray, to ask God what He wants and how I can cooperate with what He is about. But if I am candid, I can count the times that I do that in a day. What if I truly was engaged with God all day every day? What if every single activity done every day was truly done in unison with our Lord, seeking His will and making it my own. Not just what I am doing but when, how, with whom... every aspect being a response to His prompting?

We know that the beginning and end of the Christian life is loving God and loving our neighbor. How might God be able to use us, those filled with His Holy Spirit, if we lived, moment by moment with an ear tuned to Him? This is the cause that I take up today and encourage you too as well. Let us be a people that are not only characterized by being lovers of God and neighbor, but those who are visibly loving God and loving our neighbors on a continuous and ongoing basis...in tune with His perfect will and able to be used by Him to accomplish His purposes!

Let us pray, "Lord God, I once again rededicate myself to You, to loving You with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. I also rededicate myself to loving every neighbor around me. I ask for an outpouring of Your Holy Spirit to enable me to hear Your voice every time I turn my attention to You so that I can cooperate with Your perfect will. I want to be used by You to accomplish the purpose that You intend. I want to be, individually, and as a covenant people, used by You for Your purposes. I love You and those You have called into my life!"

God Bless,

David