

ST. MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

October 3, 2021 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm

Daily Mass*: Mon.-Fri. 9:00am, Mon. 6:30pm, Wed. 12:00pm *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations. **Radio broadcast at 8:30am** on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6



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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA, please contact Cynthia Friesen at 304-225-1163 or stmarystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – Flesh of My Flesh



-God did a wonderful job in creating things. He did it with a Big Bang, out of which came the universe and galaxies, and ... well, whatever else.

So, God is a great artist.

Let's look.

For all eternity the three persons in God have loved each other so much that they are one. When God wanted to create a living being that could share in this inmost characteristic, he knew it would be called "deep love."

But unfortunately, in the sequence of creation, God made a mistake.

The First Reading tells us that he created the male first.

Everyone knows that a man, left on his own, will likely be helpless. He needs company, needs partnership, correction, and sometimes just a lot of forgiveness. For almost all men, this means being with, or at least open to, the creature called woman.

But there were no creatures called women in existence. Since God is a relationship of three persons to the point of forming one being, maybe God thought that adding another creature would make the same thing possible for created beings.

First experiments: he took scoops of earth and made ...

various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. (First Reading)

But none of the wild animals proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So next, God made a move that was actually quite smart. Instead of trying to form a partner out of the earth for the man, as he had with the animals, he spread a deep sleep over the man and removed a rib from him.

He fashioned this into a woman.

This new gambit worked.

There was a great intimacy between the man and the woman. She was, as the man put it clumsily, "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh!" The two were made out of the same stuff—how much closer can you get?

Marriage came next. As the First Reading puts it, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."

As centuries went by, millennia really, there came a popular saying among husbands.

Women! You can't live with them and you can't live without them!

I cannot repeat here what women say, but it often starts out with, "MEN! ... " and a list of particulars follows.

Sadly, divorce made its entrance. It had been around for centuries by the time the Pharisees came to Jesus with the following argument: "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss [his wife]" (Gospel).

Jesus reminded them sternly of why God had made both man and woman, not just the one, not just the other. He wanted them to share an intimate relationship that would be like the Trinity. He stated it this way:

"What God has joined together, no human must separate."

So, if today you find yourself divorced, or alone, or left without your beloved because of death, or if your mate and you do not get along, what can you do?

Do everything you can.

Like the rest of us, you are trying to mirror in your life the loving unity of the Trinity. Pray and do it as you are able.

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering

\$4,418.00

Online Giving

\$1,871.35

Attendance: 377

Rate Your Generosity

Rate yourself on your generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure for the last month! (circle one)

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Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

9/26— The Catholic University of America

10/3— USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund, Hurricane Ida Relief

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

 **DONATE TODAY**

GIVE ONLINE!

by clicking on the image on our website
www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	For the People
Sunday, 8:30am	Beloved sister, Cindy Marasco
Sunday, 11:00am	Samia Feghali
Domingo, 1pm	Eloise Herrick

<u>Monday 10/4</u>	<u>St. Francis of Assisi</u>
9:00am	Lewis Hlad
6:30pm	John Miller
<u>Tuesday 10/5</u>	<u>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos</u>
9:00am	Antoniette Shadiack
<u>Wednesday 10/6</u>	<u>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher</u>
9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm	Edward Estep
<u>Thursday 10/7</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Rosary</u>
9:00am	The Koloff Family
<u>Friday 10/8</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u>
9:00am	John Miller

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

October 10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	Denis Blais
Sunday, 8:30am	For the People
Sunday, 11:00am	Joan DeChristopher
Domingo, 1pm	Eloise Herrick



The Bread and Tabernacle Candle
the week of October 3 are in
memory of **Samia Feghali**
from son & daughter-in-law,
Joseph and Mona Feghali.



*****UPDATED*****

Until further notice,
Bishop Brennan asks that all those
in attendance at Mass **and any other
meetings, social events, or other parish
gatherings (including events with food)**
wear a mask, other than young children
under the age of 2.

Thank you for your cooperation in this act of
Christian Charity.

