

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Gn 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. 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.

Reading II

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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."

The word of the Lord

A reading of the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful

- A** For those who shepherd the faithful, that they always seek God's will,
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For government leaders and legislators, that their policies support and strengthen families,
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For those burdened by physical and mental illness, that they find courage in God, through whom all things are possible,
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** That catechists continue to deepen their love of the word of God, and those seeking membership in the Church hear the word with open hearts,
let us pray to the Lord:
- E** For all here present, that their faith and simplicity bring them a deeper understanding of God's reign,
let us pray to the Lord:
- F** For all Holy Family parishioners who are sick and in need of God's healing touch,
let us pray to the Lord:
- A** For all who grieve the loss of loved one, may our hope be placed in the Risen One,
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For today's mass intentions:
(PLEASE READ NAMES),
let us pray to the Lord.

(Please read all after everyone has received communion)

For those not able to be here physically or receive Holy Communion at this time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen