

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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Reflections for the 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Today's first reading from Genesis, alongside the Gospel reading from Matthew, can help us to understand man as male and female, as well as the Sacrament of Matrimony. We know that God created us in His image and likeness by giving us the spiritual faculties of the will and intellect. No other creature, other than the angels, has been given this sublime gift. The source of our natural dignity comes from the fact that we have the ability to reason and to choose. The dignity of the human person reveals the divine origin of the equal dignity of male and female. Adam is able to say to Eve, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" because God creates both in equal dignity. The uniqueness we possess by being spiritual creatures is something that permeates every aspect of our lives; we cannot divorce our physical selves from our spiritual selves. This is especially true with respect to the question of marriage, and it is always important to consider not only the physical end (to be fruitful and multiply) but the spiritual as well. A husband and wife join themselves together in the most intimate way not only by the union of their bodies, but especially by the union of their spirits. The biblical language of Genesis does not make the same kind of philosophical distinction between the soul and body that we make today. So when Genesis says that "the two of them become one body," this means that the totality of each person becomes a unity of body and soul in marriage. This union of the man and woman is the basis for the indissolubility of marriage. God has created marriage such that only death can dissolve the union of the husband and wife. God is the Author of marriage, which means that we cannot change its definition or understanding to meet our own society's desires. For this reason, the Church upholds the doctrine of indissolubility, because of its good for the couple and the good of the children who come from the union of the spouses. Couples are given the gift of children; this is why the husband and wife are called "procreators." This procreation is derived from God's command to be "fruitful and multiply."

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Hebrews 2 must be understood in light of Hebrews 1. In Hebrews 1, there is strong emphasis that Jesus Christ is superior to the angels. As such, His New Covenant is greater than Covenant of the Old Testament; his Covenant fulfills the promises made in the Old Covenant. Hebrews 1 states that Jesus is above the angels and

prophets. In Hebrews 2, we are presented with the following paradox: how can the Son, who is far greater than all the angels, take on human flesh and thereby become inferior to the angels? For, the audience of this letter was the Jewish Christians, who would have had a difficult time reconciling Christ's Incarnation, suffering, and death with the reality that he is also God. This great love is still a mystery for us today. Hebrews 2 quotes Psalm 8, which foretold Christ's Incarnation. What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man, that you should care for him? You have made him for a little while lower than the angels... (Heb. 2:6-7) It is important to note that the title "Son of Man" is the most frequent title that Jesus uses to describe himself. The beginning of the Psalm states the son of man seems insignificant next to the sun, stars, and the entire cosmos. Yet, the Psalmist sings, God has made him lower than the angels for only "a little while." This indicates that Christ took on flesh for only a short time; he submitted himself humbly as a servant, even to the point of death on the Cross, as Philippians 2:5-11 beautifully describes. Why did Jesus take a form lower than the angels; in other words, why did he become Incarnate in flesh? The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers this question in the words of St. Irenaeus. For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God (no. 460). Jesus took on flesh so that we might become the sons of God. This is the meaning of Hebrews 2:10, which says He brings "many sons to glory." In other words, Christ became man to save man from his sins. Jesus saves fallen humanity by giving us the ability to become sons of God and to be divinized. Just as the sick body needs medicine, so our fallen human nature, which sick with sin, needs the medicine of Christ's divinity.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Our readings from Genesis and this Gospel together show how Jesus claims to have greater authority than Moses, which would have shocked the Pharisees. When the Pharisees question him concerning divorce, he effectively reestablishes the divine law concerning the sacrament of marriage from the very beginning. He explains that Moses allowed divorce for the hardness of their hearts, but these laws, This would have been a shocking assertion to the Jews, since God gave the law to Moses. It is no wonder that the Jews approached Jesus with this question, "By what authority do you do these things?" The fact that Jesus is here changing part of the Mosaic law reveals that he is the "prophet" fore-

told by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-19.). As we read, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt. 18:18) The Jews identified this "prophet" with the coming Messiah (see John 6:14; 7:40-41) Interestingly enough, after reaffirming the indissolubility of the marriage covenant by citing Genesis 2:24, Jesus turns immediately to the question of children. Just as God had said "Be fertile and multiply" to Adam and Eve in in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1: 28), so now Jesus, after restoring marriage to its proper dignity as an indissoluble bond, says "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. This lesson is profound, because it reveals the essential importance of the unitive and procreative ends of marriage. The couple become one flesh through consummating marriage, and through this union, children will be brought into the world and then baptized for the Kingdom of God. To accept this teaching, one must become like a little child oneself. A child is one who trusts his or her parents to provide every need, to heal every wound. The Father hopes that we will trust ourselves to Him like little children.

Reflection: We live in a culture of hot-button issues, buzzwords, broiling anger, and even outright revolt. As each day passes, it seems to become more difficult to hold peaceful conversations about the most important issues connected to man's nature. Our culture today believes that to love another is to accept his or her own personal worldview, and anyone who tries to contradict that worldview is a "hater" or a "bigot." This relativistic mindset has led to protests and rallies on our own day, as people stand up for their "right" to believe whatever they choose as their own good. It's tempting to become consumed by the culture of our time, but the Gospel actually proposes a very different way of life. As Christians, we are called to deep intimacy with our Lord through a life of prayer, meditation, and contemplation. We believe that to transform the world, we first must allow God to transform us. That very often means deeply listening to God and to his words. The readings for today focus on God's vision of marriage, which is a hot topic in our culture. Today the Church invites us to meditate on the truth about marriage. And as we'll see, God created marriage to reveal the very meaning of our existence, and it is very good! - LPi

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St. Francis of Assisi
Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day. ©LPi



Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
 seek to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 Amen.

Does God Forgive Abortion?

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016. Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms.

To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

Diaconate Discernment Nights

Are you, or someone you know, being called to become a deacon? The Diocese of Orlando, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is calling on the Church community to bring forth reputable men, servants, filled with the Spirit, to discern a call to the permanent diaconate. Men seeking to discern this call are encouraged to attend a Diaconate Discernment Night. Six discernment sessions will be held throughout the diocese in September and October.



- 9/28/21 St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lakeland - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 9/29/21 Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/4/21 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Viera - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/7/21 St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Summerfield - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/26/21 Basilica of St. Paul, Daytona Beach - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/28/21 St. Catherine of Siena, Kissimmee - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

For more information, go to <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/diaconate-discernment/>

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things and I desire to
receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You
sacramentally,**

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

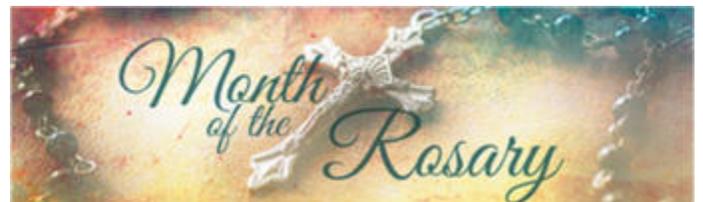
**I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

The Pope's Intention for October MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

***We pray that every Baptized person may
be engaged in evangelization, available
to the mission, by being witnesses of a
life that has the flavor of of the Gospel.***



**The rosary is said before each weekday and week-
end Mass. Please join us for this devotion.**

PETER RICHARD CONTE TO PERFORM AT BASILICA

Orlando famed concert organist, Peter Richard Conte, will perform a free concert on Friday, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando. The concert will be the dedication recital of the new 5,200 pipe Schoenstein organ installed in 2019, and will feature a varied and entertaining selection of music.

Organist Peter Richard Conte possesses nearly unparalleled technical facility, a brilliant ear for tonal color, and an innovative programming style. He is one the most admired concert organists performing today.

All are welcome, and no tickets are required. Mr. Conte's appearance is sponsored by the Ginsburg Family Foundation, and he is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists. For more information, please call 407-239-6600. Plenty of free parking is available.