We are not implementing any additional physical
distancing measures at this time.
We will have disposable masks and hand sanitizer
will be available.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, October 3

9:30am	Religious Ed.
9:45am	RCIA
1:00pm	NA Meeting
6-8:00pm	Middle School Youth—Youth Room

Tuesday, October 5

6:00pm	Parish Finance Cmte Mtg—L/L
6:30pm	NA Meeting
7-9:00pm	Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 6

6:30pm	Bible Study-Jonah, Session 7—L/L
7:00pm	Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

Thursday, October 7

12:00pm	Al-Anon—L/L
6:00pm	Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L

Saturday, October 9

11:00am	Memorial Mass for Thomas Walters
5:00-5:40pm	Reconciliation
	15 Minute Lector Training after each Mass
	Land of Peace Olive Wood Carvings—Narthex

Sunday, October 10

	15 Minute Lector Training after each Mass
	Land of Peace Olive Wood Carvings—Narthex
9:30am	Religious Ed.
9:45am	RCIA
9:45am	First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting
1:00pm	NA Meeting
6-8:00pm	High School Youth—Youth Room



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ministry Trainings

During the Month of October, we will be
having 15 minute ministry trainings directly
after each Mass. These trainings are meant
for any new or returning ministers. Please
stay after on your respective date(s)!

Weekend of October 9/10
Lector Training

Weekend of October 16/17
Eucharistic Minister Training

Weekend of October 23/24
Usher Training

We hope to see you there!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS:

Meet together Sunday, 10 October at 9:45 am in Library Lounge. Your children may attend their respective class while we meet. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me—Cynthia Friesen, DRE 304-225-1163
stmariystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com

Altar Linen Ministry

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Mona 304-685-3434



Land of Peace Olive Wood Carvings

Next weekend **October 9-10**, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. see Website: www.landofpeace.org



We would like to welcome Rev. Jose Mauricio Henriquez, who has joined us here at St. Mary Parish as our Parochial Vicar. Fr. Mauricio has been travelling from Clarksburg to celebrate our Spanish Mass since February, but now that he has taken up residence here, you will see him around the parish celebrating more Masses. Please welcome him, and stop to introduce yourself when you see him!



Month of Mums

We are welcoming the donation of **potted mums** of any color and size to decorate the steps of the Altar.

Please bring your mums to Mass over the next few weekends, or drop them off in the church during the week.

THE MODELS OF THE CHURCH



Fr. John will be hosting an Adult Faith Formation Class on the 6 models of the church. The class will be held Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Library Lounge, October 20 & 27 and November 10 & 17. There is no book needed for this class.

"There is today a dramatic reexamination of structure, authority, dogma -- indeed, every aspect of the life of the Church is held up to scrutiny. Welcoming this as a sign of vitality, Avery Dulles has carefully studied the writings of contemporary Protestant and Catholic ecclesiologists and sifted out six major approaches, or "models," through which the Church's character can be understood: as Institution, Mystical Communion, Sacrament, Herald, Servant, and, in a recent addition to the book, as Community of Disciples. A balanced theology, he concludes, must incorporate the major affirmations of each. "The method of models or types," observes Cardinal Dulles, "can have great value in helping people to get beyond the limitations of their own particular outlook and to enter into fruitful conversation with others... Such conversation is obviously essential if ecumenism is to get beyond its present impasses."

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm
To find other meetings near you, visit
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

Energizing our Plaza

We are raising money for the installation of electrical outlets on the plaza outside the Narthex. These outlets will let us decorate for different events, with the hope of beginning this coming Christmas! The goal of our fundraiser is \$4,000, which will cover all costs associated with this project.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to St. Mary Church, with the memo for Electrical Outlets.

We are currently 25% of the way to our goal!



If you, or any parishioner you know, are sick or homebound and would like a visit from Fr. John, please contact the Parish Office 304-599-3747



Volunteers are needed to clean and wipe down pews after the 8:30am Mass each weekend. Please stay after Mass if you are able to help sanitize or clean!



Please TTJ (text-to-join) our Flocknote network. **Text the word "starcity" to 84576** or connect with us online at: **StMaryStarCity.flocknote.com**



Catholic Charities WV is looking for dual Spanish/English speakers who could volunteer to help with

occasional translation for our Spanish-only speaking clients. We expect that most of the volunteer work would be remote – via conference call and would only rarely involve coming to our office. If you are interested, please contact Renee Corbett (Refugee Outreach Worker), email rcorbett@ccwva.org, cell 304-650-7320.



