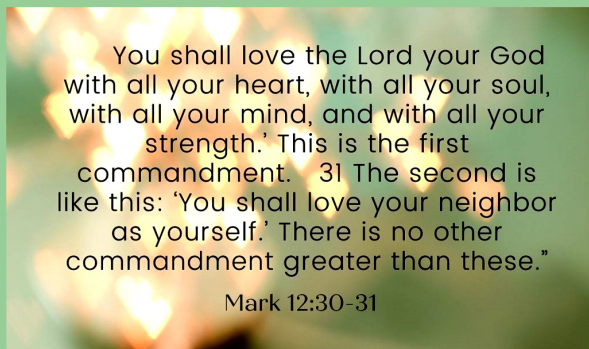




Our Mission Statement: *'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'*

### **Reflection:**

Above all things, love God; from that love flows a love of neighbour. The mandate from today's Gospel couldn't be simpler, yet love can be hard to define and practice. Jesus put things in perspective for us. It starts with renewing our belief in God's unconditional love for us.



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 The second is like this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31

### **Quote:**

Perhaps we must continually remind ourselves that the first commandment requiring us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind is indeed the first. I wonder if we believe this. It seems that, in fact, we live as if we should give as much of our heart, soul, and mind as possible to our fellow human beings while trying hard not to forget God. At least we feel that our attention

should be divided evenly between God and our neighbour. But Jesus' claim is much more radical. He asks for a single-minded commitment to God and God alone. God wants all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul.... In God, we find our neighbour and discover our responsibility to them. We might even say that only in God does our neighbor become a neighbour rather than an infringement upon our autonomy and that only in and through God does service become possible.

Henri Nouwen, *The Living Reminder: Service and Prayer in Memory of Jesus Christ*

### **The Assignments:**

- Talk to your children about the true meaning of love. Teach them to distinguish between God-centered love and other forms of love, and encourage them to show God's love through an act of service.
- If you have neighbours whom you are unfamiliar with, it may be worthwhile to invite them for coffee and conversation. Consider starting a routine of walking around your neighbourhood daily or weekly and greeting and becoming acquainted with your neighbours.
- November is the month of praying for the dead. Offer a decade of the Rosary daily for your departed friends and relatives.





# CWL CLOTHING DRIVE NOVEMBER 4 & 5

**On the weekend of Nov 4/5  
Holy Spirit CWL will be hosting a clothing drive at the church  
collecting items for the CWL Clothing Depot**

The Clothing Depot accepts all gently used clothing and small household items. Especially in need of:

- warm clothing, blankets and comforters
- toques and mitts, winter jackets, snow pants, boots etc.

Each year at Christmas time the Clothing Depot hosts a Christmas sale where families can purchase inexpensive Christmas gifts. In particular, they ask for new toys that parents can purchase for their children. Please drop items off at the parish on the weekend of Nov 4/5 and the CWL will deliver them to the CWL Clothing Depot on Monday.

*If you can't donate this weekend at Holy Spirit,  
the CWL Clothing Depot will happily accept your donations at:*

**619 20th St.W.  
Drop off hours are 10 AM to 3PM, Monday to Friday  
Saturdays 9AM-12:30 PM  
*Please use the back door.***

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