

[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7–8

Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

Reflect

When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak

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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

OCTOBER 6, 2024 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see [Deuteronomy 24:1-4](#)). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see [Genesis 1:28](#)).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see [Romans 5:14](#); [Psalm 8:5-7](#)). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see [John 19:34](#); [Revelation 12:1-17](#)).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see [Ephesians 5:21-32](#)). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see [Genesis 3:20](#)). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2024

Rosary: Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Vansa

Lector: REP

Offertory: REP

Ushers: REP

Servers: Addison, Lily, Ian

Sanctuary Light: October 7th-13th: Stephanie B. Krumnow by Merlene Slavik

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Kay and Ed Moraw, and Ethel Marak as well as those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—October 6-13, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—10/6	10:15am	†Jerry and Angeline Sipula by Louis and Mary Frances Vansa †Clement Tomek by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Jerry Wade by Kevin and Anna Givens *In Honor of Johnny and Ethel Marak's 66th Wedding Anniversary
10/9—Wednesday		NO MASS
10/13—Sunday	10:15am	†Laddie Dohnalik by the Margie Wade Family †Dan and Irene Hoelscher by Aline JuneK †Stefina Vansa by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Jerry Wade by Robert and Vickie Plachy

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION:** Westphalia Picnic-October 13th-Fried Chicken and Sausage Plates-\$15- Drive Thru begins at 10AM; Inside Dining at 10:30 AM-Music by the Praha Brothers from 10:30 AM to 1 PM-Games, Auction, Museum, Shuttle.
- **BABY BANKS:** Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bank after Mass today! Remember those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. Walking with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and more will receive funds from this campaign.
- **NOMINATIONS:** Nomination Ballots are available for the 2025 Parish Council. Members age 16 and older are eligible to nominate a parishioner for the Council. Please take a Nomination Form and return it to the Ballot Box by Sunday, October 27th.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Next Meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 7PM at St. Joseph's Cyclone.
- **PARISH COUNCIL:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on October 16th at 6PM.

9-29: Sunday Offering: \$1,191.00 9-29: Children's Offering: \$1.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Padre,

Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●

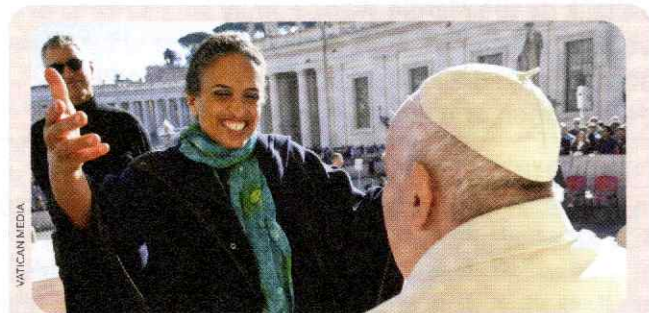


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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

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Monday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 11
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 12
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 13
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7–11
Heb 4:12–13
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27