St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

***Toilet Paper**

***Liquid Laundry Detergent**
(please no pods or powder)

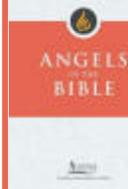
Baby & Toddler Program needs:

***Baby Wash & Shampoo**

St. Ursula needs volunteers Wednesday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month for a few jobs:

- ◆ 1 person to pick up food at the old Ramada
- ◆ 2 people to help unload the food deliveries and to set up for pantry
- ◆ A few volunteers to help with pantry 1 pm - 4 pm

If you can do one or both Wednesdays, please call Sister Rachel at 304-599-3822



Angels in the Bible

Angels in the bible is a 6 week program that will be offered on Tuesdays, October 12, 19, & 26, and November 9, 16, & 23 at 10:00am and 6:30pm, in the Library Lounge for 90 minute sessions. Please sign up for **one class time**, morning **or** evening.

The cost for the book will be under \$20, depending on the number of participants. The booklet has all scripture and information needed to answer and discuss the questions.

You can sign up via flocknote by texting "starcity" to 84576. Choose "Angels in the Bible" from the the bottom of the sign up list, and choose your class time to register.

You may also register by emailing Nancy at nickliz@aol.com, or by calling the Parish Office.

Right now, the course is scheduled to be held in person wearing masks, but we will remain responsive to the current situation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
(Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)

*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule

Donations for St. Ursula

Food Pantry and Outreach may be **placed in** the labeled bins in **the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.



Aim your camera at the flowcode

Support our parish by
making a gift to the
Catholic Sharing Appeal

dwc.org/CSA

Did you know...?

Everything above 50% of our goal comes back to St. Mary Parish! With 53% of our goal already achieved, every penny given from now on will be given back to us.

St. Mary Parish, Star City

Raised \$22,200 of \$41,675 with 70 gifts

53%

Encounter Love Event

Lisa Cotter, a dynamic young adult speaker, and co-author of the book: "Dating Detox - 40 Days of Perfecting Love in an Imperfect World", will be speaking on what real love is, and how to identify habits in our lives that prevent us from having the freedom to love and be loved! Fr. Joe Freedy, Assistant Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be joining Lisa to share his testimony on how he discovered true love, abandoning his career in football to become a priest of God!

The event is open to all, with an emphasis on young adults from High School through College and beyond! It will be held outdoors at the Hazel Ruby McQuain WVU Amphitheater on October 16, from 10am-3:30pm, \$15 per person, box lunch is included in the ticket price. Scholarships are available upon request. For more information, please contact Colleen at 434-941-4670



SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, 50 North Morgantown St., Fairchance, is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 17. It will be from 11am. until 5pm. TAKE OUT ONLY! No preorders required, just stop by on Oct. 17. Meals are \$10. You can preorder sauce, \$6 per quart and \$10 for a dozen of homemade meatballs. Call Tony Budinsky at 724-970-7716 for the sauce and meatball orders.

Al-Anon (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or WSO@al-anon.org



**St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box,
Take a Book, Leave a Book.**



Morgantown Magnificat is back!

Join us for the
Magnificat Visitation,
**October 23 2021 from
9:30-11:30am**, at St.

John University Parish Hall in Morgantown. Our speaker is Donna Koller, co-founder of Servant Song Ministries Retreat House and Spirituality Center. Donna will share her story of how the Holy Spirit called her to a healing ministry journey that's lasted a life time. A coffee and muffin breakfast will be served. Register by October 20, 2021 at Magnificat-ministry.net (click on Chapters, States, Morgantown Chapter of WV) Tickets are \$15. Questions? Email Pat at phiggi87@comcast.net.

Sunday, Oct 03, 2021

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.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (140). *"Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

Monday, Oct 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

For all creatures great and small

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

Tuesday, Oct 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Open your heart to those left behind

The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States—and soon became a Redemptorist priest. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"You are anxious and worried about many things."*

Wednesday, Oct 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

Stand with those who hold the fire line

With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was reportedly saved from

a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that seem stronger and more widespread by the year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'"*

Thursday, Oct 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Count on the Rosary

Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

Friday, Oct 08, 2021**God points toward hope**

On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."*

Saturday, Oct 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Keep your head about you!

Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a *cephalophore*, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the saint over the centuries struggled with the question, "Where do you put the halo? Over his head, or where his head used to be?" Though we smile, a nugget of truth comes through the legend. When we give all we have to God, our life is memorable and our story ends well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **October 3, 2021**

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 140

Reading I Gn 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

Reading II Heb 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them

"brothers."

Gospel Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. 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." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "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.

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