



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 3, 2021 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, September 26

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Dennis Knight

Lector : Bridget Turner

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer

by B.J. Ewing

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

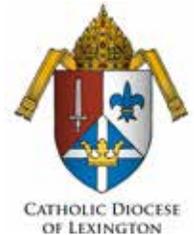
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Gn 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

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



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013



Becoming Catholic

The RCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. Classes meet each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion (in person and virtually). The topic for this week's class is Who is Jesus?. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Faith Formation

There is a group of young adults (18-39) that is forming that will begin gathering this fall. Please contact John Manubag by email if interested johnmanubag24@gmail.com

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021

Today we kick off the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Lexington. Our goal for Mother of Good Counsel is \$ 6,250. Please consider how you are able to support the annual appeal.

Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration- November 20, 2021:

For all couples having their 10 th , 11 th , 25 th , 26 th , 40 th , 41 st , 50 th or 50 th -plus wedding anniversary in 2021, the Bishop will celebrate with you at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, November 20 th . Since the event was cancelled last year, we are also extending the invitation to those who missed out on last year's jubilee. The event begins with Mass at 5:00 PM with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. presiding, followed by a catered reception in Hehman Hall. We are also looking for couples newly married in 2020 or 21 to be hospitality ministers. If you or someone you know is celebrating one of these jubilee anniversaries in 2021 or if you are newly married and would like to serve as hospitality ministers, please register at cdlex.org/family or contact Claudia Green at the Catholic Center at (859) 253-1993, ext. 1004 to make reservations by November 12. Please give your name, parish, mailing address, phone number, and original wedding date.

Mass on the Mountaintop & Feast of Transitus

Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. for a Mountaintop Mass celebrating the Season of Creation on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Sunday, October 3 meet at 4:00 pm to hike the Auxier Ridge Trailhead, Daniel Boone National Forest, a two mile hike, followed by Mass to cap off the Season of Creation on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Following the Mass at the Gorge, Bishop Stowe will be celebrating Transitus, at 7pm at Good Shepherd church in Campton. For any questions, please contact Michael Bayer, Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Lexington. (mbayer@cdlex.org)

Season of Creation

September 1 - October 4

A HOME AND A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

- For the third consecutive week, the Gospel speaks of the place of children in God's kingdom. In Mark 10:14-15 Jesus blesses children and states, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Today's children will inherit an impoverished and unstable world due to our failures to address climate and ecological breakdown. Many suffer from deep anxiety and despair. Yet, God's kingdom belongs to 'such as these'. How can we both learn from today's children and young people, and also become like them in trust and in seeing clearly?
- Hope is the key to living through despair. Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God speaks of a future hope that is guaranteed and certain. Even if today we see only glimpses and signs of hope amidst so much suffering, we can still live in the light of our prayer 'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven'. One day, God's kingdom will come in all its glorious fulness. That does not mean we passively wait. Rather it gives us the motivation to live today in the light of that future truth.

- Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12 speak of Jesus as Lord of all creation. He is the one 'through whom' God made the universe (1:2), and who sustains all things 'by his powerful word' (1:3). He is 'heir of all things (1:2). 'now crowned with glory and honor (2:9) because of his saving death and suffering. We can have hope for the future of all creation, because Christ who died is now raised and reigns in glory. He is the one 'for whom and through whom everything exists' (2:10).

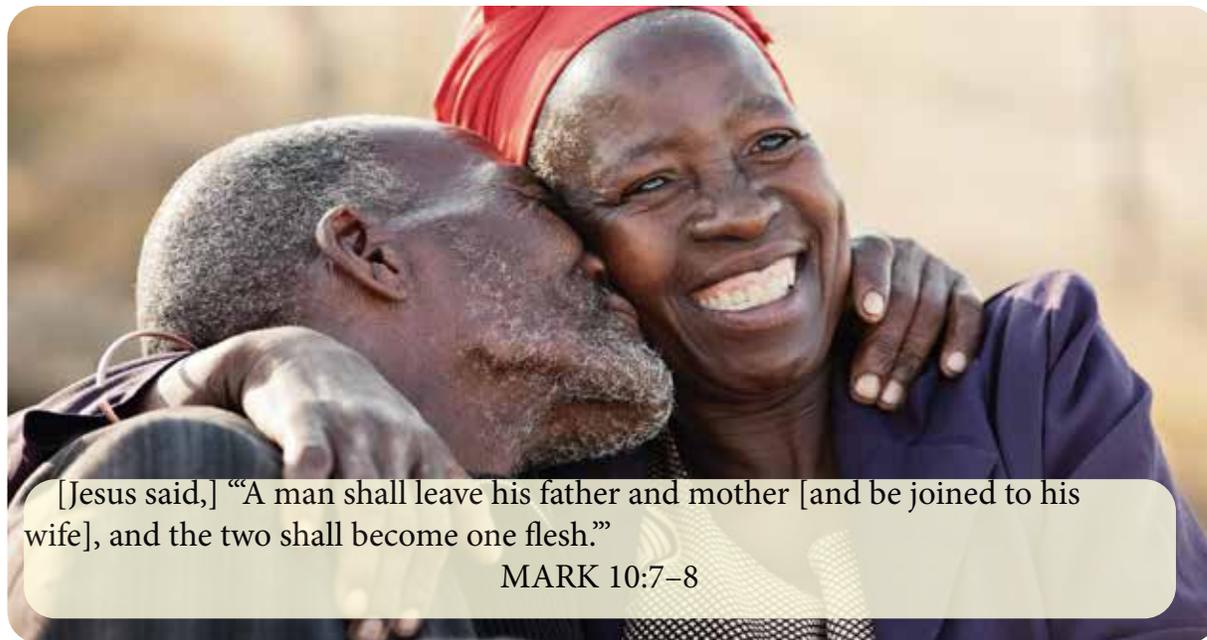
-In some mysterious way, Hebrews 2 also suggests that we as believers, are caught up with Christ in his glory, made holy, and 'crowned with glory and honour', with all things placed under our feet (2:7-8, quoting Psalm 8). Back in Genesis 1, humans were made in God's image and commissioned to reflect God's loving purposes in leadership within creation. We have repeatedly failed, but here, as in Romans 8:19 which states 'the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed', it seems the Church (God's 'sons and daughters') is once again given leadership within the community of creation. This is both a deep and humbling mystery, and a great privilege and responsibility.

Source: Season of Creation Guide for 2021

Rosary in the Grotto

This Wednesday evening we will have Rosary out in the grotto as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Rosary.

All are invited to join the community in prayer.



[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

A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The Lectionary translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones. The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Do you consider yourself a “suitable partner”?

Are you nurturing and respectful?



Readings for the Week

Monday
OCTOBER 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday
OCTOBER 5
Weekday
Jon 3:1–10
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday
OCTOBER 6
Weekday
Jon 4:1–11
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday
OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Mal 3:13–20b
Lk 11:5–13

Friday
OCTOBER 8
Weekday
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday
OCTOBER 9
Weekday
Jl 4:12–21
Lk 11:27–28

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



Dear Padre

October 3, 2021

I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?

Yes, under certain conditions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.

Fr. David Louch, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

6:40 pm Rosary in the Grotto & Communion Service



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family

Pat & Gary Lindon

Birthdays

10/3: Raymond Elsoueidi

Our Weekly Offering

for 09/26/21

Loose: \$2

Envelopes : \$455

Ordained & Lay Ministry Ed. : \$20

Monthly : \$10

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$627