

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 7, 2018

MASS READINGS

MONDAY: GAL 1:6-12, PS 111, LK 10:25-37

TUESDAY: GAL 1:13-24, PS 139, LK 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY: GAL 2:1,2- 7:14, PS 117, LK 11:1-4

THURSDAY: GAL 3:1-5, LK 1, LK 11:5-13

FRIDAY: GAL 3:7-14, PS 111, LK 11:14-26

SATURDAY: GAL 3:22-29, PS 105, LK 11:27-28

NEXT SUNDAY: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – RDGS: WIS 7:7-11, PS 90, HEB 4:12-13, MT 10:17-30 (OR 17-27)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: JESSICA MARRS

TUESDAY: JANET MOHLMAN

WEDNESDAY: FR. MEL PATTON, OSB

THURSDAY: FR. METHOD WILSON

FRIDAY: POOR SOULS

VIGIL: DONALD CLAPP

7:30: GERTRUDE BROWN

10:00: FOR THE PARISH

NOON: ALPHONSO GARCIA

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Alicia Horath. Fr. Maurice Miller. Jody Geller. Donald Springgate, Jr. Dorothy Nelson. Mary & Charles Kearney. Bonnie Hartwig. Patricia Petrone. Ann Hubertz. Farrell & LaGuire families. Donn Miles. Don Velten.

"If today you hear
His voice,
harden not your
heart!"

PSALM 95

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Because of the hardness of your hearts

I've heard parents reflect on how they have come to "relax" some of the restrictions they placed on rearing their first born when it comes to those who follow. They simply remark on how they have learned a few things from the first and they also recognize that subsequent children are not exactly the same as the first. The quote from today's gospel reminds us of such a procedure. Jesus is reminding the folks of the seriousness of marriage and states that some restrictions had been placed on this relationship due to the inability of people to give this covenant the respect and attention it deserves. One may argue whether that sort of thing can be legislated and certainly there has been enough debate on the subject. St. Paul and others have a different take on the matter and it all boils down to the role played by Christ himself. Marriage is used throughout the scriptures as an image of the relationship between God and his people. While in some cases the people have not exactly taken this covenantal relationship seriously and "strayed", God has always demonstrated his loving fidelity by standing close to Israel in "good times and in bad". By sending his only-begotten Son the Father demonstrates fully the love he has for us in that the Son is the epitome of that love. The Son's fidelity to his Father is one of the hallmarks of the message of the Kingdom Jesus came to deliver and it is in that fidelity, especially during his Passion, that we come to derive our own strength of commitment toward God and our relationship with him. It is because "he first loved us" that we love him in return and his love is steadfast, that means it never waivers. While our love may range from hot to cold and God forbid "lukewarm", we can depend on him because he cares for us. From this we take not only a special attitude regarding marriage but of all commitments which involve our relationship with God and neighbor. Even in the smallest things can we be expected to image that fidelity of love and union found within the community of the Trinity and translate that into lives of service to God and one another, beginning if the case warrants, with our spouse. Here married couples have a special role in supporting one another in their journey to the Kingdom and, when blessed by children, their lives take on another dimension, that of domestic church, in which their unity should reflect ever more profoundly our triune God. Hardness of heart notwithstanding, we are to allow the word as found in prayer, fasting and works of mercy to soften our hearts so that we may "deny ourselves", "lose ourselves" and "find" ourselves caught up in the never ending love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to Him be all glory and honor and power, forever and ever. AMEN

Softening Our Heart as Prayer

By [Juanita Ryan](#)

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker,
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.
Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.
Psalm 95:6-8

Our hearts long for God. Yet, too often, we defend ourselves against this longing. We protect our hearts by hardening them against the love we seek because we are afraid that our longings will never be satisfied. To people like us God calls out, “Do not harden your hearts. I am your Maker, your God. You are my people, you are under my care. Listen for my voice. When you hear my voice of love, soften your hearts. Let yourself trust my love and care for you.”

