



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

REFLECT ON ST. JOSEPH: FAITHFUL PROTECTOR OF MOTHER AND CHILD

The following is from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops as a meditation on St. Joseph for today, Respect Life Sunday. Look to St. Joseph as the defender of life.

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for, and raised by Joseph,” said Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (PC - With a Father’s Heart) on Dec. 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church. The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

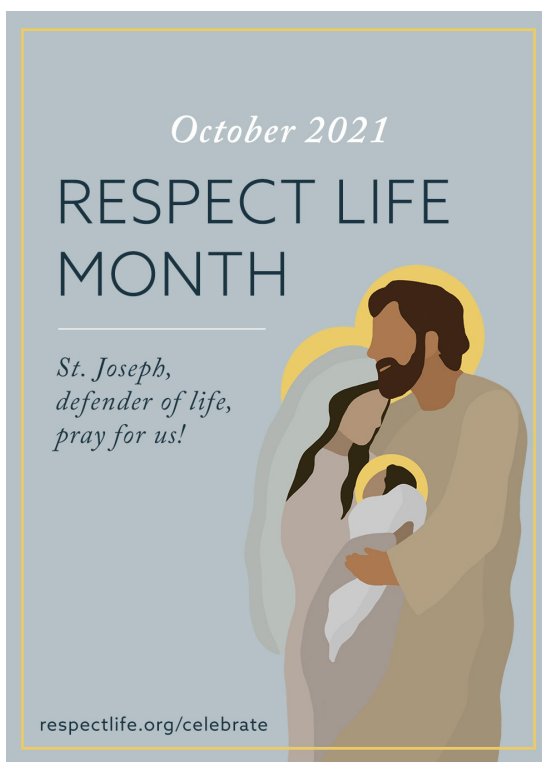
While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to *Joseph* in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to

put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. *Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.*



SYNOD 2021-2023

TWO-YEAR JOURNEY TO GUIDE THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH BEGINS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

How is your parish journeying together; and how should we be journeying together into the future as a universal Church? These are the fundamental questions the Holy Father wants the faithful to prayerfully and reflectively consider and document as the Church moves further into the third millennium.

Pope Francis will open the worldwide Synod on Synodality to give a voice to the faithful and a roadmap for the Church in Rome on Oct. 9. In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston we will kick off our synod process with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan at 10 a.m., at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, in Charleston, on Oct. 17.

In early September, Rev. Msgr. Eugene Ostrowski directed all pastors in the diocese to select a representative to coordinate their parish(s) synodal consultation process presented by the Vatican. These coordinators will be tasked with conducting listening sessions in the local parishes (and missions), and maintaining records of those conversations to be presented to the diocese. This first phase of the two-year process which begins at the parish level gets to the heart of the synodal process, according to the Pontiff. The purpose is not to dwell on a church in peril, but to work together and guide the future of the Church with the Holy Spirit as our guide.

“Synodality” is the new buzzword coming from Pope Francis. While many Catholics may not be familiar with this word and its meaning the Holy Father wants to change that.

So, what is “Synodality” according to the pontiff? It “is much more than the celebration of ecclesial meetings and Bishops’ assemblies, or a matter of simple internal administration within the Church; it is the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* (way of living and working) of the Church, the People of God, which



reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly, and take an active part in her evangelizing mission,” the synod documents state.

The General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops with the Holy Father declared the theme “For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission.” Pope Francis said the key to success is having the faithful “to journey together” toward Christ and discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us to grow as a Church into the third millennium.

After the diocesan kick-off in Charleston, and follow-up training meetings in the six vicariates – Beckley, Charleston, Clarksburg, Martinsburg, Parkersburg, and Wheeling – the coordinators will begin individual meetings in their parishes and missions “to prepare and gather the People of God, so they can give voice to their experience in their local church,” the Vatican handbook for the Synod states.

In order for the sessions to be truly productive and on task the local gatherings will be held in a “spiritual setting that supports openness in sharing as well as hearing.”