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If the pandemic has left you tired & scared;
If you are worried about the future;
If you ask yourself why nothing
makes you happy; or
If you find yourself alone and you feel
like God has left you,
COME AND LISTEN

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

**Mondays and Wednesdays
September 20 — November 8
Meetings will be in the Parish Center
from 7:30 —8:30 p.m.**

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM (English)

Tuesday

6:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Holy Day

8:00 AM (English)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass

Saturdays 3-4 PM

or any time upon request

Last Week's Collections

Offertory: \$6,248.57

St. Vincent dePaul: \$1,773.00

Other Income: \$1,783.48

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you*

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READINGS FOR THE 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

- Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Our Lady of the Rosary
- 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
St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**St. Mary of the Lakes
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is now open after all Masses.
Come to browse, to shop, or to just share
a cup of coffee and a snack with us.



The "Clothes at the Center" sale on Sept. 22nd and 23rd was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated, and thank you to all who shopped. You will have another opportunity on Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 13th and 14th, and on the 1st Saturday of each month.



FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS

Monday, October 4

Online Week for Faith Formation grades K-5

<http://www.stmaryofthelakesparish.org/faith-formation>

Tuesday, October 5

Online Week for Pre-Confirmation Classes

<http://www.stmaryofthelakesparish.org/faith-formation>

**Registro de formación en la fe
Faith Formation Registration**

**continues at the parish office as late registration
continúa como registro tardío en la oficina parroquial.**

Please don't delay!

(Classes have already begun.) Don't delay!

**Catechists and Volunteers Needed
Necesitamos Catequistas**

Answer the call!

Contact the parish office today!

Responde la llamada!

¡Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial hoy mismo!

**Are you an adult missing
Sacraments of Initiation?**

RCIA

classes will begin this month.

**Register at the
parish office today!**

**For more information / Para información:
Mrs. Mónica M. Vega 352-483-3500 ext. 203
faithformation@stmaryofthelakesparish.org**

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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Reflexiones para el domingo 27 En tiempo ordinario

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO: ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Hoy el contenido de las lecturas enfatiza tres temas: matrimonio, divorcio y fidelidad. Toda la liturgia de la Palabra se desarrolla en torno a esta delicada situación: el matrimonio que no es desechable ni fácil de cambiar. Muy a pesar de que en ocasiones se piensa que es cosa del pasado. El tema que es muy delicado lo aborda el mismo Jesús en el Evangelio, y lo clarifica aún más a sus discípulos en privado, para que no exista duda. “Lo que Dios ha unido, que el hombre no lo separe” (Mateo 10:9). El énfasis debe estar en la fidelidad del uno para con el otro.

Lo que Dios unió, que no lo separe el hombre. Ni los padres de familia que están en contra del matrimonio de su hija o hijo. Ni las desavenencias de los conyugues en la vida de todos los días. Ni la falta de amor y diálogo en el matrimonio y la familia en general. Ni los amigos del esposo ni las amigas de ella. Nadie lo puede hacer porque, sencillamente, es un Sacramento instituido por Dios. El papa Francisco nos dice lo siguiente al respecto: “En el proyecto originario del Creador, se trata de un hombre y una mujer llamados a reconocerse, a completarse, a ayudarse mutuamente en el matrimonio. Esta enseñanza de Jesús es muy clara y defiende la dignidad del matrimonio como una unión de amor que implica fidelidad. (Octubre 7-2018). “Por eso dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre para unirse con su esposa, y los dos serán una sola carne”. (Mateo 10:7). Que al participar en esta Eucaristía dominical nos ayude a crecer en fidelidad para ser ejemplo de vida a los que nos rodean, especialmente en casa.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA : INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

"Lo que Dios ha unido." Todos estamos familiarizados con estas palabras. Debido a que el hombre y la mujer son esencialmente de la misma sustancia, aunque también distintivamente diferentes, existe un deseo innato de estar conectados y unidos. Es cierto que los convenios matrimoniales pueden ser extremadamente difíciles de negociar y, a veces, muy dolorosos de experimentar. Pero también pueden ser celebraciones de gran unión y felicidad. Así lo demuestran las parejas que han estado casadas durante muchos años y que todavía tienen ese mismo brillo de devoción en sus ojos que estaba presente el día de su boda. Dios lo diseñó para que fuera así. Por el poder de Dios, los dos se vuelven uno. Esto no es un diseño humano. La verdadera intimidad del matrimonio es una intimidad divina. Es un vínculo creado por un poder mucho mayor que cualquiera que se encuentre en las dos personas que están unidas. El matrimonio es donde la virtud del amor se expresa más plenamente. ©LPi



