

October 7, 2018

27.th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. Gn. 2:18-24

Second Reading. Heb. 2:9-11

Gospel. Mk 10:2-16

“Is it lawful to divorce?”

Linked to the Genesis account of creation, today’s Gospel passage from Mark focuses on God’s intentions for humanity. Marriage becomes the example par excellence of the community relationship God intended from the beginning. But what happens if there is a rupture in that communal relationship? This is the question that the Pharisees present to Jesus. God’s Law is the context within which the question “Is it lawful” is posed.

Moses may have allowed divorce for a husband, but it was not what God originally intended. Quoting Genesis, Jesus affirms marriage as God’s intention from the very beginning. Once humans become one flesh, united so by God, there is to be no separation between them. Divorce and remarriage to another by either husband or wife is adultery and violates what God originally intended.

In teaching this, Jesus affirms two truths. One truth states both man and woman are equals in establishing community among themselves, and thus are to be treated as equals. The other truth states both are responsible for maintaining and preserving the union they have formed.

In the deepest recesses of our hearts, we all desire to live in union with one another as God intends. Just as the gospel moves from shortsighted confrontation over Mosaic laws of divorce to Jesus’ tender embrace of little children, so must our lives move from our own shortsightedness to the wide embrace of God’s ultimate plan: the blessing of union with one another.

Question for reflection: What helps me to live in union with others?

Today: Respect Life Sunday



"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being

must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable."

-- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2270-2271

In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts... So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. **The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her**, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child."

Masses for the Week

October 6, 2018 - October 13, 2018

Saturday, October 6

6:00 p.m. (English)

In honor of St. Jude by Jennie Chiarenza

Sunday, October 7

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

People of the parish

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Nick Costantini by wife Janie

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the parish

Monday, October 8

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, October 9

6:00 p.m. For the healing of Julie Elizabeth Pagenkoff

Wednesday, October 10

6:00 p.m. +Phillis Smith

Thursday, October 11

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Friday, October 12

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Saturday, October 13

6:00 p.m. +Patricia Guffey

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dates to Remember

October 7, *United lodges of Southern California, Columbus celebration.* Complimentary sandwiches, salad and soda. 1:30 pm contact (626) 254-0449 for more information

October 21, *Sacred heart of Jesus meeting* after 11:00 am mass

October 22, *Polenta dinner.* Contact the office at: (323) 225-8119 or Nick D'Egidio (562) 947-2819

Sunday, October 28, *Feast of St. Jude*
NO EVENING MASS AT St. Peter's Italian church. Gather at St. Peter's 5:30 pm Procession to San Conrado 6:00 p.m. followed by outdoor mass with **Bishop Alexander Salazar and the Scalabrini Fathers**



The Rosary will be prayed
each Sunday
at 10:30 am during the
month of October



FEAST OF ST. JUDE TADEO **Sunday October 28.**

5:00 a.m. Traditional Mañanitas in the garden at San Conrado Mission

10:30 A.M. Sunday Mass.

5:00 p.m. Meeting point for Procession at St. Peter's Italian Church. 1039 N Broadway, los angeles, Ca. 90012

7:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharistic celebration, Principal celebrant Most Reverend bishop Alexander Salazar, Fr. Louis will concelebrate.

****NO EVENING MASS AT ST PETER****

5:00 a.m. Tradicionales Mañanitas en la Ermita.

10:30 a.m. Misa Dominical en San Conrado Mission.

5:00 p.m. Punto de reunión para procesión en St. Peter Italian church. 1039 N Broadway, Los Ángeles, Ca.90012

7:00 p.m. Solemne celebración Eucarística, celebrante principal Rev.Exc. Alexander Salazar obispo auxiliar de la Diócesis de Los Ángeles.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,432.00

****Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie**
Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

- \$2,950.00-

Did you know?

Mutual Respect is Key for Friendships

Your child will make many friends throughout his lifetime. As children grow, their interests change and develop, and they meet many new people along the way. But as children make new friends, mutual respect should be the guiding principle of these relationships. Parents, talk to your children about how they should feel in a friendship — true friends care about each other and respect each other's thoughts and feelings and personal boundaries. If your child isn't receiving respect from her friends, she is learning to accept less than she deserves in a relationship. And if she is the one who doesn't give respect to her friends, she is learning emotional power. For more information on teaching your children about true friendships, email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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