

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.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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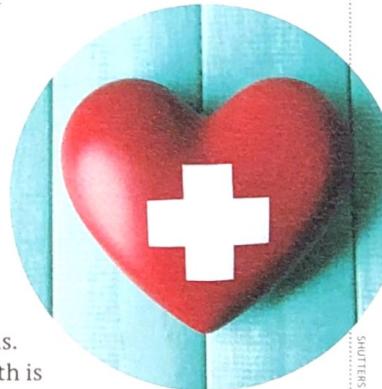


A WORD FROM Pope Francis

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

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Overly Anxious About Sin?**
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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

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.

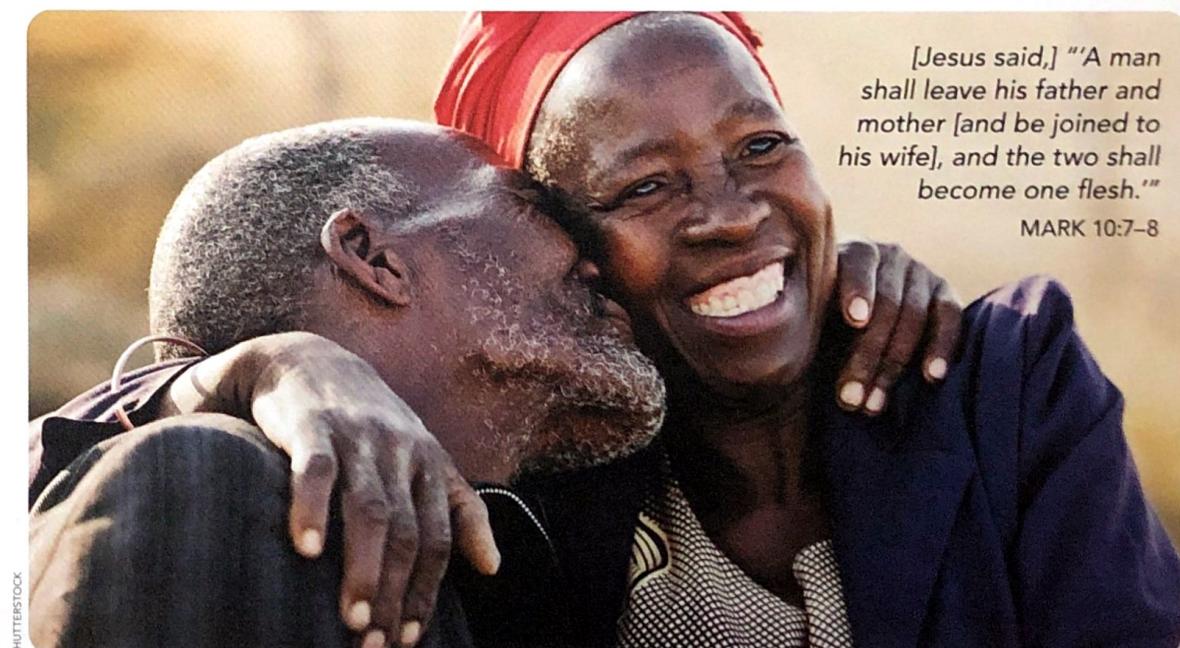
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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Oct. 2, 4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waechter
Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.	Julie Kaps
Oct. 9, 4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
Oct. 10, 9:00 a.m.	K of C
Oct. 16, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
Oct. 17, 9:00 a.m.	Mike Broeckelman
Oct. 23, 4:00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m.	Alvin Bergkamp
Oct. 30, 4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waecchter
Oct. 31, 9:00 a.m.	Fred Jones

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	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Oct. 4	No Mass	For Rain
Tuesday, Oct. 5	No Mass	Anna Sack+
Thursday, Oct. 7	No Mass	Special Intention
Friday, Oct. 8	No Mass	Special Intention (T.P.)
Saturday, Oct. 9	4:00p.m.	Eddie Catlin+
Sunday, Oct. 10	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention(T.S.)

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— OCTOBER 3, 2021



“If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us (1John 4:12)

We hear this Sunday's readings (Genesis 2:18-24; Mark 10:2-16) some profound words regarding marriage --- that sacred bond that unites men and women not simply in a practical sense, but in a holy sense, in a mystical sense. The words in these passages can be both inspiring and challenging, comforting and worrisome, a real possibility and a seemingly impossible pursuit.