Prayer is responding to God’s call to soften our hearts.

This ‘softening’ is not something that happens magically or quickly. It is usually something that happens over time.

It begins as we listen for God’s voice of love and notice the extent to which we harden our hearts. Do we hear and see God’s love only to push it away by questioning it and ourselves? Do we find ourselves feeling dead or numb inside? If we find that our hearts are hard in these ways, we can ask for the grace to soften our hearts. We can pray for the openness to listen and trust God’s voice of love. When we bow before our Maker we can ask that our fearful, hardened hearts be healed.

We can ask God to soften our hearts so that they are able to receive the love that God is pouring out to us every day.

Softening our hearts also often requires us to learn to discount other voices that threaten to crowd out God’s voice. We hear voices of accusation. Voices of discouragement. Voices of shame. Unfortunately these voices sometimes get our attention more easily than the voice of Love. Even worse, we sometimes believe that these voices are the voice of God. We may actually expect accusation and shame from God. As a result, we may be afraid to listen for God’s voice because we may feel we cannot bear any more accusation or shame.

But God’s voice of love is not in the voice of accusation. God’s voice may speak loving correction—to correct our fears, to correct our self-will and destructive ways, to correct our hard hearts, to correct our refusal to love and be loved. But God’s voice is not the voice of an accuser. God’s voice is speaking life to us. God is speaking grace to us. God is calling us into loving relationship. This is the voice of God.

When we hear this Voice of loving kindness it is good to ask God to soften our hearts so that we can receive the love for which we have always longed.

I hear your voice—even when there are many
other voices.

You are the one saying that I am yours,
That you care for me,
That you love me.
But I feel myself harden
with fear and doubt.

I have trouble trusting your love.

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Soften my heart.
Help me to pay attention to
my longing for your love.
Help me to respond to your love
with a soft and joyful heart.

Prayer suggestion:

Read Psalm 95:6-8 several times.
Listen to God's voice of love for you.
Notice your responses. Talk to God about your fears and defenses.
Ask God to soften your heart as you respond to God's voice.

An Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

ADORABLE Heart of Jesus, glowing with love for us and inflamed with zeal for our salvation: O Heart! ever sensible of our misery and the wretchedness to which our sins have reduced us, infinitely rich in mercy to heal the wounds of our souls, behold us humbly prostrate before you to express the sorrow that fills our hearts for the coldness and indifference with which we have so long requited the numberless benefits that you have conferred upon us. With a deep sense of the outrages that have been heaped upon you by our sins and the sins of others, we come to make a solemn reparation of honor to your most sacred majesty.

It was our sins that overwhelmed your Heart with bitterness; it was the weight of our iniquities that pressed down your face to the earth in the Garden of Olives, and caused you to expire in anguish and agony on the cross. But now, repenting and sorrowful, we cast ourselves at your feet, and implore, forgiveness. Adorable Heart of Jesus, source of true contrition and ever merciful to the penitent sinner, impart to our hearts the spirit of penance, and give to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may sincerely bewail our sins now and for the rest of our days. Oh, would that we could blot them out, even with our blood! Pardon them, O Lord, in your mercy, and pardon and convert to you all that have committed irreverences and sacrileges against you in the sacrament of your love, and thus give another proof that your mercy is above all your works. Divine Jesus with you there are mercy and plentiful redemption deliver us from our sins, accept the sincere desire we now entertain, and our holy resolution, relying on your assistance of your grace, henceforth to be faithful to you. And in order to repair the sins of ingratitude by which we have grieved your most tender and loving Heart, we are resolved in the future ever to love and honor you in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar, where you art ever present to hear and grant our petitions, and to be the food and life of our souls. Be you, O compassionate Jesus I our Mediator with your heavenly Father, Whom we have so grievously offended, strengthen our weakness, confirm these our resolutions of amendment, and as your sacred heart is our refuge and our hope when we have sinned, so may it be the strength and support of our repentance, that nothing in life or death may ever again separate us from you. Amen.

