

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2018

Salesian Perspective

Jesus' words today may not be easy to listen to; they can make us uncomfortable. It's important to hear his words in the context in which they were spoken.

Jesus is responding to a hostile question about divorce. Jesus responds to their question by explaining to them God's plan for marriage. He invites his listeners to consider the creation story in Genesis.

God formed the woman directly from the man, not from the ground as he had made other creatures. Woman is created as a suitable partner for the man. She is the mirror of the man's very being. The man recognizes their intimate relationship when he acknowledges the woman as "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

The author offers this acknowledgement of their intimate relationship by creation as the reason for the sacredness of marriage. The relationship of husband and wife in marriage becomes a concrete realization of God's plan for creation. As Jesus comments: "They are no longer two but one flesh." And so he adds: "Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus' words are not spoken in judgment. They are meant to explain the place of marriage in God's plan of salvation.

Perhaps this can help us understand why the Church places such emphasis on preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. The Church wants couples to look more deeply at the sacredness of their relationship. Christian marriage is much more than the legal union of the secular world around us. The Church would like couples to think beyond their feelings of love and discern whether or not God has brought them together as "suitable partners."

Are they willing to recognize that they are graced by God for each other? Are they willing to work with each other and with grace each day to become "one flesh"? For the Christian, marriage is a way of being holy together, not just a sanctioned way of living together.

Jesus is presenting us with the ideal for married love. He knows our limitations as human beings so he promises married couples the grace they will need each day to work patiently with each other toward that ideal. He is also compassionate and accepting of us when we fail.

During this Eucharist, let us pray for all married couples: for those who find joy in becoming "one flesh," for those who struggle in their efforts to be faithful, for those who have been hurt and betrayed by their partners.

Let us pray too for those considering marriage. May they have the patience, wisdom and courage to seek "a suitable

partner" made for them by God, with whom they can work to become "one flesh."

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **879**
1st Reading ~ Genesis 2:18 – 24
2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 2:9 – 11
Gospel Reading ~ Mark 10:2 – 16 or 10:2 – 12

Pope's Intentions October

The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Here is the link to donate items directly via online purchase and payment. More items will be added as the list is modified:



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Raleigh

Providing Help—Creating Hope—Serving All
<https://needslist.co/ccraleigh>

Items needed: Non-perishable food, Baby products (diapers, wipes, non-perishable food, formula), Cleaning supplies (paper towels, wipes, bleach, spray cleaner), Gift cards (gas, grocery), Toiletries (toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors)

(Only these items please- no clothes or furniture)

Please share! Thank you for pitching in!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Parents of Faith Formation students: **it's**

time to register! Registration for Fall catechism.

Registration papers are located in the entry on the table to the left. Please fill it out for continuing education for your children. If you may have any questions please contact Claudia Hennessey call 252-995-6662



RCIA IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR FAITH AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH. AS SOON AS WE GET ENOUGH TO

SIGN UP TO MAKE IT WORTH WHILE, WE WILL BEGIN CLASSES SHORTLY. PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

Mass Intentions for the Week



✠ **In memory of Leo Quigley Jr -5:30pm**
Requested by Bill & Anne Burns

"Truly it is a blessed thing to love on earth as we hope to love in Heaven, and to begin that friendship here which is to endure for ever there."

~St. Francis de Sales

THIS TUESDAY Our Lady of the Seas Flea



Market

Shoppers and crafters will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 10 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm for a flea market. Interested crafters should contact **Cheryl Layne at 995-5561** To secure a booth. Contributions to the OLOTS table (gently used items) are welcomed at the Hall from 5-7 pm on Tuesday, October 9. Your help will make this event a success!

Attention ALL Aspiring Altar Servers!



Mass Servers

If you have made your First Communion, consider responding to the invitation of our loving and faithful God to serve at Mass. Altar servers not only assist our celebrant but they also help make the liturgy a reverent and prayerful celebration for the entire assembly. **Training will start October 14th after the 9:00 am Mass.** Gibbs Bricker will be training altar servers this fall. All students who are interested in serving our parish in this meaningful way should contact Gibbs Bricker for details at gb5965@gmail.com Any age is welcome.



Inspirational artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. You can learn more at bromickeymcgrath.com

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

10/7 thru 10/12 NO WEEKDAY MASS

10/6 Saturday Evening – 5:30 pm

10/7 Sunday Morning 9:00 am

10/7 Sunday Evening 6:30 pm SPANISH MASS

Principal Balance on our Mortgage ~ \$116,529.35

Thank you for your continuing support...



Annual Blessing of the Animals

The Annual Blessing is always close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th). **It will take place after the 9:00 am Mass TODAY.** Father will give you time to go home and get your furkids to be blessed.



TODAY 4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Seas Church

We encourage you to participate in the rosary Coast to Coast. This is a nationwide prayer rally.

Rosary rallies are taking place: along coasts and borders; at state capitols; in parks; on beaches; along busy streets; as well as outside and inside Churches and Shrines. Prayer warriors are joining together to pray the Rosary today, October 7th; the vast majority **simultaneously** at 4 pm Eastern, 3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific, noon Alaska, 10 am Hawaii. Go to the website <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com/> to view the map of Rosary locations as well as the video and written endorsements from Cardinals, Bishops and Dioceses.

You should know that this is not only a national prayer campaign. **40 countries around the world** representing all inhabited continents have joined the US as the **New Holy League of Nations** to pray the Rosary together on or near October 7th. See at <http://holyleagueofnations.com>

Ladies Bible Study

WHEN: Monday Evenings

TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm

LOCATION: Our Social Hall

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