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Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Statistics tell the story: In our country, marriage is a troubled institution. But Jesus teaches that the marriage bond should be a lasting one. Such love requires the willing co-operation of two people who are both lovers and friends.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 2:18-24

The creation story tells us that God made us, male and female, for each other. The divine design is written into the heart of married love.

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

**R. May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.**

HEBREWS 2:9-11

In the figure of the suffering Jesus, we perceive the depth of God's love for us. Jesus became human so that we might become divine.

MARK 10:2-16

A trick question leads Jesus to reveal the depth of married love. In marriage, we forge lasting bonds.

ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 25:1; 26:4

V. With three things I am delighted, for they are pleasing to the Lord and to men: Harmony among brethren, friendship among neighbors, and the mutual love of husband and wife.

R. Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Proverbs 19:14

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Home and possessions are an inheritance from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – Oct. 6th

27th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 13th

Solemnity

The Christian Family

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Rev. Francis and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk offered by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaczmarczyk.

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 20th

29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 27th

30th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Friday, Nov. 1st

All Saints Day

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Nov. 3rd

31st Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to offer the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerninara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah and Joe Bezek. For the repose of the soul of James Armstrong. **Our Father...**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 12th; The 14th Synod of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held beginning at 8:00 AM via Zoom. Father Senior Donald, Michael and Sally Traczuk will represent Saint Stephen's.

Sunday, October 13th; The YMS of R will meet at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 13th; ANS will sponsor a MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE event in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM.

Sunday, October 20th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 27th; Post-Picnic Party in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone who helped with the Picnic in any way is invited. Halloween treats for the kids. See the October Newsletter for more details and please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule to help us plan accordingly. Thank you!

Sunday, November 3rd; First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, November 10th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, November 17th; Confirmation of Scarlett Sadowski. Please join us in welcoming Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky to Saint Stephen the Martyr for this joyous occasion. There will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM this Sunday, please make a note.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.