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KEEP CALM AND PRAY THE ROSARY

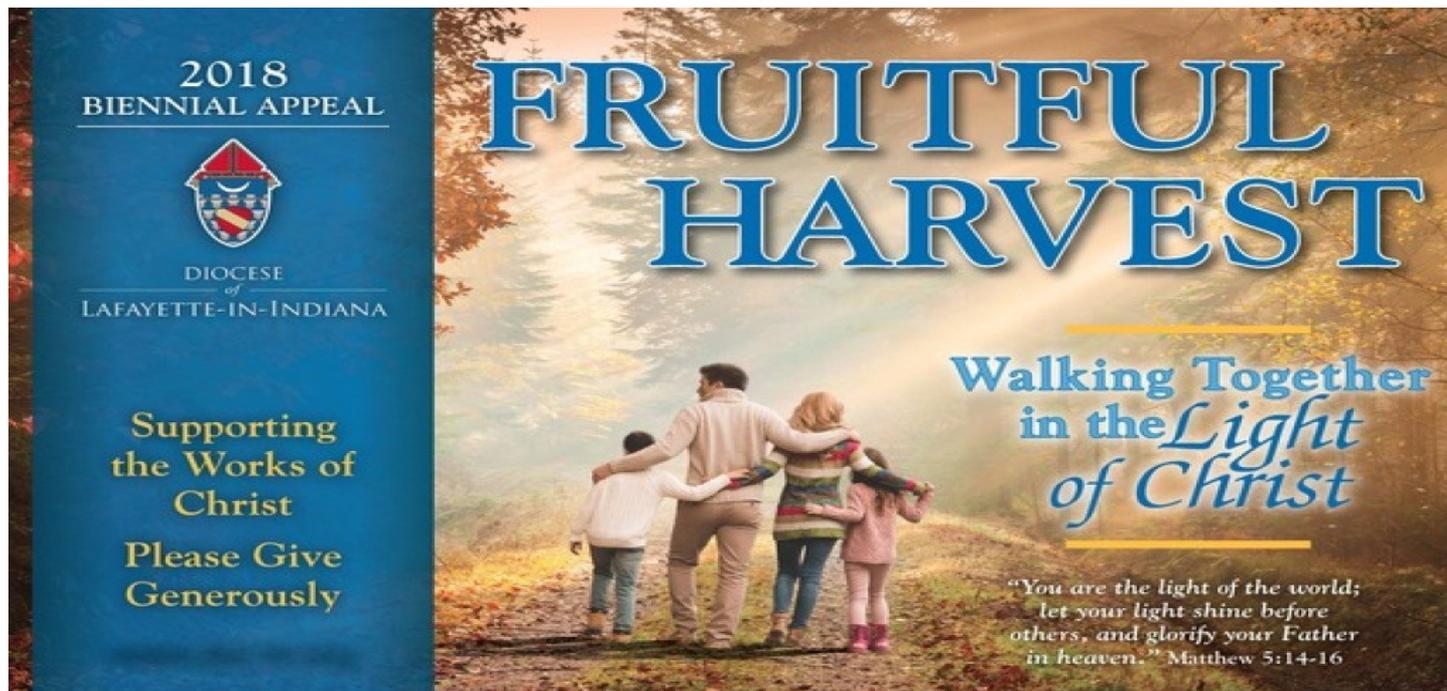
Rosaries are encouraged to take place on Sunday Oct. 7th, 2018
at 4pm eastern, 3pm central, 2pm mountain, 1pm pacific
Join us in our cry of "fiat" to Jesus through the Immaculata:

"I am your servant, be it done to me according to your Word!"



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The Fruitful Harvest campaign is our biennial stewardship fundraiser for the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. With approximately 35,000 Catholic families in 62 parishes across the Diocese, there are many ministries that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot.

Catechetical training for Religious Education teachers, recruitment and training of priests, medical care for retired priests, evangelization...these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

The Fruitful Harvest Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our treasure to help our neighbors throughout the Diocese.

