

# Dear Padre,

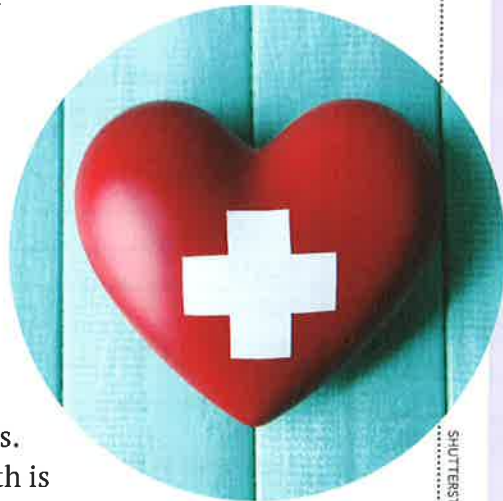
**I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?**

**Yes, under certain conditions.** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.

Fr. David Louch, CSsR  
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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.*

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 4  
*St. Francis of Assisi*  
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11  
Lk 10:25—37

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 5  
Weekday  
Jon 3:1—10  
Lk 10:38—42

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 6  
Weekday  
Jon 4:1—11  
Lk 11:1—4

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 7  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Mal 3:13—20b  
Lk 11:5—13

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 8  
Weekday  
Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2  
Lk 11:15—26

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 9  
Weekday  
Jl 4:12—21  
Lk 11:27—28

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

**Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 3, 2021

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Gn 2:18—24

Heb 2:9—11

Mk 10:2—16 or 10:2—12

## A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as "helper" or "helpmate," thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectionary* translates the word as "suitable partner," emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as "alone." A common meaning is "separated from," implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is

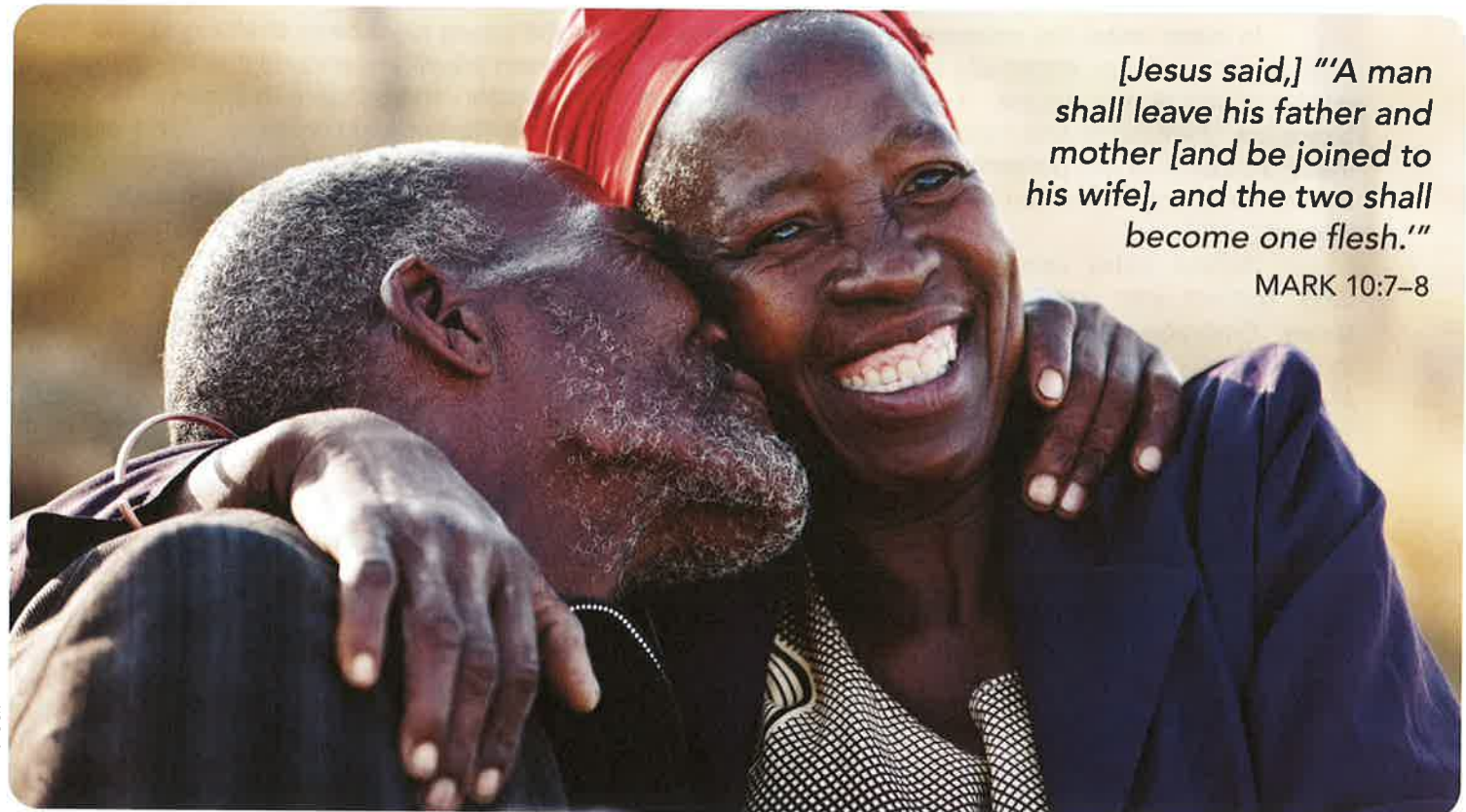
on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus' interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today's readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you consider yourself a "suitable partner"?
- ★ Are you nurturing and respectful?



