



Daily Word of Life

November of 2017

01	Wed Lc 13,22-30	Strive to enter through the narrow door. Sometimes we choose paths that are wide at first, but which lead us to a "dead end." We do not have to get to that point. The narrow door is the cross. It is present along the way inviting a change of direction. We will not be alone. The sorrows, the difficulties embraced, lead us to Love on the cross. This requires a great effort, but because it is love leads to resurrection. Lets Go beyond pain.
02	Thu Jo 6, 37-40 Fiéis Defuntos	I will raise them up at the last day. Christ, dead and risen, is our true hope. We suffer for the death of those we love, even though death is the natural way of human existence. The life of the Word of God, however, leads us to another existence: Life in God. Those who love become, beyond this existence, one with Love. We thank the people we love and are in eternity: our family, friends, João Rosendo, Chiara, sister Odete and many others. Let's live the resurrection.
03	Fri Lc 14, 1-6 São Martinho de Lima	Do good always. The Good cannot be limited by time, rules or ways of thinking of some people. The practice of good surpasses petty criteria, selfishness and conditioning, to go beyond. Love is creative and therefore is not limited to small thoughts or to the criteria of some. Let's do like Jesus. We care more about loving than about other people's judgments. Let's do good.
04	Sat Lc 14,1.7-11	Be humble. "History teaches that pride, careerism, vanity, ostentation are the cause of many evils. And Jesus makes us understand the need to choose the last place, that is, to look for the smallness and 'concealment': humility. When we stand before God in this dimension of humility, then God exalts us, bows down to us, and elevates us to him. " (Pope Francis, August 28, 2016)
05	Sun	All Saints - "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Mt 5: 1-12)
06	Mon	Word of the Month - "... the greatest among you must be he who serves you." (Mt 23:11) Chiara also says: "To aspire constantly to the evangelical primacy, putting oneself as much as possible in the service of the neighbor. (...) And what is the best way to serve? To become "one" with each person we encounter, feeling in us their feelings: to assume them as ours, which has become ours through love. (...) That is to say: no longer live enclosed in ourselves; seek to carry their weights, share their joys. " Any capability and positive quality that we have, everything that can make us feel "great" is an unforgettable occasion of service: professional experience, artistic sensitivity, culture, as well as the ability to smile; the time we can offer to listen to those who have doubts or are suffering; the energies of youth, as well as the strength of prayer, when physical force vanishes.
07	Tue Rm 12,5-16a	Let brotherly love bind you to one another. The unity generates the presence of Jesus. The one who loves does and wants the good for the other. The unity is constructed with concrete gestures, in the sincerity, simplicity, in the activities, manners and attitudes that we have during the day. We have many opportunities to love today, so do not leave it for tomorrow. Those who love living the present moment experience joy. To love in the present moment.
08	Wed Lc 14, 25-33	Embrace the cross. It is not the family or people that keep us from following Jesus. These are our choices. In order to embrace the cross it is necessary to detach from people as well. To detach is not to despise. It is rather to exchange a "lesser love" for the "Greater Love." "Greater Love" gave its life for us on the cross. The loves of the earth only find real meaning when we are able to embrace the Love of heaven, lived and embraced on each cross, in every difficulty or pain. True love purifies all other loves. Let's Choose Love.
09	Thu Jo 2, 13-22 Basílic of Saint John Latron	Zeal, for your house will consume me. Today the Church celebrates the first great building that served as a landmark of faith for ancient Christians. The scripture speaks of Jesus' zeal for the Temple, privileged place of encounter with the Father. The question is not the construction, but rather for what it serves. In our Farms how is the care with our chapels, towels, flowers, sacred vessels? Let us take good care of these places, and also of the temple of our body, using them to truly love everyone. Let's take good care.
10	Fri Rm 15, 14-21 S. Leão Magno	Talk about what Christ did. Often when something bad happens we say, "God wanted". When something good happens, we think, "I did." It should not be like this. We can always recognize that good comes from God and gives us the strength to overcome evil. And when it seems that good is missing, let us remember an expression that says: "Where there is no love, put love and you will find it." Let's Announce the good.
11	Sat Lc 16, 9-15	Be faithful. Magnanimity: this virtue of the great and small (...), which makes us always look at the horizon! What does it mean to be magnanimous? It means to have a great heart, to have greatness of spirit, to have great ideals, the desire to perform wonders to respond to what God asks of us and, precisely because of this, to carry out our daily activities well, every day work, meetings with people; fulfill the small tasks of each day with a big heart, open to God and to the neighbor. (Pope Francis, July 07, 2013)
12	Sun	XXXII Dom. Do T. Common - "Be attentive, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Mt 25: 1-13)
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14	Tue Sb 2,23-3, 9	Those who persevere in love will remain with God. Giving up the good and that which is true makes the soul evil. Embracing sorrows and difficulties costs. But whoever remains faithful in love, even in the face of the misunderstandings and judgment of others, experiences the fruits. God never abandons us. We do, we try to abandon Him. We can take on today, for His sake, every difficulty, every difficult situation and every challenge. He has done much more on the cross. How about spending this day with God? Let's persevere.
15	Wed Lc 17, 11-19	As they walked ... they were healed. All of us, at some point, ask for the help of God. He gives us His Word and sends us to walk. As we walk the healing manifests itself. Both in recovery and in the life of spirituality, to stop is to regress. Good, done