Participation Goals

Our parish's goal for Fruitful Harvest 2018 is \$137,195 with 100% participation from parish families.

The Diocesan goal for Fruitful Harvest 2018 is \$9.2 million. Each parish has been assigned a share of that goal based on a formula, which takes into account both the parish population and offertory income. EVERY gift, regardless of size, is vital to our success. As soon as a parish reaches its assigned goal in paid pledges, a 10 percent rebate is paid. In addition, most parishes receive 50 percent of all funds received in excess of their goal.

Fruitful Harvest is our opportunity to financially support the wider mission of our universal Catholic Church. This includes the ministries of our own Diocese, as well as the many ministries of our Holy Father and the Church Universal. Fruitful Harvest allows us as Roman Catholics to be a concrete part of that mission, to help bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ more fully into our world.

Your gift enables us to help others through the many diocesan ministries and programs such as recruitment and training of new priests, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, catechetical training for our religious education teachers, marriage preparation and enrichment programs, to name just a few.

Donations may be made by signing up through www.dol-in.org, "Online Giving" through Faith Direct, the Diocesan secure provider for online giving. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by Fruitful Harvest.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

We would not expect a car, or a house heating/air conditioning system to run for years without any servicing, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 19-21 October 2018 and from 26-28 April 2019, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, from 1-3 February 2019. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter Weekend after 18 years of marriage: *“We were blown out of the water after our Weekend. We didn’t fully appreciate that our Sacrament was a vocation to be cherished and nurtured.”*

Cursillo, (pronounced cur-see-o), is a Spanish word meaning, “a short course in Christianity”. It is a Catholic movement, originating in Spain in the 1940s. It is a 3-day weekend retreat with daily mass, talks, prayer time, and Christian fellowship.

The weekends are held worldwide. Why go?

Jesus wants a closer relationship with all of us. What sometimes happens in our day-to-day life is we get comfortable in our faith and stop growing. Jesus wants more. He wants your undivided attention. Cursillo can do that.

The weekend offers you a chance to listen to what Jesus is trying to say to you...but you are unable to hear because of daily life, and hectic schedules. Give Jesus one weekend out of your life and he will give you an experience with him that you will never forget.

Please ask him today, in your prayers, if he would like for you to join him on the next Cursillo weekend, and then listen for his answer.

You have nothing to lose, and so much to gain.

Weekends are held once in the Spring and once in the Fall. They fill up quickly, so it is important that you get your name in early. There are separate Men and Women’s weekends.

Please don’t pass up this opportunity to spend some quality time with Jesus.

For more information, or for an application to attend a weekend, please call Yvonne Keech. My cell phone number is 765-479-2745, and my email address is: vonkeech@hotmail.com

I am the Cursillo Coordinator for St. Ann’s Parish, in Lafayette. I attend 10:00 a.m. mass, and am usually in the library after mass.



CURSILLO WEEKENDS

THE FALL MEN’S WEEKEND IS

OCTOBER 4 THRU OCTOBER 7 2018.

THE FALL WOMEN’S WEEKEND IS

OCTOBER 18 THRU OCTOBER 21 2018.



Today’s readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading, and then reinforced by Jesus in our Gospel Reading from St. Mark.

Perhaps more than any other time in Christianity, marriage and family life are under attack right now. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church’s beautiful and solid teachings in these areas. We call this type of knowledge, “Formation” and it is one of the pillars of a stewardship way of life. Solid formation in the faith not only strengthens us in our own walk with the Lord, but it allows us to pass on this knowledge to others who are thirsting to know the truth about the human person, and it also arms us to defend our beliefs, when necessary.

These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my spouse and my marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of “Time.” After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my spouse and marriage?

SUNDAY OFFERING:

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“FIND OUT HOW MUCH GOD HAS GIVEN YOU, AND FROM IT TAKE WHAT YOU NEED; THE REMAINDER IS NEEDED BY OTHERS”

ST. AUGUSTINE