

# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018

Blessed are they who fear the Lord!

Saturday, October 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
Sunday, October 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
Monday, October 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... <b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Food Pantry Closed - Discover's Day Holiday</b>
Tuesday, October 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, October 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... <b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b>	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, October 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... <b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b>	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, October 13	..... 12:00 p. m.	<b>PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY</b>
	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Wis:7:7-11:Nothing compares to the gift of wisdom**

**Heb:4:12-13: God's word penetrates our soul and spirit**

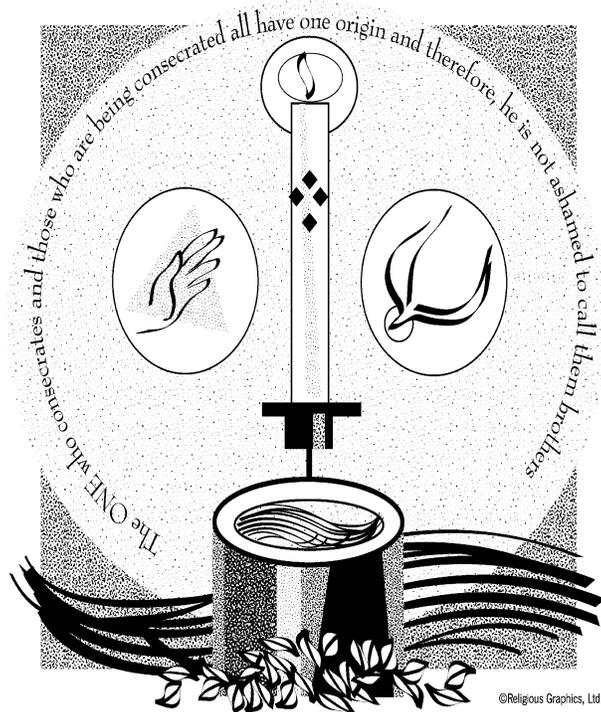
**Mk:10:17-30: Make God our priority in life**

*The Pharisees weren't the first to argue about the indissolubility of marriage, and they won't be the last. Besides, they were looking to trap Jesus, who was clearly introducing something new under the old sun that beat down on the old streets of Israel. The Pharisees asked whether it was permissible for a husband to divorce his wife. This was a disingenuous question, of course. They may have cared about the hotly contested argument among rabbis about this very question, but they were primarily out to get Jesus. He took their question at face value and set before them an ideal for which his followers still strive. God's law supersedes the concessions of Moses, Jesus says. And, he adds, the man and woman who are joined in matrimony are joined as equal partners—husband and wife. Fidelity is required of both spouses, not just the wife, as the Pharisees' question implies, when they ask "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"*

*Jesus' response sends us back to Genesis, today's first reading. In this reading, it is as if Adam is trying to educate God about how hard it is to be one of a kind. He has dutifully named all the animals, an ancient people's indication of superiority, the kind of superiority that unfortunately does not make for a fully satisfying partnership. Adam, we might imagine, has tried to be faithful, grateful, and glad that his creator had set him over all these animals in their stunning variety. But he remains lonely. All of the animals together do not equal one single human being, who is at once like him and other than him.*

*So God created Eve to be Adam's equal partner on this earth.*

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HOLY  
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is the Lord GOD

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY:** If anyone prays the rosary before Mass and has a devotion to our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary. I want to invite you to join the Public Square Rosary Rally, on **Saturday, October 13, 2018 starting at 12 noon in front of St. Rita Church.** Please join me in offering reparation for the sins and offense committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join me and other Catholics on that very important day? If you need more information or want to join contact Rosa Lefu'a @ 861-3747 or email [lefua77@yahoo.com](mailto:lefua77@yahoo.com).

**WORD OF LIFE:** "By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death . . . Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Oct 7 Sun: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gen:2:18-24; Ps:128; Heb: 2:9-11; Mk:10: 2-16

**Oct 8 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:1: 6-12; Ps:111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 & 10c; Lk:10:25-37

**Oct 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:1:13-24; Ps:139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk:10:38-42

**Oct 10 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:2:1-2, 7-14; Ps:117:1bc, 2; Lk:11:1-4

**Oct 11 Thu: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:3:1-5; Lk:1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk: 11:5-13

**Oct 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:3:7-14; Ps 111: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:11:15-26

**Oct 13 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:3:22-29; Ps:105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

## REFLECTION

This is Genesis' take on how indestructible marriage is intended to be. Two individuals leave their home of origin and vow their loyalty to each other until death. Early communities read Jesus' instruction with great interest. They held fast to the ideal enunciated by Jesus. Both partners are equally responsible for the unfolding of their marriage. Both are called to be faithful until death.

Humans are hardwired for relationship, and humans make mistakes. But the ideal holds, though exceptions are allowed. This making of allowances began in the first century of the Church's life. And the exceptions prove the rule. It is possible for human beings to be faithful to promises. Individuals and societies depend on this possibility, as difficult as it may sometimes be to attain.

We are called to keep our promises in the face of all that belittles them. The human spirit does not age, but matures. Even as the body falters and we err, a young and hopeful spirit rebounds and is renewed through some few healing and loving words. The promises of a once young marriage can be renewed in a new exchange of words or one telling gesture: a swap of one french fry for one dollop of ice cream.

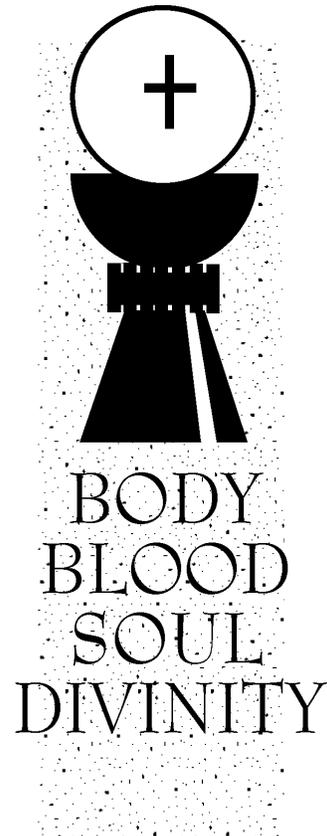
## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about the sacredness of marriage; a covenant that is a gift from God. Our relationships with our spouses, family, friends, coworkers, and those in our community of faith are all gifts from God. Jesus reminds us today that it is the hardened heart that damages or breaks up relationships. Good stewards understand the holiness of relationships and pray for the love, patience, understanding and kindness necessary to sustain those relationships this week. Is your stewardship of these relationships as God intended? What relationships need to be healed and reconciled? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin**)

## Long Married

You can always tell when two people you have never seen before—at a restaurant, say—are long married. They speak little, sometimes not at all. He spears a french fry from her plate. She smiles or frowns. He orders apple pie with ice cream; she is watching her weight. Nonetheless, she scoops a dollop of his ice cream off the top of his apple pie. They move back and forth like this. It is a kind of dance they've been dancing for years.

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