



[Jesus said,] "A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh."

MARK 10:7-8

Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that "the heart asks more than life can give." That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

Reflect

When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

From Fr. Pampara:

Christianity is a person-centered religion as Jesus is the person around whom the Christian faith is built. Christ, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, stands at the center of our Christian faith and guides the peoples and families. The Church founded by Jesus is more than an earthly society, more than a mere product of history; it is an extension of this same Incarnation. For us, life in the Spirit can never be disembodied. Redeemed believers are to live in the newness of life. We are called to be people living in the world, though not of the world. Therefore, the prayer, "May your will be done on earth", is the Christian prayer presenting the characteristics of all Christians. The Church which is the body of Christ always aims to identify herself with the whole of humanity. Jesus said that the world would know that we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another. Jesus says where two or three gather in his name he is present there among them. St Paul says that love is the perfect bond of unity. Today's readings tell us of the sacredness of married life. In the Gospel we have the teaching of Jesus about divorce and remarriage. He blesses the little children with the message that they symbolize those fit to enter the kingdom of God. One significant theme in the creation account is God's gracious love for humanity. Out of love for them God created the world, bestowed on them the privilege of enjoying the Garden of Eden, and gave them the distinct honor of walking with God in the Garden. Our Christian doctrine tells us that because marriage is a union made by God, it is unbreakable. The Church teaches that the man and woman, who commit the rest of their lives to each other, truly become one. This is the way God intended marriage, and it is important to remember that marriage was instituted by God, not by man. When reflecting on divorce, you must ask yourself whose rules you are playing by when you agree to marry. One of the great tragedies in our modern culture is that the family is under attack from all sides. Countless movies, television shows and song lyrics depict single-parent families or do not include the parents at all. Commitment is replaced by a distorted notion of love.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of October 7, 2024

Mon.	Oct	07	7:00	AM	SJ	Leo and Charlene Walz †
Tues.	Oct	08	7:00	AM	SJ	Quincy Opela
Wed.	Oct	09	5:30	PM	SA	Leonard Mackley †
Thurs.	Oct	10	5:30	PM	SB	Mary Jane Pandorf †
Fri.	Oct	11	8:30	AM	SJ	Wally Allison †
Sun.	Oct	13	8:00	AM	SJ	Rain
Sun.	Oct	13	9:30	AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	Oct	13	11:00	AM	SB	Rich Ridder †

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Wilda Foran Oct 11th
Kaylee Brogan Oct 11th
Catherine Phelps Oct 11
Dawson Doggett Oct 12th

Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Pandorf Oct 12th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Oct 13	St. Agnes	St. Boniface	St. John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Aleta & Conrad P.	Bartley & Kaylee B.	Steve & Cindy F.
Lector	Aleta A.	Rod B.	Tara B.
Server		Ellie P. & Olivia D.	Cayson J. & Tate B.
EMHC	Aleta & Conrad P.	Mike P. & John R.	Jon & Molly W.
Communion to shut ins or Music		Mike P.	Music: Jenny J.

<p><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church Sept 29, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$331.00</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/ Donor Goal: 16</p> <p>Thrift Store Open Oct 20th from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p>-CCD Class Oct 9nd</p> <p>Parish Council Oct 9th 6:00 PM</p>	<p><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church Sept 29, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$657.54</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ Donor Goal: 19</p> <p>CCD Class Oct 9nd</p> <p>Please join us for The Search. Wednesdays at 9-10 AM at the church</p> <p>Parish Council Oct 10th 6:00 PM</p>	<p><u>St. John's</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church Sept 29, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$250.91</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$5001/ Donor Goal: 17</p> <p>CCD Class Oct 9nd Supper Layher's</p> <p>Parish Council Oct 6th 5:00 PM</p> <p>Congratulations to <u>Everly Rose Opela</u> (Daughter of Bobbi & Quincy Opela) who was baptized at St John's!</p>
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Quotes for Today

Pope Saint John XXIII (1881-1963)

Feast Day October 11

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

"What gives man dignity is not his wealth or good fortune or noble birth but a worthy and virtuous life and the dignity of his labor."

Dear Padre,

Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 7, 2018

Monday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 11
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 12
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 13
*Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Wis 7:7–11
Heb 4:12–13
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27