

A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as "helper" or "helpmate," thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectionary* translates the word as "suitable partner," emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as "alone." A common meaning is "separated from," implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is

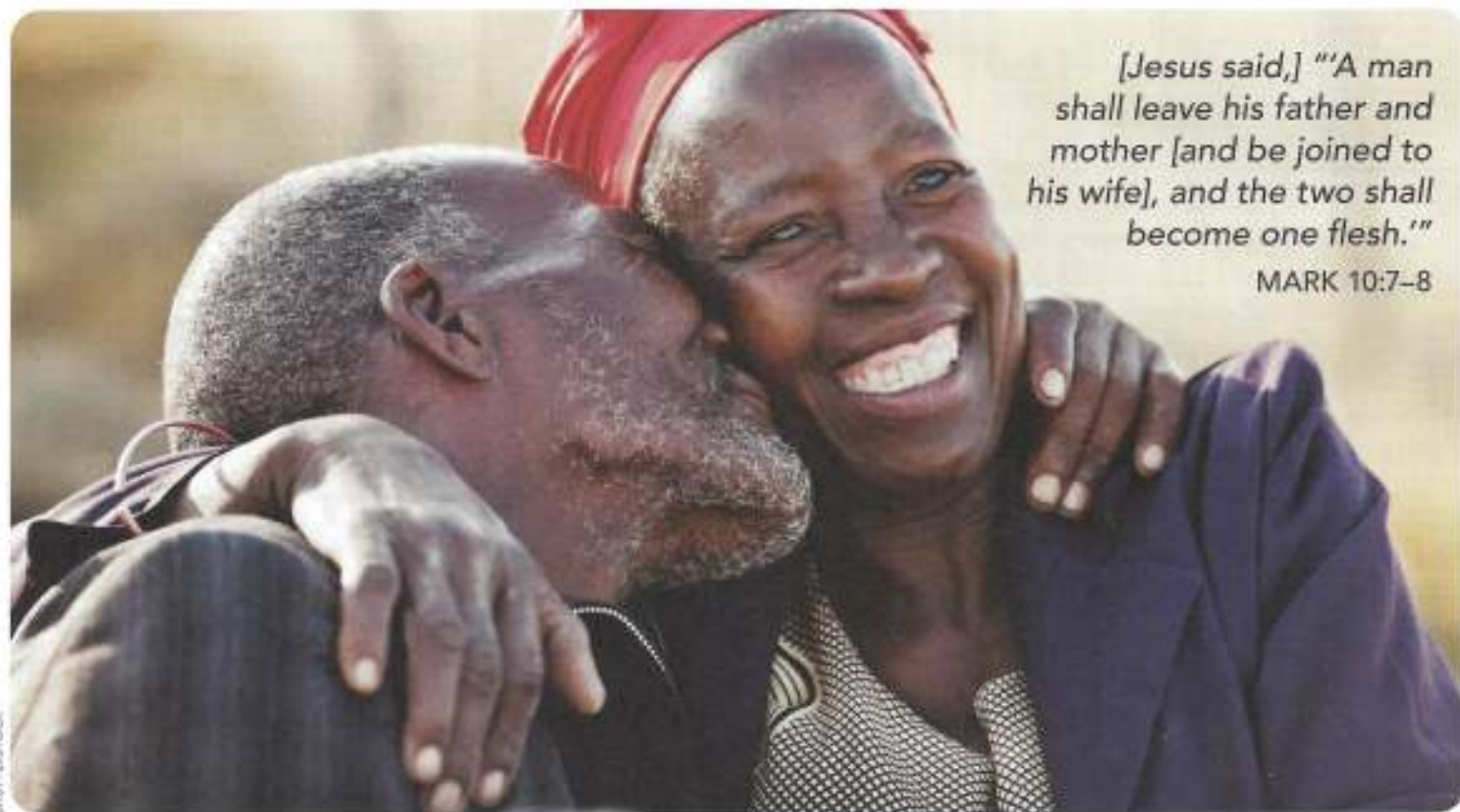
on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus' interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today's readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you consider yourself a "suitable partner"?
- ★ Are you nurturing and respectful?



[Jesus said,] "A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh."

MARK 10:7-8



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD October In-Person

CCD 10/17—K-4th

CCD 10/24—5th-8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri.- 9:00AM (10/8 -8am)

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

(Time change 10/8 Mon-Sun 9am-6pm)

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home

Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of Oct. 3, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

10/5 ** 9:00AM**STM

10/6 **5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

10/7 **9:00AM**HT

10/8 ** 8:00AM **STM

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of Oct. 9-10, 2021**

Saturday:

Sunday:

**4:00PM **STM

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AMHT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† No Mass

† NO MASS—Fr. at Retreat

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† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

† Richard Guerrini

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

† Dec Memb Ritchie Family

†Kathy Sondgeroth

For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Sept. 25 & 26

Holy Trinity - \$754.00

St. Patrick - \$387.00

St. Thomas More - \$585.00



Love. Grow. Serve.

Caring for Our Parishioners Sick and Homebound

*If you or someone you know is
at home or hospitalized and
would like to receive a visit and
communion please let us know*

TIME CHANGES AT STM

Starting in October 10/8

Daily Masses Tues & Fri. will
start at 8:00am Beginning on
Fri. Oct. 8th

Fall/Winter Hrs For Adoration
Room Mon.—Sunday 9am-6pm
Beginning on Friday Oct. 8th

ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity -\$14,062

\$1,680.00

St. Patrick—\$8,619

\$3,160.00

St. Thomas More -\$9,485

\$1,940.17

Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli/Tortellini and/or
Tortellacci \$8 per bag

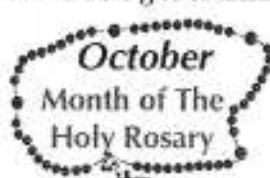
Sept. Update: Gross Income
\$2,661.50

338 Packages Tortellini

105 Packages Tortellacci



During this Year of St. Joseph, the Holy Father invites us to reflect more deeply on how St. Joseph loved Jesus with a father's heart. Joseph's unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our call as Christians to safeguard God's gift of human life.



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Have you made a pledge for the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months. There are envelopes in back of the churches / pews. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries. To date, we have posted gifts/pledges totals to the left under ADA Goals & Updates section. To those who have pledged, thank you!

Confessions

The next confessions will be
Saturday - Oct. 9th 10:30-11:15pm -
at St. Thomas More in the Hall.

Today's Gospel

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others.

AREA EVENT

Ladd Library will have BC Senior Center on Wed. Oct. 6th at 1:00pm to discuss many benefits available for seniors.

Dear Padre,

I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?

Yes, under certain conditions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.

Fr. David Louch, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.

HOMILY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Lk 10:25—37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jon 3:1—10

Lk 10:38—42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jon 4:1—11

Lk 11:1—4

Thursday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13—20b

Lk 11:5—13

Friday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2

Lk 11:15—26

Saturday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jl 4:12—21

Lk 11:27—28

Sunday

OCTOBER 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7—11

Heb 4:12—13

Mk 10:17—30

or 10:17—27

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.