*[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

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**From the Beginning...**

"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." [Mark 10:6-9](#)

Those three words, "From the beginning," are key words for our day and age. It is important for people of faith to recognize not only the supernatural gifts God has given us but also the natural gifts. The supernatural gifts are all those gifts given us by the Cross of Christ. His life, death and Resurrection poured forth upon us grace from Heaven and made holiness, salvation and Heaven possible. But there is a whole other order of "gift" that God gave us that we often take for granted. That's the gift of nature. Creation itself, the order of the Universe, our humanity and the natural design of God are all gifts. Science can do much to discover the secrets and mysteries of the natural world, but ultimately a full understanding of even the natural world is mysterious, deep and awe-inspiring.

One aspect of the natural world God gave us is our sexuality. "God made them male and female..." This natural design is part of the glorious wisdom of the Creator and must be understood, loved and respected fully. Being "male and female" is something that is quite obvious and naturally understood. Within each person are certain attributes, desires, tendencies, etc., that go hand in hand with being either male or female.

In many ways, the uniqueness and complementarity of the sexes have been challenged and even disregarded at times, especially in our day and age. But deep down we all understand that being male or female is part of who we are. It makes up our very identity as a person and brings with it many blessings. Femininity and masculinity, at times, also can become distorted and confused. But in essence, these attributes of our personhood cannot be discarded or denied. In fact, embracing who we are in our nature is nothing more than being honest and enables us to continue down the road of true natural integrity.

Reflect, today, upon the many ways that being "male and female" are natural blessings from God. Reflect, also, upon the ways that these natural gifts are challenged and undermined in our world today. Embrace who you are, embrace who God made you to be, and let that natural gift from God flourish in your life.

Lord, I thank You for Your countless gifts. Thank You for the gift of grace won by Your Cross, and thank You also for the gift of nature and for the way You made me. Help me to embrace my full identity in accord with Your design and, in that embrace, help me to continue to discover my very dignity. Jesus, I trust in You. From "My Catholic Life" website

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
10/4	Monday	No Mass Today		
10/5	Tuesday	No Mass Today		
10/6	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
10/7	Thursday	No Mass Today		
10/8	Friday	No Mass Today		
10/9	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	† Robert Ernest
10/10	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Teresa and Jarod
10/10	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	† Bruno and Jairo Ramos

**ALL SOULS  
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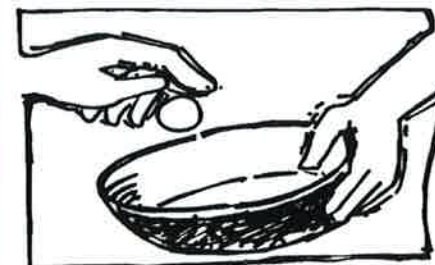
**MASS TIME**  
Sunday — 10.30 AM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

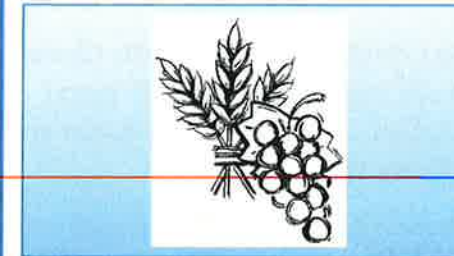
ADULTS	\$540.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$518.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,058.00
MASS STIPEND	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,108.00
HEAT/AC	\$100.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$4315.00
BALANCE	\$1,731.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- We will start having coffee & rolls on Sunday, October 10, come and join in the fellowship



**SACRED HEART  
1003 AVE B  
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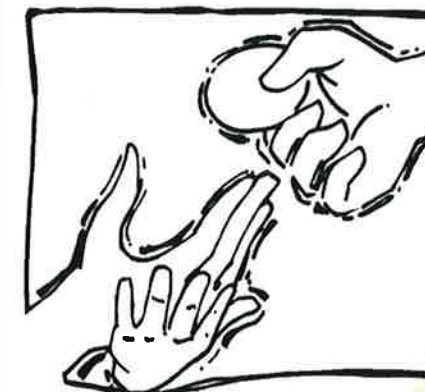
**MASS TIME**  
Sunday – 8:00 AM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$325.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$321.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 646.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 646.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,165.00
BALANCE	\$1,742.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



**SAINT MARY'S  
718 FRANCIS ST  
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**MASS TIME**  
Saturday – 5:30 PM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$460.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$61.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 521.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 521.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

