

St. Timothy Guide

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 3, 2021

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Register at the Parish Office and
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Make arrangements at least 7
months in advance.



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Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday-Friday
8:30 a.m.

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9:00-9:45 a.m.

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One in Love, One in Body, One in Life

Two springs, which start from different sources, come closer together and merge as a river which flows as one till it reaches the ocean. Jesus teaches about the institution of marriage in the same way, "Man and woman are bonded together by God and the two shall become one flesh." This union is one and shall remain so eternally.



This weekend's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the sacredness of family life and the unbreakable bond of marriage between man and woman. As Jesus says, "They shall no longer be two but one flesh. What God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In the book called, *Grim Reality Fairy Tales*, the text says, "and the Prince kissed her and they fell in love, dated a while, moved in together, got married, had a baby, got separated, got divorced, spent time alone rediscovering themselves, met someone new, fell in love and repeated the same pattern forever." This scene is sad, hopeless, and far from what God intended.

The book of Genesis says, "God created woman from the ribs of a man." Some writers say, "Woman is womb plus man." "She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man." The Bible says Adam marveled when he saw the woman and said, "She is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." The same man said to God about his wife after he turned away from God, "The Woman you gave me deceived me and gave me the fruit that you told us not to eat" (Genesis 3:12).

Usually, some priests speak about the three "rings" in marriage. First, is the engagement ring, second the wedding ring, and the third is "Suffe-ring". In the reading this weekend, St. Paul speaks about the third ring that is suffe-ring. He relates married life with Jesus' relationship with the church. Jesus loved her and poured out his blood in order to purify her (Ephesians 5:25). "Jesus tasted death for us and he became one for us, bone of bone and flesh of flesh" (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus sacrificed his life for the sanctification of the church. Paul advises that likewise a husband should love and foster his wife as his own body, the wife on her part must love her husband.

Marriage is a gift from God. It is not designed to be a burden but a blessing. There is joy and harmony in families and there are sorrows and differences as well. However, Divine Love is the only one who can overcome these sorrows and sort out these differences. Therefore, never ever distance yourself from the Almighty. Let him be in you.

Fr. John Nedumcheril

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 2/3, 2021)

In the framework of the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: ... *for whom and through whom all things exist* through God, today's Scripture readings from the Book of Genesis and St. Mark's Gospel promote the common theme of sacred marriage. In the Gospel, Jesus, referencing Genesis, proclaims, *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.* It is clear from these Scripture readings that God's blessing of marriage is the union between one man and one woman. This is God's teaching on Christian marriage. It is this Scriptural Truth, this Church teaching, that faithful stewards must embrace to counter secular society's law, which professes a false image of marriage. In this Truth, the Sacrament of Matrimony accomplishes its full Christian meaning and potential by strengthening husbands and wives to love and serve the Lord and one another. To enhance your marriage, consider attending a Marriage Enrichment Series or a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Source: AOD.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God."

Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus



Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey! ©LPi



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

4 p.m. Geri Lilly (85th Birthday) by the Bellmore family

+John Saionzkowski by family

Sunday, Oct. 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. +Don & Eileen Lessner by Podolski family

+Robert Dwornick by family

11 a.m. +John Angeliu by Christ Stoltz

Kayla Salamon (birthday blessings) by Busia Sophie

Monday, Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 a.m. +Joe Pisarcik by Dave & Kathy Pisarcik

+Robert Dwornick by family

Wednesday, Oct. 6, St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:30 a.m. +Denis Charles Molnar by Wife & Daughter

+Shirley Gwardinski by Niece Maria Elena

Thursday, Oct. 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 a.m. +Rosalie Koshko by Irene Swisz & family

+Victims of abortion by Anonymous

Friday, October 8, Weekday

8:30 a.m. All children and grandchildren by Carol

Cooper

Saturday, Oct. 9, St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

4:00 p.m. +Felix and Hattie Saionzkowski by John and

Felicia Kopp

Sunday, Oct. 10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. +Richard Hirsch by Deacon Mark and

Nancy Redwine

11:00 a.m. +Rosalie Koshko by Irene Swisz & family

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body." What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?

**Second Reading:**

The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. In what way do you find comfort in this idea?

Gospel:

Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position? ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**Therein lies the...rib**

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Those with a passion for serving others may hear God's call to turn to the diocesan priesthood and consecrated life to fulfill their life's mission.

Religious vocations include the diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate, religious order priests, consecrated life and other religious formations. Each person takes his or her own path in vocations, which could lead to celebrating the Gospel, teaching children or serving the poor and sick.

The Office of Priestly Vocations, with the support of the Archbishop, is the chief promoter of vocational awareness for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Office processes all candidates for the priesthood for the Archdiocese and serves as a bridge to build a culture of vocations within the Curia and the parishes. For information, go to vocations@aod.org

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?**Answer:**

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit

www.hopeafterabortion.com. ©LPi

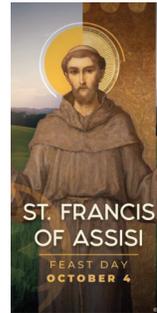
**St. Francis of Assisi
Feast Day October 4**

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

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**Right to Life -
LIFESPAN**

**Take Action with our
2000 Crosses Display**

It is not too late to join the Life Chain event on Sunday, October 3 from 2-3:30pm. Visit www.milifespan.org for the nearest Life Chain location. Also, a reminder that *LIFESPAN* maintains a display of 2000 white crosses to provoke thought about the tragedy of abortion in our communities. The crosses are accompanied by 4 signs which explain what the display represents.

