

# Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

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## **A Mediation – published by The Word Among Us!**

*From the beginning of creation . . . (Mark 10:6)*

“Is it lawful?” some Pharisees quizzed Jesus, hoping to trip him up (Mark 10:2). Everyone knew Moses had allowed divorce; it was fairly commonplace in Jewish society at the time. But Jesus didn’t take their bait. Instead, he redirected them to the Garden of Eden, to a time before Moses, a time before sin entered the world. “From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. . . . And the two shall become one flesh” (Mark 10:6, 8; see Genesis 1:27). By focusing on what was lawful, these Pharisees were asking the wrong question. The real question was *What did God have in mind?*

It’s natural to think small and want specifics: what’s allowed and what isn’t, who’s right and who’s wrong. But Jesus wanted his opponents to think bigger, to see God’s huge, glorious plan—and he wants to do the same thing for us.

God’s intention for marriage is so much greater than doing right and avoiding wrong.

It’s about creative, faithful, self-giving love. It’s about God knitting together a man and woman who are both in need of grace. It’s about reflecting the image of God: revealing his perfect love through the everyday, imperfect love of a husband and wife. And it’s a beautiful window into the loving, faithful relationship that God desires to have with every one of his children.

Jesus wants to lift our eyes to the greatness of God’s plan from the beginning. Our experiences of family love will fall short of this ideal because we are all sinners. But our families can still be beautiful and glorify God. Even troubled marriages and fractured families can still be windows into God’s love. As through stained glass, God’s love can still shine through us and point toward the one who made us. Because “all things are possible for God” (Mark 10:27).

*“Jesus, teach me to love.”*

# SAVE THE DATE

Please Save the Date and pray as we begin preparations for our pastor's installation which takes place November 19-21, 2021.

## Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Rita Cook, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Bobby Eason, Mark Eason, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Barbara J. Jones, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vylfred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Tyrone Pitts, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Peggy Wilson and Mechele Yerima.

### Weekly Offering for September 26, 2021

\$7,910.00 Tithe and Offering

### Stewardship

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, **Stewardship** has been around since the beginning of mankind; it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

### Did you know?

#### Talking about stranger danger

The idea of "stranger danger" is often too broad a concept for children to grasp as not all strangers are dangerous, and children will always be meeting new people and on occasion may need to ask a stranger for help. Instead of issuing a blanket warning, try these tips for keeping children safe around people they do not know. If an unknown adult approaches them, have them check with a parent or known and trusted adult before engaging in conversation. This can be as simple as a quick look to the parent followed by a nod indicating that it is okay to interact. As an adult yourself, you can set a good example by talking first to parents, then to children in their care. This helps your own children see how trustworthy adults engage with children around their parents and helps them learn caution for adults who do not act in the same way. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article "Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

The Office of **Safeguard the Children** is dedicated to "protecting all of God's children" by fully implementing Article 12 of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The Office of Safeguard the Children provides ongoing support, education, training and resources to help prevent child sexual abuse and to address children's safety in our parishes, schools, homes and communities.

### Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Gn 2:18-24, Ps 128:1-6, Mk 10:2-16
Monday	Jon 1:1-2:11, Lk10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10, Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11, Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b, Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Jl 1:13-2:2, Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21, Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Wis 7:7-11, Ps 90:12-17, Mk 10:17-30

### RCIA

*Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...*

**Tuesday, October 5** "How do Catholics Interpret the Bible"  
Fr. Keke at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

### National Black Catholic Men's Conference

The National Black Catholic Men's Conference is inviting all our men to join them virtually for their annual convention. We are hosting the Conference's closing Mass. All are welcome to join us on October 16 at 11:30AM. Please look at our website or call the Rectory for more information and to sign up. Fee is \$75 you, may pay now or pay later.

**Did you know** that Transfiguration Church has a website?

For parish news and activities go to:

[www.transfigchurchla.com](http://www.transfigchurchla.com)

**Happy Birthday to:**

*Heather Rhodes*

who celebrated her birthday

**OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

From your family & church family!

