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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



INTRODUCTION

The Word of God denounces the religious leaders, both before, and during the time of Jesus, for failing to give glory to God. Respect for God inclines us to submit ourselves to the guidance of God, by always being humble. Paul shows us the way, by placing before us, how he ministers to his people.

READINGS

First Reading:	Mal 1:14b-2: 2b, 8-10
Resp. Psalm:	Ps 131: 1, 2, 3
Second Reading:	1Thes 2: 7-9, 13
Gospel:	Mt 23:1-12

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: Our heavenly Father sent Jesus as our Teacher, to show us how to make our lives joyful and directed to God. With confidence we now bring our petitions asking for the graces we need, as we pray:

RESPONSE: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Pope Francis, Bishops, clergy and religious: that through genuine teaching of the Word of God, they may build up the community of the faithful, we pray...R/

For the suffering civilian populations of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel: that their leaders may allow better sense to prevail, and bring all fighting to a speedy end, we pray... R/

For the Church, at the conclusion of the first part of the Synodality Synod: that the fruits of discussions and proposals for communion, participation and mission, may prepare all of us for an enriching second phase next year, we pray... R/

For our students in schools and colleges: that as they conclude the first term of their studies and exams, may apply themselves even more seriously, to grow in true knowledge and wisdom, we pray...

For all of us present in this assembly: that each of us realizing our personal responsibility, as disciples of Christ, may overcome hypocrisy and pride, and follow our divine Master, who was meek and humble of heart, we pray... R/

For our personal intentions (pause); we pray... R/

CELEBRANT:

God our loving Father assist us to live and preach the values taught us by Jesus, our real Teacher and Master; we ask this through the same Christ our Lord. AMEN