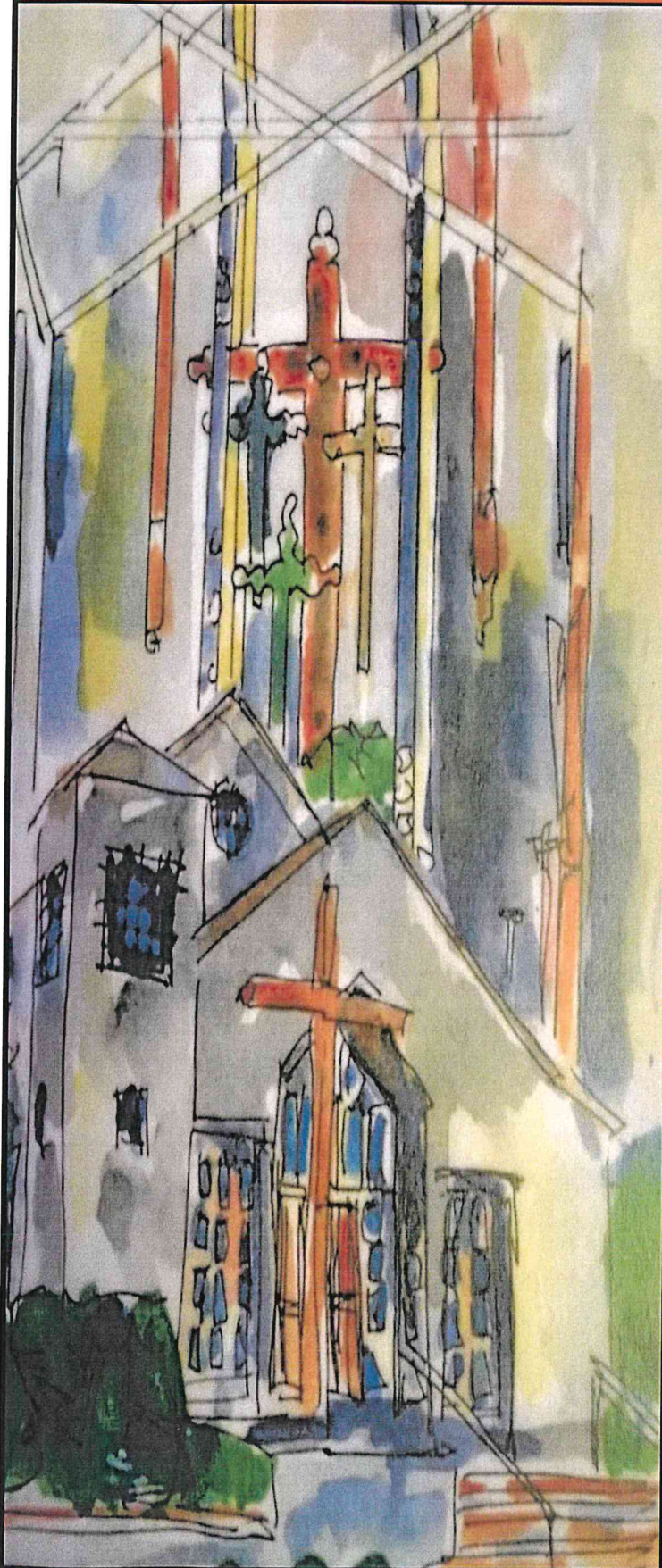


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Sacrament of Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M.—4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.