The Vatican guidelines call for listening, dialogue, and community discernment sessions in which each and every person can participate and contribute. Coordinators will be trained on how to

avoid pitfalls including the temptation to only focus on the problems of the Church, noting “fixating on the problems will only lead us to be overwhelmed, discouraged, and cynical.” When we allow ourselves to foster the negative, we are not allowing the Holy Spirit to show us how God can work more fully in our lives and the life of the Church. The goal must focus on “walking together” forward into the future.

While we learn from the past, the journey is not about where we have been, but where we are headed. The Holy Father wants this process to strengthen our unity in Christ as we pray that the Holy Spirit will “work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.”

This synodal journey will involve all the baptized – pastors, deacons, lay faithful, parish associations, consecrated men and women and other participatory bodies of the local churches. Pope Francis notes in the documents that special care must be made to personally reach out to those who otherwise may be excluded, including “those who have left the church, those who rarely or never practice their faith, those who experience poverty or marginalization, refugees, (youth) etc.” The document also states that “no one – no matter their religious affiliation – should be excluded from sharing their perspective..., insofar as they want to help the Church on her synodal journey of seeking what is good and true.”

Further the Vatican documents note it is critical in the local diocesan phase to foster participation. The training for coordinators will encourage involving others who hold different views. “Listening to those who have the same views as we do bears no fruit,” the documents state. “We must make a special effort to listen to those we may be tempted to see as unimportant and those who force us to consider new points of view that may change our way of thinking.”

Pope Francis' vision for synodality includes having specific attitudes such as humility, patience, openness to conversion and change, ability to turn away from prejudices and stereotypes, the will to learn from one another, hopefulness, and forward thinking.

Once the information is collected a synthesis will be written about the discussions. These documents will then go to the diocese in March, and then to the episcopal conferences in April, where they will compile the input and feedback in order to formulate syntheses that reflect the local level contributions. This phase is to be completed by September of 2022.

The initial working documents then become part of the international meetings of the seven continental assemblies in order to produce a working document for the Vatican by June 2023. All of this information that began at our local parishes and missions will ultimately be used by the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. The Vatican council of bishops, selected from around the world, will counsel and consult the Pontiff on how the People of God around the world with the Holy Spirit as their guide discerned as the way the Church journey together to carry out her mission and continue the work of Jesus Christ on earth.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE PARISH LEVEL

Each parish or in smaller congregations a group of parish(s) and missions will hold consultation and listening sessions. The faithful are encouraged to be alert to their parish's routine means of communication, such as bulletins, websites, social media pages, and emails, which will announce specific details about their local synod process. These gatherings will be sensitive to COVID-19 and offered in-person. Other accommodations may be made to adapt to the needs of the community. These will be determined at the local level and communicated by the parish. The focus will be on maximum inclusion and participation.

The experience will be structured in order to keep the conversation productive so the coordinator can write the working document effectively. It is not a time for defamation, but a time for authentic reflection and prayerful discernment as we journey together. The Holy Father emphasizes the synodal process "is first and foremost a spiritual process. It is not a mechanical data-gathering exercise or a series of meetings and debates."

Coordinators will pose two fundamental questions:

1. How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church?
2. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

Before responding to the coordinator, we are asked to:

- *Recall* our experiences: What experiences of our local Church does this question call to mind?
- *Reflect* on these experiences in greater depth: What joys did they bring? What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered? What wounds did they reveal? What insights have they elicited?
- *Gather* the fruits to share: Where in these experiences does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound? What is the Spirit asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? Where do we register a consensus? What paths are opening up for our local Church?

Synod documents state, the two interrelated goals of the process are to listen to God, so we may hear the cry of His people; and to listen to His people until we are in harmony to do what God calls us.

The process from October 2021 to April 2022 will include information gathered from discussions not only among parishes, but also Catholic schools, religious congregations, and other groups whose voices are seldom heard, but together desire to deepen communion, obtain fuller participation, and strengthen the mission of the Church.

The documents from the local levels collected by March 2022, as well as the diocesan level finalized in April 2022, will not be generic notes that record everything that was said, but rather a document that reflects the spirit, attitude, and dreams of the faithful for the Church.