Those of you who are married know what I am talking about --- because you strive to live it out each and every day. You understand the joys and the sorrows, the bliss and the drudgery, the “everything is wonderful” moments and the times when you almost feel like strangers. And some of you have also experienced the pain and disappointment that comes whenever a marriage has fallen apart, whenever two people find themselves facing not only the thought that “enough is enough”, but find themselves embracing the real-life consequences of getting to that point.

Relationships are hard, and marriage might be the most difficult of all. And the reason is pretty simple. No other relationship demands as much from us, no other relationship costs as much, no other relationship invites us (or maybe even forces us) to resist the urge to give in to our own selfishness --- that unhealthy voice within that keeps lying to us and telling us that we should look out for ourselves above all else.

It's not easy building relationships that are truly other-centered, that are God-centered, that are all about the opportunities we have to be kind and generous and compassionate with someone else. Yet, that is what we are called to be, who we are meant to be. And the amazing thing is --- when we make others' lives better, our lives become better too. Put simply --- others S need our love and we need people to love.

And so, let's treat all our relationships not as tools to be used for own gain, but rather as the beautiful opportunities they are --- opportunities for our God to become visible in a world desperate for precisely that.

Fr. Peter Tran

COLLECTION for September 26, 2021: Envelopes: \$585.00; Loose: \$244.26; Online Giving: \$232.60 Total \$1211.51; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under - 549.66.

Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

CONGRATULATIONS We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Andrea Louise Anderson, daughter of Kalen & Wendy Anderson; and Libby Lynn Waechter, daughter of Jason & Samantha Waechter, who were baptized on September 25th, 2021. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Andrea and Libby and their families.

SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of your beloved mother, Dionicia V. Rosalez. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May she rest in peace.

K OF C BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus will host a delicious breakfast right after Sunday Mass on October 10th at the Parish Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please plan to attend to build up our Parish Community of Faith.

OCTOBER MEETINGS K of C meeting—10/06 at 7:30 p.m.; Parish Pastoral Council meeting—10/13 at 5:30 p.m.; Finance Council—10/12 at 5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER CCD CLASSES Every Sunday for Confirmation and Every Wednesday for other classes.

ADULT CONFIRMATION & RCIA If any adult Catholic who hasn't been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE Cooperating with Knights of Columbus, our parish will host the Silver Rose Prayer Service on Tuesday – October 12th from 7:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. At St. Anthony Church. In order to share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

VOCATION VIEW Vocations to the priesthood and religious life spring from holy families, who strive to truly be united in Christ. Each vocation lived out in holiness strengthens and enriches the other vocations in the Church. (Mark 10:2-16)

STEWARSHIP THOUGHT The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for the Rite of Marriage) Almighty God, strengthen the unity of those who have entered into marriage. May peace reign in their hearts and in their home. May they have true friends to stand by them, both in joy and in sorrow. May they help and comfort all who come to them in need. May the blessings promised to the compassionate be theirs in abundance. After they have served you loyally in your kingdom on earth, welcome them into your kingdom in heaven. We ask this through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Mark 10:2-16)

A test of orthodoxy The Pharisees want to find out if Jesus is faithful to God's laws. Some might also want to make Jesus answer in a way that will set the crowd against him. Jesus exposes their hidden agenda by making them answer their own question (vv.3-4). Jesus also demonstrates his orthodoxy by quoting scripture. The passage from Genesis is more relevant than the case-specific laws that came later because Genesis 2:18-24 describes the marital relationship as God intended it to be.

A radical return to marriage Jesus shifts the dialogue from divorce to marriage. He acknowledges that Moses permitted divorce, but explains that this reflects human failure not God's will. Before human beings sinned, they acted with mutual love and care. Once sin entered the world, people too readily put their own interests before those of others, which weakened and sometimes destroyed the bond of marriage.

