

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 7, 2018

It is God who joins- Man must not separate

Readings: Genesis 2:18–24; Psalms 128:1–6;
Hebrews 2:9–11; Mark 10:2–16.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalms 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

THANK YOU so much for all that you do for Nativity.

The pastor of San Gabriel Parish, Fr. Kevin Kennedy, and I share a goal to support each other's ministry for the good of our parishes. Since most medium-sized parishes only have one priest, and the needs of multi-lingual parishes are complex, we need to be creative in finding ways to assure the long-term vitality of our parishes. Collaborating among parishes is an effective use of our limited resources. We already work together with Nativity Parish in religious education, youth ministry, the Knights of Columbus and technology. I would like for us to also begin coordinating our Mass schedules on Holy Days. For example, that would mean that on All Saints Day and All Soul's Day, we would arrange the Masses at alternate times and publish each other's Mass schedules so that parishioners in both parishes have more options to attend Mass.

Just as when we work together as fellow parishioners, my hope is that we can accomplish even more if we collaborate between parishes. My hope is that we will have wonderful celebrations as we have been doing and many more years to come.

Fr. Blake Evans



Monday, October 8, 2018. The rectory offices will be closed. No bible studies. Join us for 10:00 am mass

Celebrate Respect Life Month! Every Day is Pro Life Day but October in a special way is a month to honor life. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 6 - 13, 2018

Sat. 10/6	8:00 am	+Deacon & Mrs. Marion Evans, I.
	5:30pm	+James Koon
Sun. 10/7	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Amelie Ongbehahal unborn child
	1:00 pm	Natividad Cruz (healing)
Mon. 10/8	10:00am	+Nativity deceased parishioners
Tue 10/9	12:00	Damian Family
Wed. 10/10	12:00	+Allen Miller
Thu. 10/11	12:00	+Rafaela C. Evans
Fri. 10/12	12:00	+Vickie Hundley Rigor
Sat. 10/13	8:00 am	+Glyssa Villacorta
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege, *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehahal, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta

Youth and Vocations: Remember to daily pray for all Catholic School/College students and our seminarians. Pray that they will listen to God to guide their vocations and be people of Virtue who live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

9/30/18

Attendance: 506 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$6,818

Spanish Mass: \$542

Utility fund: 262



Question of the week: In what ways are relationships in my life like the love of God for humanity? Do some relationships fail to mirror that love God has for us? Can I look at others in my life as God does?



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"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!" Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The second presentation: Estate Planning and Charitable Giving will be held **Tuesday, October 16th**. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20th**. All presentations will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.



Fall dates

Nativity Sodality will meet on Sunday Oct. 7, 2018 after the 8am Mass. Sodalists are encouraged to arrive at church by 7:30am to pray the Rosary. All parishioners are welcome. Sodalists, please wear your Nativity Sashes.

Columbus Day. Monday, October 8. The rectory office will be closed. No bible studies. Mass will be at 10:00 am

Youth Faith and Fun Day. Saturday, October 13, 9 am – 3 pm. For young people to Senior in High School.

Walking in the Spirit. Saturday, October 20, 9am – 1:30pm. With Father Evans, Brother Michael and Catherine Tolnay. Lite lunch will be served.

Fr. Patrick Hake from Ft. Wayne (served us last year as a Deacon) will be the Celebrant and Homilist at the 10 am Mass & 1 pm Mass in Spanish Oct 21st. Please make him feel welcome!

Vigil Mass Falls back to 4:30 pm starting November 10th after the clocks "fall back."