BISHOP MARK BRENNAN'S ROLE

The primary role for Most Rev. Bishop Mark Brennan will be to listen to the People of God he shepherds. In order to complete this task, he has appointed Rev. Msgr. Eugene Ostrowski as the diocesan contact person for the synodal process in the diocese to assist the priests and parish coordinators in the diocese. Bishop Brennan will also communicate with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Presbyteral Council, and other pastoral ministries, as well as listen to their feedback to be included in the diocesan synthesis. He will also oversee Monsignor Ostrowski with the formation of a diocesan synodal team, who will be charged with creating a document reflective of the local parishes' reports. This team will reflect the diversity of the diocese in laity, clergy, men, women, young, old, etc. Bishop Brennan is to also ensure the diocesan synthesis is an honest report of all that was shared in order to build and strengthen the Holy Church.

LOVE OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH STRENGTHENS THE BONDS OF BECKLEY COUPLE



Their love story is as much about serving and caring for others as it is about their commitment to each other.

Rev. Mr. Harry and Marcia Evans of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley met as students at Woodrow Wilson High School in the late 1960s. They will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on November 27th. The milestone is significant, but so is their story of faith and service.

Soon after they were married, they began their family. They were blessed with four children - Matthew, Mark, John Paul, and Sarah; and now have five grandchildren - Emily, Claire, Lily, Caroline, and Owen.

The couple happily recalls praying to have a child that would be called to religious life.

"But instead, God gave me a husband who was to be a deacon," she lovingly said.

Deacon Harry didn't grow up Catholic nor did he consider himself being called to serve the Church and the people of God.

"I was raised in the Presbyterian church in which my parents were very active," he said. "I was baptized there at the age of 13, but like many young people of the time was not so concerned with issues of faith."

It was ten years after they married that Deacon Harry chose to join the Catholic church "for the sake of my children."

He began the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at St. Francis de Sales. "I have to admit I was not initially an enthusiastic candidate," he said. It was after attending a Cursillo weekend he had no doubt he was on the right path for his faith life.



"I had a real conversion experience at the weekend which kicked off my true faith journey."

"Cursillo was one of the many 'renewal' movements of the time and very popular in the diocese," he said. "Upon receiving full communion in the church, I became very active in the St Francis de Sales community. After having been involved with various parish ministries over the years I was always intrigued by the possibility that I might someday pursue the diaconate. This was greatly influenced by the two deacons that we had in our parish, Don Wise and Jay Ziolkowski who coincidentally were both in the same Cursillo weekend that I attended in 1980."

Deacon Harry entered the permanent deacon formation program in 2011 and was ordained after five years of study and prayer on May 7, 2016, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

While the ordination was spiritually spectacular, he said, it is "being allowed to share in people's lives in good times and bad (that) is most significant to me. For me the Diaconate has been a blessing in my retirement, giving my life a new meaning and helping me to overcome self-serving tendencies by providing many opportunities to serve others."

His formation and service has been enriched with the help of Fathers Paul Wharton and John Finnell.

"I have many fond memories of our formation time forming a community of men who prayed, studied and shared a passion for serving the people of God," he said. "As a deacon I have had many opportunities to serve the people of St Francis. I have had the pleasure of witnessing marriages, preaching, leading RCIA, and baptizing children. I have had the honor of performing wake and funeral services, visiting the sick and shut in and just being present in time of need. I have been called to participate in special rites at the Co-Cathedral such as the Rite of Election and the Chrism Mass serving with our Bishop. Many of these things are not always easy but always come with a blessing and contribute to my spiritual growth."



His greatest influence, he enthusiastically shares without hesitation, is his wife. If it weren't for "Marcia and her faithfulness to the church I would not be where I am today. I have always said she would probably be a better deacon than me when it comes to service," he said.

When their children were still young, Marcia had read a book from the church library - The Story of Birthright. She was so moved by the idea of helping women with unplanned pregnancies, she rallied several friends to read the book; and ultimately begin a Birthright center in Beckley. That was 38 years ago, she has served as director for 20 of those years.

Helping women in need personally appealed to her not only because of her faith but also because of her upbringing and the strong women in her life.

Marcia grew up Catholic, but her childhood home was not the typical one.

"At a very young age my father left our family," she said. "My Mother with five young children moved in with my grandparents. They provided a good Catholic home where we always attended church at St. Francis de Sales."