Are there exceptions? A close reading of the Old Testament shows that divorce is forbidden or allowed depending on the circumstances. Jesus didn't get bogged down in case studies, however, but reiterated what marriage should be. When a husband and wife are being harmed by an irredeemable marriage, Jesus surely wouldn't have wanted them to stay together. Instead of thinking only that such situations make divorce acceptable, we should also help people enter into and maintain holy and healthy marriages.

The gift of the kingdom (vv.13-16) Jesus says the kingdom belongs to children not because children are nice, humble, or innocent — they aren't always — but because children depend on other people to provide them with what they need. Moreover, children can't earn what they receive. In the same way, we can't earn God's kingdom; God's kingdom is a gift . (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Genesis 2: 18-24)

It's not good to be alone God doesn't want the man to be alone because the man is a social being. People need interpersonal relationships in order to grow toward their full potential. We need to talk with others and form friendships and societies in order not simply to survive but to flourish. With this need in mind God searches for a partner for the man. The animals may make great pets, but they can't give the man the true companionship he needs.

A suitable partner The way in which God creates the woman shows that she shares the same nature and capacity of the man. The animals were formed from the earth, but she has been made of the same stuff, the same material, as the man. Only the man and woman can have a mutually loving and supportive relationship. A husband and wife strive for unity in every aspect of their lives: emotional, physical, intellectual, spiritual. By giving and receiving from each other as devotedly as possible, they witness to God's love in the world. (www.oursundayreadings)

QUESTION AND ANSWER



Question: What are we to believe about "the Fall" in Genesis?

Answer: First, the term never appears in the Bible. The theology of the Fall evolves over time and reflection by church fathers, especially Augustine who popularized the term "original sin" to define humanity's "fall from grace." (See Questions Catholics Ask: "What is 'original sin' "?)

Which is not to say biblical texts concerning the first sin don't provide ample material to support the doctrine that followed. The story is dramatically simple: God makes a man and woman in the divine image and instructs them not to eat from a single tree in the garden. Eating its fruit would be fatal. Yet the couple prefers to take advice from a fellow creature in the Garden. This serpent claims the fruit doesn't cause death, but actually delivers fullness of life as God enjoys. This turns out to be the worst fake news in history.

This ancient myth is etiological, in the manner of Rudyard Kipling's stories of how the leopard gets its spots and the rhino its wrinkles. Why is life so hard? people wonder. Is God doing this to us? Do we deserve to suffer? The story of the Garden assures us that God doesn't cause harm. People do this; and we do it with every choice we make against God's benevolent guidance.

Saint Paul later hooks this story about the origins of suffering to the gospel accounts of the passion of Jesus. Paul simplifies the math by condensing the story to two crucial actors. One chooses the way of disobedience (not listening to God), launching the story of sin and suffering. Another chooses perfect obedience and, by means of his voluntary suffering, reverses the consequences of sin and death. One man falls, and another is lifted into the heavens. The point is clear: the self-willed path leads to ruin. Pursuing the will of God leads to salvation. Choose wisely.

The theology of the Fall becomes problematic when it narrows its focus on two "original" persons; one historical choice; and the dreadful consequences for the rest of us. Because of a single defining moment most of us didn't participate in, men and women are perpetually alienated from each other and the earth, between generations, and from God. Most parochial school kids figure out early on this is a pretty raw deal for a piece of fruit. To transfer our gaze to the significance of every human decision—toward self-will, or for the holy will—is to recognize that we each choose to fall, or to rise. (Alice L. Camille)

TWENTY –SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME To live the gospel of life

At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting, knows the simplicity of childhood and the complex politicized life of an adult. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us. (Prepare the Word)

VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO Vivir el Evangelio de la vida

En el corazón del Evangelio está la invitación a vivir en abundancia. En Jesús, Dios se hace carne y comparte nuestro crecimiento y nuestro amor, así como nuestro sufrimiento y nuestra muerte. Ningún aspecto del transcurso humano le es ajeno a Jesús. Tiene amigos y es traicionado, conoce el ayuno y el banquete, vive la sencillez de la infancia y la compleja vida politizada de un adulto. En el Domingo del Respeto por la Vida, se nos pide que consideremos cómo cada momento de la vida es íntimamente conocido y, en última instancia, precioso para Dios. Reza hoy los Misterios Gozosos del Rosario en agradecimiento por la forma en que Dios elige habitar con nosotros.