

Thursday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mk 12,28-34): One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus replied, “The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”



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Today Jesus, conversing with a scribe, confirms the tradition received from Moses. But Jesus did not stop there ... because when He instituted the Eucharist He went a step further by perfecting the law of charity.

—“I give you a new commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you.”
The measure of love is God Himself!