The family didn't have a car, so they would find rides to Sunday

and daily Mass through the kindness of various neighbors.

"I had the most wonderful role models," Marcia said. "My grandmother was a wonderful example she cooked cleaned and sewed for all nine of us living in our home. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters and was out volunteering at nursing homes. My mother was a nurse and was totally dedicated to her job and raising her five children."

Her faith formation was admirable because of these women, "I have always felt so blessed and have been able to go to daily mass as long as I can remember. Receiving the Eucharist daily and knowing that was the source and summit of my faith and what has sustained me through the years."

That spiritual and emotional confidence is what motivates her to serve women in need at Birthright with an empathetic, loving heart.

"In the early days of Birthright almost every girl that came to us was crying," she said, citing that compassionate motto of the center kept her focused - It is the right of every girl to give birth and the right of every child to be born.



"When girls have shared how they decided to have their babies I felt so blessed to be a part..., I felt so blessed to say, 'I helped save a life,'" she said.

It has been through these stories and the kindness of others (the individuals and church groups, quilt groups, girl scouts, giving baby showers, boy scouts building ramps, etc.) that have made her realize that "I have received many times over, more than I have given," she said.

The success in their service and in their marriage has been because of their Catholic faith.

"It is a blessing to be able to share our faith as a couple while having separate ministries" God called them to do, she said.

Every day after his morning prayer routine Deacon Harry sends a text message to his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren. The text is a prayer to start their day.

Like St. Monica, Marcia's favorite saint, we all need to humble ourselves to Christ and His teachings. We need to pray unceasingly for our family and their needs no matter how overwhelming they may seem, because as the mother of St. Augustine said, "Nothing is far from God."

Special Collection

October 2-3 for Hurricane Ida Recovery



Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan joins Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and bishops across the country asking the faithful to support a special collection to help with the recovery of Hurricane Ida. The collection in parishes and missions in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held at Masses the weekend of October 2-3.

Donations will go to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to assist with the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant needs stemming from Hurricane Ida which devastated several states, specifically the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services.

Checks are to be made payable to your respective parish/mission and on the memo line indicate Hurricane Ida Relief. The parish/mission will then send one check for all contributions for this collection to the DWC Finance Department.

PRAISE GOD FOR ALL OF CREATION WITH ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

We celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. When many think of this saint we picture a mild-mannered friar with a bird sweetly perched on his shoulder, a fawn at his feet, and numerous wild animals tamed and surrounding him as he raises his hands to the heavens to give glory and praise to God. Stories of this beloved saint also reveal he was indeed quite the character both bold and fearless.

He lived in the 12th and 13th centuries. Historians say those years were much like today – splattered with religious hatred, social injustice, and political unrest. Foolish stubborn opinions seemingly prevailed over empathy and compassion, but the saint dedicated his life to turning that upside down. Saint Francis of Assisi came from a wealthy upbringing, but left it in order to be rich in the teachings of Christ and the treasures of God's creation.



In his last years on earth, he wrote the Canticle of the Sun. The poem praises God and all of creation, making the reader a part of the family the Almighty created. We are one family under

God's loving and mighty care. It is up to us to take care of all of creation and one another.

Today let us pray St. Francis' infamous composition:

*Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessings.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather*

through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night;*

and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.*

*Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.*

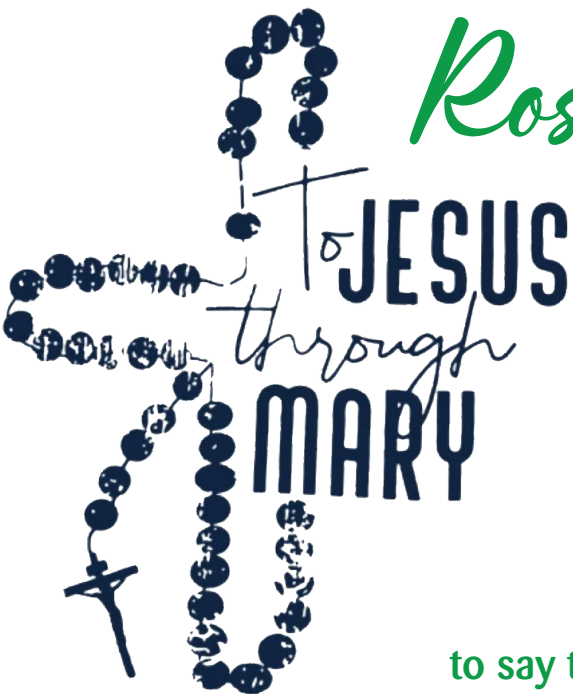
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

*Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks,
and serve Him with great humility. Amen.*

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ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA ~ MESSENGER OF MERCY

On Oct. 5th we honor the Feast Day of St. Faustina – the first saint canonized in the new millennium.

