

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – B



# **Introduction:**

The readings today invite us to Love the Abba Father. Love is not just a feeling but an action which inspires us to always do the good of the other. Therefore, that Love in action requires all our heart, soul, mind and strength. In loving the Father, we are spontaneously moved to love our neighbour. In this Holy Eucharist, which is Jesus' sacrifice of love, we observe Jesus' love in action, both for the Father and us. We pray that it inspires the same love in each of us.

## **Readings:**

First Reading:	Deut 6: 2-6
Psalm:	Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51ab
Second Reading:	Heb 7: 23-28
Gospel:	Mk 12: 28b-34

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** With complete faith, we now present our prayers and intentions to our loving Father.

### **Response:** Loving Father, hear our prayer.

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious, that they may continue to be beacons of God's love in this world. R/

For the leaders of governments, that they may be inspired to seek peace and harmony in this world. R/

For the upcoming elections, that inspired by the spirit of truth, the people may vote for leaders who genuinely work for the betterment of people. R/

For Holy Father's Universal Intention, *for anyone who has lost a child*: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of son or a daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. R/

For our personal intentions which we now place before the Lord in silence (pause). R/

### **Celebrant:**

Abba Father, thank you for loving us and giving us the Spirit of your love. We are confident that you have heard our prayers which we make through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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