



SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:25-32

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:
Live in love, as Christ loved us
and handed himself over for us.

Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ loved the Church
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing
her by the bath of water with the word,
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,
without spot or wrinkle
or any such thing, that she might be holy
and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives
as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.
For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and
cherishes it,

even as Christ does the Church,
because we are members of his Body.

For this reason
a man shall leave his father and his mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