When Sister Faustina Kowalska was a young Polish nun in the beginning of the 20th century, she had experienced several stirring visions of Jesus. She shared Christ's message of love and mercy in an image Christ directed her to have painted for all the world to see.

With the help of Fr. Sopocko, St. Faustina found a painter to fulfill the request Jesus had to "paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You" – and in 1934 the painter Eugene Kazimierowski created the original Divine Mercy painting under St. Faustina's direction.

The image is just as she saw Christ in her vision, "clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"

Saint Faustina recorded all of her visions and conversations with Jesus in her diary. It was published in 1981, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, also found under the title *The Diary of St. Maria Faustina*. In it she wrote the words of Jesus about the graces that would pour out on anyone who prayed before the image:

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend [that soul] as My own glory."

Saint Faustina is lovingly known as the messenger of Jesus' unending love and mercy. He gave her the words to be inscribed on the painting – Jesus, I trust in You. Through her we have the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday, and the consecration to the Divine Mercy. She died four years after the Divine Mercy Painting of Christ was completed. She was 33.



ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE DIVINE MERCY



O Most Merciful Jesus, Your goodness is infinite, and the treasures of Your grace inexhaustible. I trust boundlessly in Your mercy, which is above all Your works. I consecrate myself to You completely and unreservedly, so as to live and strive for Christian perfection.

I want to spread Your mercy by performing works of mercy, both spiritual and corporal, laboring especially for the conversion of sinners, bringing consolation to those in need, to the sick and the suffering.

Guard me then, O Jesus, as Your own possession and Your own glory. Though I sometimes tremble with fear, aware of my weakness, at the same time I have boundless trust in Your mercy. Oh, that all people would come to know the infinite depths of Your mercy, while there is still time, so that they may place their trust in Your merciful love and glorify You forever. Amen.

**"LIFE IS A GIFT
AND WHEN IT IS LONG
IT IS A PRIVILEGE, FOR ONESELF
AND FOR OTHERS. ALWAYS."**

~POPE FRANCIS



RESPECT LIFE
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading GENESIS 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.

Responsorial PSALMS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. (cf. 5) **May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading HEBREWS 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 MARK 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we, the bride of Christ, may be a living sign of his self-sacrificial love through our selfless commitment to care for our neighbor, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That our nation's leaders support laws to respect the life from conception to unnatural death, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all Catholics, that on this Respect Life Sunday our resolve may be strengthened to uphold the dignity of every human life, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those nearing the end of life, that they may receive care that respects their dignity and protects their lives as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

Alleluia 1 JOHN 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

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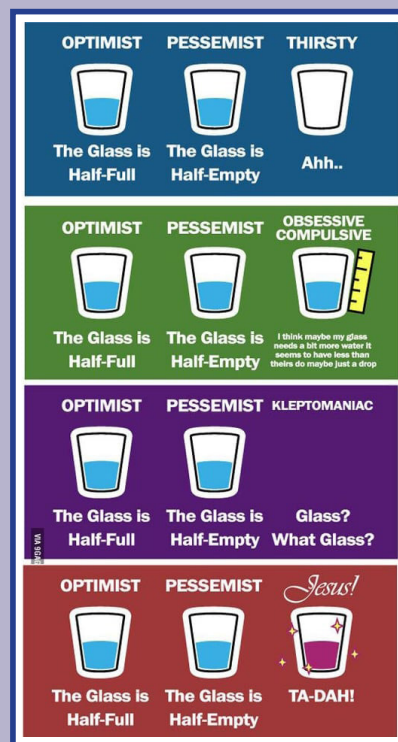
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- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)