

October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalms 128

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10: 2-16

Love Is Greater Than the Law

The warmth of love. The sacrifice of love. The responsibility of love. The pain of love. The joy of love.

What does love have to do with these scripture readings, you might ask. Well, love is what the scriptures teach this week. Take a look at the first reading from Genesis.

There is a void in the man's life. With all the beauty of God's creation around him the man, Adam, was not satisfied. God knew this. The man was not ungrateful for what he had. But he needed someone, not something, to relate to. Therefore, God fills the void with a helpmate. Warmth enters the people's lives.

Together the two human beings become co-creators with God of other human beings. Their children. The two share responsibilities given them to care for God's creation and guard and care for God's creation.

The man and woman know the warmth of their relationship. Their love makes visible the love of God their creator. They also come to know the challenge and sacrifice that comes in a relationship. Such will give witness to the sacrifice, "giving over", of Jesus Christ. Sacrifice is spoken of in the Letter to the Hebrews. The relationship will have the strength of God if Faith is present. There will be no shame in Godly love.

Pain will come when living by love. Like the children that are the fruit of Matrimony, joy and pain are manifested. Spouses feel the love of God in the new life created in them. As the children develop their own selves, they might disappoint their parents with their behavior, however. Yet, the parents still guide their offspring as best as possible even when the children are not compliant. That is love in the midst of pain and disappointment. Now look at the Gospel.

Do we not like to measure all things by the "letter of the law" including love? Does this make things easier? The people who question Jesus in the gospel story display the tendency to legalism. They look for a law that will let them out of a difficult or malformed relationship. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

In response Jesus points out the hardness of their hearts. Because they did not live by love a law was needed. When Jesus showed tenderness toward parents and their children his own disciples turned the families away. In their time children were not valued until they grew up and were able to function as adults. Might Jesus' acceptance of the children show he sees the potential goodness in everyone created by the Father?

Jesus found joy in the children. Jesus accepted them because even the least among all of us is valuable. The children represent the vulnerable in the community. The vulnerable need to be "touched". By his action Jesus shows we must take responsibility for the vulnerable. All must take responsibility for the vulnerable. Love means taking responsibility.

What is the length we go in love? That is the love of warmth, sacrifice, responsibility, pain, and joy.

Last week the Gospel (Mark 9) demonstrated we see God in the ones who need help, people placed in our midst. So many "needy" people have shown the greatest strength through the faith they have in God. They have no shame only a need. They need love that affirms them as human beings created by God's love. And, to see God in such people takes love. There is no law that can make anyone see love, give love, or receive love. Love is just so much greater.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Wis7:7-11;Heb4:12-13;Mk10:17-30

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	231
Tithes Collected:	\$3,236.00
Online Giving:	\$220.00
Total:	\$3,456.00

Thank you!

LITURGY FOR OCTOBER 3, 2021

27 Sunday Ordinary Time :Cycle B

- **SONG #1: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART** (P.Baloche)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you...I want to see you.

1. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your pow'r and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
2. "Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy I want to see you!."

- **PSALM 19:** (Owen)
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Mass of Peace/Perez)
If we love one another, God remains in us and his is brought to perfection in us.

SONG # 2: HOLD ON TO LOVE (Manibussan)

1. There is a place for the sadness. Hold on to love. There is a season of gladness. Hold on to love.
2. **Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love, where joy abounds. Hold on to Love, where grace and mercy's overflowing. Hold on to Love.**
3. When pain and confusion seem endless, Hold on to Love. We cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to love.
4. When terror and fear overwhelm us, hold on to Love. Courage and faith will sustain us. Hold on to Love.
5. When violence seeks to destroy us, hold on to Love. Acts of compassion restore us. Hold on to Love.
6. When hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love. Wisdom and truth reunite us. Hold on to Love.
7. When prejudice poses as freedom, hold on to Love. Dignity means "all are welcome!" Hold on to Love.

- **SONG #3: ENDLESS IS YOUR LOVE (T. Kendzia)**

1. You know my heart. You know my mind. You know my words long before I speak them. There is no place that I can hide. Endless is your love for us. How vast the sum of all your deeds! Endless is your love for us.
2. Surely there's a place even you don't know. If I climb there, if I fly there, can I hide from you?
3. Can't I hide at night, darkness be my light? Can you see the day in darkness, can you find me there?
4. Wonderful your works, countless as the sand. Earth and heaven know your beauty, fashioned by your hand.

SONG # 4: BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME (D. Pérez-Cuan)

1. Because You love me Lord, there is nothing I shall seek. Because you show me your Love, my heart knows not to fear.
2. In your sweet arms, embrace me and make me whole. In Your loving heart that's where I'll always long to be. I trust in You, only You know my heart. Because of You, I've been set free from all my sins.
3. **//There is no love like yours. Gracious and kind beyond compare. Merciful, full of grace. Always there for me; there for me!//**
4. Your mercy is Divine; You're the source of purest love. I glory in You Lord. You bless my life with love.
5. Faithful and true. Perfect in all your ways. You're heaven's joy, Angels and Saints declare.

- **SONG # 5: GO OUT AND TELL (B.Fisher/G.Lee)**

1. **Go out and tell, make disciples of nations. Go out and tell the good news. Sing from your heart, sing to all of creation. Go out and tell the good news.**

2. Go out and tell! He is a loving friend. Go out and tell! He'll never leave you orphaned. Shout it from the mountains, let the Word be alive in you.
3. Go out and tell! Give food to the hungry. Go out and tell! Be compassion to the poor. Go out and tell! Be a friend to the lonely. Come down from the mountain, let the Word be alive in you!

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, October 2
4:00 p.m. † William Blaha by Mom & Dad
† Marie Lang by Melissa & Joe Johnson
- Sunday, October 3
9:00 a.m. † Capt. Edward Samuel Walsh, US Army by Walsh Family
10:45 a.m. † Carol Hannan Kitkowski by Tom & Mary Hardy
† Burt Lacks by Vivian
- Monday, October 4
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, October 5
8:00 a.m. † James Riedy by Friends
- Wednesday, October 6
8:00 a.m. † Eddie Archbold by Joanie
- Thursday, October 7
8:00 a.m. Matthew & Katherine by Ed Batcho
- Friday, October 8
8:00 a.m. † Souls In Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Saturday, October 9
4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary
Fr. Don Tranel by Daniel Murphy
- Sunday, October 10
9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Richie Hale by Joyce
† Adeline Zubkowsky by Shirley