Lecturas de la Semana

XXVII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: ZJon 1, 1—2, 2. 11/Jon 2, 3. 4,5. 8/Lc 10, 25-37

San Francisco de Asís

Martes: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. -8 [3]/Lc 10, 38-42

Beato Francisco Javier Seelos, sacerdote

Miércoles: Jon 4, 1-11/Sal 87, 3-4. 5-6. 9. 10 [15]/Lc 11, 1-4

San Bruno, sacerdote; Beata María Rosa Durocher, virgen

Jueves: Mal 3, 13-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [Sal 40, 5]/Lc 11, 5-1

Nuestra Señora del Rosario

Viernes: Jl 1, 13-15; 2, 1-2/Sal 8, 2-3. 6 y 16. 8-9 [9]/Lc 11, 15-2

Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia

Sábado: Jl 4, 12-21/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Lc 11, 27-28

San Dionisio de París, obispos, y compañeros, mártires; San Juan Leonardi, sacerdote

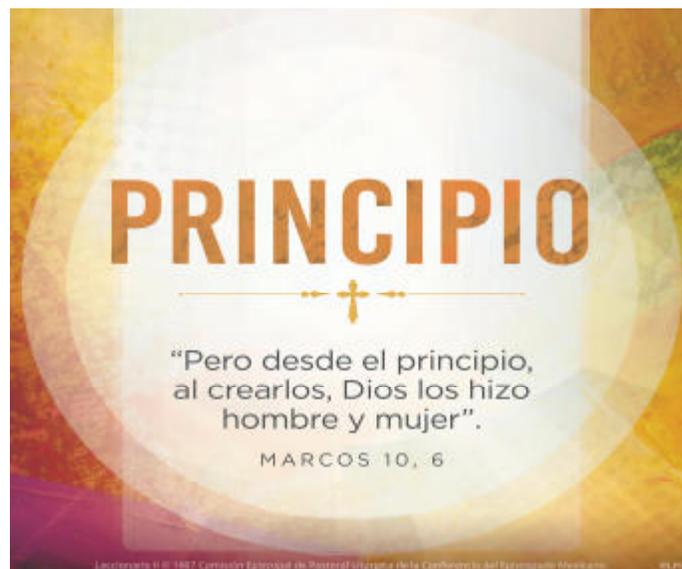
Domingo siguiente: Sab 7, 7-11/Sal 89, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17 [14]/Heb 4, 12-13/Mc 10, 17-30 o 10, 17-27



Si desea bautizar a su hijo(a) favor llamar a la oficina parroquial 352-483-3500.

*La próxima clase es el **6 de noviembre 2021.***

9 a.m. Muchas gracias.



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Ahora está abierta después de todas las misas dominicales.

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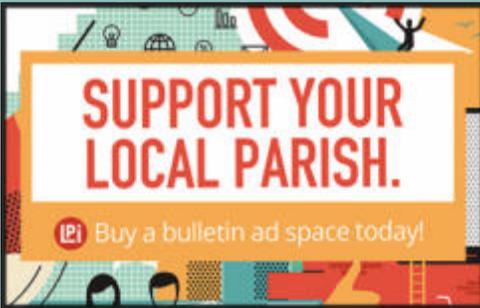


