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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$3,680.00
Donation Online	\$1,107.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,847.00



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Sunday Readings 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn: 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11
 Mark 10: 2-16



"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. Mark 10: 2-16

Husband and Wife Are “One Flesh.”

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Today’s readings remind us that men and women are called to leave their parents, marry, and become one flesh. This image of a married couple as one flesh has captured the imagination and the spiritual convictions of believers from the dawn of creation.

In the Old Testament and the New, when a man and a woman come together in marriage they become “one flesh”: each becomes a part of the other. Eve is fashioned from the side of Adam to teach this profound mystery in today’s First Reading.

- When a man and a woman come together in a love of total mutual self-giving, it reflects the inter-Personal love within the Most Holy Trinity: when Adam sees Eve for the first time, he recognizes a part of himself, someone without whom he would be incomplete, someone who was missing in his life.
- For those called to marriage, God has blessed two people with someone out there with whom they can be complete, be whole.
- The Lord respects their freedom to enter into the marriage covenant with each other, and, for believers, promises to help them with the spiritual graces of the sacrament of matrimony.

In today’s Gospel Our Lord teaches us about marriage in response to some sticky questions posed by the Pharisees about divorce to trip him up.

- Marriage was a complex issue back then, and it has not grown any easier in today’s society.
- This is one of the few Gospel passages where Our Lord sees the need to correct an interpretation that Mosaic law made; usually, Our Lord exhorts a more profound observance of the Law, not a correction to it.
- He teaches in today’s Gospel that marriage is something established between a man and a woman, but it is also a bond forged by God.
- As a bond forged by God, the married man and woman also receive spiritual help in remaining faithful to each other.
- The Pharisees in Jesus’ time were debating whether divorce was allowed for either a serious reason or less serious reasons, as two Rabbinical schools at the time were contending, trying to interpret Mosaic law’s concession of divorce in some cases.
- Jesus responded that neither school was correct: divorce was not part of God’s plan “from the beginning.”

- In the Book of Tobit Sarah had some trouble getting married: seven men who had married her died on their wedding night. A demon was unknowingly to blame, but suspicious eyes turned to Sarah and made her miserable, accusing her of sabotaging her chances for marriage.
- Tobias meets her and is hesitant about marrying her, but his traveling companion Azarias (the angel Raphael in disguise) tells him how to drive away the demon.
- Married and demon-free, Tobias and Sarah spend their wedding night praying before going to sleep for the evening.
- They prayed that the Lord bless them with old age together since they were marrying not out of lust, but because marriage was part of God’s plan for them (cf. Tobit 8:4-9).

Husband and wife are no longer two, but one flesh, one person, as it were; they exist no longer for themselves, but for each other. That’s how God designed it.

- And he designed it for a reason: he wanted the love of husband and wife to be a mirror of his own love for us.
- The New Testament speaks of the Church as Christ’s spouse, and Christ as the faithful bridegroom.

As we continue with this Mass, let’s thank God for patiently showing us the true meaning of marriage, and let’s pray for all Catholic marriages and families.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST?

LEARN HOW

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.” - Pope Francis

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Brenda Noriega: Amarás al Próximo como a ti mismo! “Y quién es mi prójimo?”
(Presenting in Spanish)

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