**The Order of Worship**

*The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Year B*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Est 4:17  
Within your will O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Reading I: Gen 2:18-24**  
As in the first creation narrative (Gen 1:27), humans are created “in the divine image”. This connection is also suggested in today’s second reading by the power of “the man” (Adam) to name God’s creation. God appears a little slow to catch on in this reading, forming various animals as a “suitable partner” for the man but not getting it right until the appropriate partner is created and accepted as “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.”

**Psalm Response:**  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (5)  
(R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Reading II: Heb 2:9-11**  
A judgment against the rich, who have built up their treasure by denying justice to the harvesters of their fields. This condemnation is as harsh as anything found in the prophets.

**Gospel: Mk 10:2-16**  
A strong community enhances the lives of its members, but we need to keep the integrity of our community without isolating ourselves from others. We may stumble, or we may even put stumbling blocks in the way of others. We need to walk the way of the Lord in a manner that does not become a stumbling block to others.

**Communion Antiphon: Cor 10:17**  
Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.
Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel, you lovingly took
Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant,
you guided the Holy Family on the road to
Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland for the safety
of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those
entrusted to you. May your example inspire us
also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s
most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully
commit ourselves to the service and defense of
human life—especially where it is vulnerable
or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the
will of God in all things.
Amen.