

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**  
**October 25, 2020**  
**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Exodus 22:20–26 + 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 + Matthew 22:34–40**



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Jesus was asked, “Which commandment in the law is the greatest?” In his answer, the word ‘all’ takes a specific meaning. We are not asked to just love with our hearts, souls, and minds. Jesus says, “You shall love with **all** your heart, with **all** your mind, and with **all** your soul,” and he even goes further to say, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

What does it mean to love with all of you? The message in this Gospel is about love and acceptance. How are we able to do that with the person that has hurt us, offended us, or who has done wrong to us? The answer is simple. Follow what Jesus is asking of each one of us. He has laid out the plan. At times, we may have fallen short but as people of faith we can follow the plan. We also need to be people of prayer and action by loving others with our ‘all.’ Let us pray for each other beginning with ourselves the way Jesus sees us.