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*Mark*

### **This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #247

Communion Hymn: #324

Closing Hymn: #195

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## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2018**

**Sunday, October 7 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

DE 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

MG10:30 The Thomas Ryan Family

TM 12:00 Special Intention for Jeanne Picciano from Mary Butler

**Monday, October 8**

12:10 Michael Ryan from Patty and Barry Savage

**Tuesday, October 9**

*Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonardi, Priest*

12:10 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller

**Wednesday October 10**

12:10 Ron Koettters from the Family

**Thursday, October 11**

*Saint John XXIII, Pope*

12:10 Peggy Penker from Judy and George Thelen

**Friday, October 12**

12:10 Rosa Sershion from Terry Sershion

**Saturday, October 13**

12:10 Jim McMahon from the Family

**SA 7:00 Joyce Dacey from Penker Family**

**Sunday, October 14 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW10:30 Michael Ryan from Jim and Zita Sullivan

BW 12:00 Ron Koettters from the Family

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

**Jane Marie Griffin** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism September 30th here at St. Rose Church.

**Roger Cadle II** and **Kristina Murray** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony Sept. 29th here at St. Rose Church

**Kristen Sells** and **Bruce Ernest** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony October 6th here at St. Rose Church.

In the back of church you will find **Purgatorial Envelopes** for November through October of next year. Each month two masses are said for the Purgatorial Society. This is a good way to have masses said for your loved ones. Please fill out and put the envelope in the collection basket

**Mark your calendars now for the St. Rose Choir's fourth annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 PM. This free concert will be full of beloved Christmas carols and choral music, old and new. We welcome you to invite your family and friends.**

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**Learning to Love the Scriptures**

**WHO** Any Young Adult

**WHAT** Discussion Series for Young Adults

**WHERE** Mecklenburg Gardens 302 E. University Avenue, Cin.

**WHEN** Wednesdays in October (10, 17, 24) Starts at 7:00 PM Facebook.com/totclifton Twitter@totclifton

**The collection for the St. Vincent DePaul Society was \$3,033.76. Thank you for your generosity.**

An Invitation to Catholic Physicians and Health Care Professionals  
The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) is a national, physician led community of healthcare professionals that informs, organizes, and inspires its members, in steadfast fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine. The CMA does this through its national organization and annual conference, as well as local guilds. We are happy to announce the formation of the Greater Cincinnati Guild of the CMA designed to provide support, education, and fellowship for Catholic physicians and healthcare professionals in the area. To become involved, or for more information on upcoming meetings and events, please e-mail Dr. Elmer Wahl at ewahl103@gmail.com or visit cathmed.org.

**Lectors/Lay Distributors for October 13th and October 14th**

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Shawn Gillette



**Opening Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

Jesus' sayings are hard. Sometimes there are few ways we can explain away the plain meaning of the text. We tend to be familiar with the stories of Jesus placing human beings ahead of the law, reminding us that the law was made for human beings, not human beings for the law. To illustrate this point we have stories such as Jesus healing on the Sabbath. But in today's gospel, rather than offer a flexible interpretation of the Mosaic law concerning divorce, Jesus doubles down. He tells the audience that the only reason Moses even permitted divorce was because of human stubbornness. He goes even further (thus the doubling down) and makes a startling statement that the man who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery.

This prohibition was, and remains, extreme. We can see evidence that the early church considered this extreme because Matthew's gospel (which uses Mark as a source) already amends the prohibition and makes an exception for divorce in cases of unlawful marriage, sometimes erroneously translated as "sexual immorality" (see Matt 19:9). Paul too, writing before any gospel was composed, was aware of Jesus' radical teaching on divorce. He even quotes it before offering an exception (1 Cor 7:10-16)! Paul basically says that if a Christian has an unbelieving spouse who separates, the Christian person is not bound. Today the church refers to this as the "Pauline privilege" and it applies in RCIA and other cases. As adults, we need to approach faith with a certain maturity. Rather than accept at simple face value each and every saying in the Bible, or even each and every saying of Jesus (!), we discern the meaning of the text in a community of faith.

**Closing Prayer**

To you who are the Father of creation, the Source of love and peace, and the Protector of the poor and lost, we offer these prayers for all our brothers and sisters. Hear and grant these prayers we offer, O God, in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.



**For Reflection:**

• How does a covenant relationship differ from a contract arrangement?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel** Mark 10:2-16 (longer form)

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.

**Readings for the week:**

**27th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Gen 21:8-24  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Hab 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday**

Gal 1:6-12  
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c  
Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday**

Gal 1:13-24  
Ps 138:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15  
Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14  
Ps 117:1bc, 2  
Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday**

Gal 2:1-5  
Luke 1:59-70, 71-72, 73-75  
Luke 11:5-13

**Friday**

Gal 2:7-14  
Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday**

Gal 2:22-29  
Ps 105:23, 45, 67  
Luke 11:27-28

**28th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Wis 7:7-11  
Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
Hab 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27