Gospel Matthew 22:34-40 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together, and one of them,
a scholar of the law tested him by asking,
"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him,
"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

1. What words, phrases, thoughts struck you as you read this Gospel and why?

2. What in this passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you?

3. *When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees.* When have I been silent in the face of injustice? When have I silenced others whose words challenged me?

4. *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.* How do I express my love for the Lord? What change can I make in my daily life so that I can love God more fully?

5. What is one way that God's grace came to you this past month?