	Sto. Alberto Magno	yesterday, was cast into eternity. It is in the present moment that we can love. He who takes steps, because of the Word of God, experiences very soon what it is to be clean. At the end of the day we will have much to thank Him for. Let's believe and move on.
16	Thu Lc 17,20-25	The Kingdom of God is among you. Whoever lives the oneness, experiences the presence of God. His Kingdom also manifests itself as the communion of Love, which overcomes the barriers. When we are aware we realize that there are many opportunities to build unity with the people with whom we live. Small gestures of unity "build" eternity. To love is to build paradise. Let's live in unity.
17	Fri Lc 17,26-37 St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it. Loose loving is winning. Before death and eternity there remains only the love with which we love. Concerns, possessions, and personal projects are worth if they are expressions of love. We could now "waste" time and energy dedicated to others. Maybe in that old person who needs company, in a request for forgiveness, in prayer for those who have harmed us, in patience, etc ...; in the logic of the Gospel who loves, wins. Let's know how to lose.
18	Sat Lc 17, 20-25	Always pray and never give up. We would like solutions for our lives to come quickly. It's not like this. Many graces to be attained need our insistence. The daughter who does not speak to her father, the father who does not forgive, the brother who has left, the job that did not work, feelings that hurt, desires that hurt ... are always situations that we can offer to God in prayer, do good, share experiences and believe: Whoever persists receives grace.
19	Sun	XXXIII Sunday of Ordinary Time - "He who has will be given ..." (Mt 25, 14-30)
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21	Tue Zc 2,14-17 Apresentação de Maria	Rejoice, rejoice. Behold, I come to live in the midst of you. One of the instruments of our spirituality is the Communion of Souls. It is the moment where we share what God has done in our lives and in our souls. These moments, when done as an expression of love, generate the presence of Jesus. As we build our day and our life in unity with others, we are able to open our mouths and souls to communicate God's love to others. The one who loves communicates joy. Let's convey joy.
22	Wed 2Macabeus 7, 1.20-31 Sta. Cecília	Support everything because of hope. The mother and children of today's reading endured everything, even unto death, in the name of their love for God. During the day we will have many possibilities to embrace small or great pains for the love of God. In every embrace and in every act we can repeat: "for you Jesus"; Before the appeals of the world we can renew our yes to God. Let's Embrace the difficulties, with love.
23	Thu Lc 19,41-44	Recognize the visit of Jesus. We can recognize His visit in every moment, and in particular in pain and difficulty. It is always He who visits us. It is normal that we do not want the pain. This is natural. But we can go beyond hugging Jesus present in each difficult situation. This is supernatural. When we do not embrace it in pain it is the pain that finally embraces us. Let's recognize love in every sorrow.
24	Fri Lc 19,45-48 Sto. Andre Dung-Lac e Comp.	My house will be a house of prayer. When Jesus expelled the sellers from the Temple he did so because of his love for the Father's house. Love always casts out evil. We are God's temple. In the relationship of prayer and love with Him and the brothers, who are temples of God, we can expel evil. Let's not sell ourselves for cheap things, wrong propositions, misses that pass, or things that have no value. With deeds and words, we transform our home into the house of God. Let's take care of our interior.
25	Sat Lc 20,27-40 Sta. Catarina	Search for eternity. It is not this life that will make reference to eternity, but it is the eternity that will illuminate and give hope to the earthly life of each one of us! If we look only with the human eye, we tend to say that the way of man goes from life to death. Jesus reverses this perspective and affirms that our pilgrimage goes from death to life: full life! So death is behind us, not before us. Before us is the God of the living, there is the final defeat of sin and death, the beginning of a new time of joy and infinite light. (Pope Francisco, November 10, 2013)
26	Sun	Christ King of the Universe - "... You did it to me." (Mt 25, 31-46)
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28	Tue Lc 21, 5-11	Be careful not to be deceived. Usually no one likes to be cheated or to fool their own decisions. But sometimes we are disoriented by certain problems. It is very dangerous when we make decisions motivated by emotions. Fear, anger, judgment, nostalgia, and other feelings that can deceive us. Those who live in God seek to stand firm and make the right choices. God, because He is Love, does not pass and does not deceive. We can choose Him in every decision. Let's Persevere in love.
29	Wed Lc 21, 12-19	It is standing firm that you will earn a living. Difficulties, challenges, persecutions and misunderstandings always reach everyone, even to those who live the Word of God. Giving up is not a word to anyone who wants to live in God. We can move on loving. This Word today has saved a lot of people. He who perseveres in love achieves not only his own recovery, but also launches himself to help others and achieve eternal life. Let's Be firm.
30	Thu Rm 10, 9-18	We all have the same Lord. Divisions, discriminations, and quarrels for religious reasons do not come from God. He is Father of all. We do not have the right to judge who has an expression of faith different from ours. To be faithful to one's faith is not

	St. Andrew Apostle	to attack one who thinks differently. God's love, present in us, is stronger than differences. Before Him, in eternity, we will be saved by Love, never by separation. He who truly loves his faith has love also to love the faith of the other. Let's love in the differences.
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