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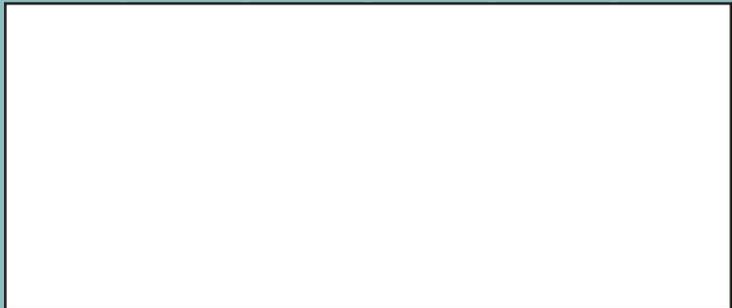
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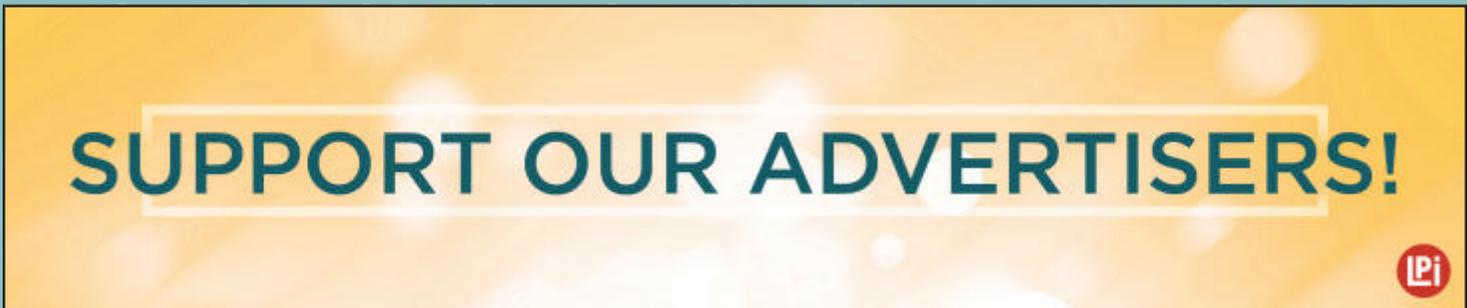


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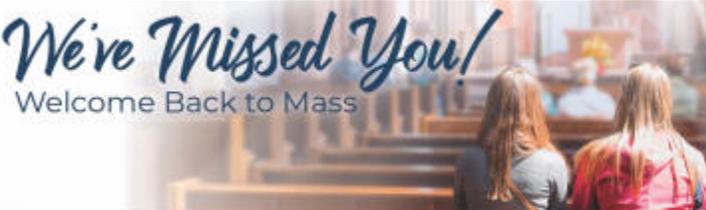


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MONDAY, October 04
8:00 AM †Kelly Gibson
†Dec. Mem. of the Graham Family
TUESDAY, October 05
8:00 AM †Maureen Hay
6:30 PM †Robert Smith
WEDNESDAY, October 06
8:00 AM †Carmelita Garcia
THURSDAY, October 07
8:00 AM †Vincent (Vinny) Folgore
FRIDAY, October 08
8:00 AM †Nicole M. Czernuch
SATURDAY, October 09
4:00 PM †Carl J. Filippini
†Brian Paul Cuddy
SUNDAY, October 10
8:00 AM Our Parishioners
10:00 AM †Dec. Mem. of Colucci, Baumbach, &
Calvo Families
Spec. Int. for Steson, Stephen, & Fam.
†Joan Gougeon
12:00 PM †Mirtelina (Tata) Garcia
Thanksgiving to San Benito Abad
Spec. Int. for the Mike Ramirez Fam.

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For October they are:

- October 03, 1988 Rev. Philip J. Stegeman
- October 04, 1978 Rev. Neil A. Sager
- October 05, 2015 Rev. Joseph Aiden Nolan
- October 09, 2019 Rev. Raymond James O'Leary
- October 11, 2010 Msgr. Paul Kamide
- October 13, 1976 Rev. Martin Collins, S.S.C.
- October 13, 1993 Rev. Louis Dunleavy
- October 24, 2019 Rev. Michael Giglio
- October 26, 2008 Msgr. Mathew John Connolly
- October 27, 2002 Rev. Patrick J. O'Reilly
- October 30, 2008 Msgr. Charles Aloysius Bartok

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.