The 2000 crosses display is offered free of charge for churches and organizations throughout Metro Detroit to borrow. If your church, school, parent's club, men's group, women's group, or any other organization is interested in a great way to witness to life please contact our Oakland/Macomb office at 248-816-1546 or oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council #3615 will be at St. Timothy on Oct. 16th and 17th to raise funds for people with mental impairments. Please look for them as you enter and leave church.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
Genesis 2:18-24**

Try, Try Again

God keeps trying. If things don't work out the way God wants them to, our creator never gives up. God keeps trying.

The Book of Genesis tells the story of God's attempt to create a partner for the solitary man. God tried everything. Out of the ground came various wild animals. Out of the air came various birds. God brought each of them to the man, hoping one might make a good partner. The man gave names to all of them. But none proved to be a suitable partner.

You can almost sense the disappointment that God and the created man must have felt. The earth is filled with wondrous creatures. In the view of the writer of the Book of Genesis, all those creatures were made for delight. But none ultimately satisfied.

Finally, God reached not into the ground, not into the air, but into the man himself, withdrew a rib, and fashioned it into a woman. God kept trying.

When the man saw her, he recognized that she was his partner.

God desires our happiness. Sometimes we move from friend to friend, house to house, school to school, and job to job, looking for the right source of satisfaction. God never gives up on us. God keeps trying.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2
Hebrews 2:9-11**

Loving the Future

A lot of us have a good life today because our ancestors sacrificed. Some of them worked the land by the sweat of their brow. Some left their home in one country and took a hard journey to another. Others came unwillingly and worked as slaves for those with power. Our ancestors wanted a better future. They sacrificed for it. They knew they might not enjoy the finer things of life. But they hoped their children would.

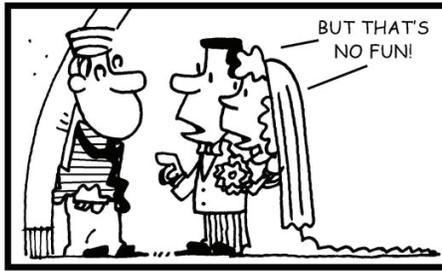
At our worst, our generation spends more than it saves. It enjoys the present more than it plans for the future. Many of us have forgotten the sacrifices of the past and the character of our ancestors. We will not sacrifice until we love the future—until we care enough about a generation yet to be born.

Jesus Christ loved the future and gave his life for generations yet to be born. The Letter to the Hebrews, commenting on Psalm 8, says that Jesus "'for a little while' was made 'lower than the angels,' that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." When Jesus came to save us, he did not come as a great king, a wealthy businessman, or a pampered adolescent. He came in order to taste death, and so bring us to glory.

We have a good life because of our ancestors. We have a rich spiritual inheritance because of Christ. Sacrificial love prepares for future generations.

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MILITARY PRAYER LIST

May God bless and protect all men and women in the military, especially those we pray for here:

John DeLucia, Sydney King Air Force, Peter J. Podolski, ; Air Force; Jonathan Martin, Air Force; Tim Shiflet, Army; Ben Stoddard, Army; Justin M. Purdy, Marines.



Please notify the office of any changes

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STEWARDSHIP
Sept. 25-26, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00
Offertory (received by mail and at church)	\$2,140.00
Relief to Poland	\$ 20.00
Envelopes	52

Daily Marriage Tips
foryourmarriage.org



- 1) Does your spouse need to hear words of love or apology from you? Don't put it off – do it today.
- 2) If one of you is sad, sick, or depressed, how can you tell? What do you usually do to comfort each other? Does talking about it help? Or would you rather have time alone? What does your spouse want you to do? Ask.
- 3) "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mk 8:33) We are not always capable of understanding the way in which God works. But we must always trust and remain faithful to Him, despite our lack of understanding. He will not lead us astray.



Looking for volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help with washing the church linens. If you are willing to assist, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or call the office.

Do you like knitting? We have a group of women who meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Consider joining the Happy Hookers!

Sunday, Oct 03, 2021 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - To live the gospel of life At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting, knows the simplicity of childhood and the complex politicized life of an adult. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us.
TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (140). "Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Monday, Oct 04, 2021 MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI - For all creatures great and small On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."
TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Tuesday, Oct 05, 2021 MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST - Open your heart to those left behind The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States—and soon became a Redemptorist priest. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them.
TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). "You are anxious and worried about many things."

Wednesday, Oct 06, 2021 MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER - Stand with those who hold the fire line With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was

reportedly saved from a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that seem stronger and more widespread by the year.
TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). "[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'"

Thursday, Oct 07, 2021 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - Count on the Rosary Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." This day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?
TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Friday, Oct 08, 2021 God points toward hope On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles.
TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). "But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."

Saturday, Oct 09, 2021 MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR - Keep your head about you! Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a cephalophore, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the saint over the centuries struggled with the question, "Where do you put the halo? Over his head, or where his head used to be?" Though we smile, a nugget of truth comes through the legend. When we give all we have to God, our life is memorable and our story ends well.
TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). "[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"



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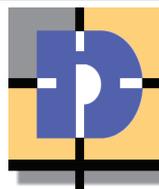
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