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MASS INTENTIONS OCT. 7-13, 2024

Mon 7	5:30 P.M.	†Norma Hernandez
Tue 8	8:30 A.M.	†John Patrino
Wed 9	8:30 A.M.	†The Desmond Family
Thu 10	8:30 A.M.	†Ron Paige
Fri 11	8:30 A.M.	†Steven Crowell
Sat 12	4:30 P.M.	People of St. Peter Parish
Sun 13	8:30 A.M.	†Robert Green
	11:00 A.M.	†Lance Gureghian

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Reading <i>Galatians</i> 1:6-12 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 111:1-2,7-10 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 10:25-37
Tue 8	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 1:13-24 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 139:1-3,13-15 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 10:38-42
Wed 9	<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs</i> <i>Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i> Reading <i>Galatians</i> 2:1-2,7-14 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 117:1-2 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:1-4
Thu 10	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 3:1-5 (Psalm) <i>Luke</i> 1:69-75 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:5-13
Fri 11	<i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i> Reading <i>Galatians</i> 3:7-14 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 111:1-6 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:15-26
Sat 12	Reading <i>Galatians</i> 3:22-29 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 105:2-7 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 11:27-28
Sun 13	<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Reading I <i>Wisdom</i> 7:7-11 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 90:12-17 Reading II <i>Hebrews</i> 4:12-13 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 10:17-30

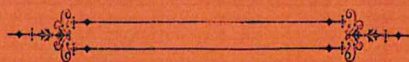
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OCTOBER 6, 2024



27TH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches — the little churches that we call our families.

The First Reading from the book of Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation when God made man and woman. When Adam sees the woman he says, “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman.’”

We can almost hear the longing, gratitude, and appreciation in Adam’s voice when he meets Eve as he says, “at last.” She was a gift because she was an equal partner to him.

This was before the fall of man, meaning sin had not entered the world. Adam and Eve only viewed each other in total acceptance and love.

Our Gospel brings us to life after sin had entered the world — a time that is familiar to us. As the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, He expressed that Moses permitted it because of the hardness of man’s heart. However, Jesus was calling them to deeper holiness. He was calling them to restore the original plan God had intended for marriage, “A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Jesus’ words still apply to us here and now in each of our domestic churches. It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God’s original plan for marriage and family life — homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 13, 2024 — MAINTENANCE

For the continued upkeep in maintaining the Church to keep the facilities operational and to cultivate and care for the gardens, trees and grounds surrounding St. Peter Church.

Learning Compassion

By Emily Sanna

"Compassion is...the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too,"

—Frederick Buechner

Our lives are full of moments, large and small, where we align ourselves with others because we are moved by their sorrow or need. We comfort a friend who just lost his father. Stand in solidarity with people suffering under systematic injustices. Pick up our child when she cries. Care for the orphaned kitten we find on the front stoop. In these situations, it feels almost unbearable to do nothing. When we see pain, we feel moved to act; it is hard to stand passively by. This is compassion.

Meaning "to suffer together," the word compassion always implies a reciprocal action. When we see someone in pain, we feel an emotional response, but there is also a true desire to help. Different from sadness or empathy, which are interior feelings, compassion reaches outwards. It means standing in relationship with someone else—allowing yourself to experience their world and their suffering as if it were your own.

Studies have shown that when we feel compassion, we release oxytocin, a chemical in the brain linked to feelings of emotional closeness. At the same time, our heart rate slows and the regions of the brain that are linked to empathy, caregiving, and pleasure all light up. Additional research has also shown that regularly feeling compassion can help make us resilient to stress. And this, in turn, reduces the likelihood of several diseases, including heart disease, cancer, depression, and Alzheimer's disease.

So apparently practicing compassion has some pretty impressive effects on your health. But before you run out and start tutoring at-risk youth or volunteering in your local soup kitchen in order to decrease your likelihood of getting cancer, consider this: The health benefits are only seen when people are acting out of altruism rather than any self-serving purpose.

That's not to say that cultivating compassion has no benefits. Quite the opposite. Imagine how different the world would be without compassion! It is this drive to help others in the face of suffering that has resulted in every single social justice victory in human history. The Civil Rights movement or women's suffrage or the current struggle to end racial inequality would look quite different if only the people directly affected had gotten involved.

Sometimes it's easy to show compassion. It's easy to recognize that the child laborer in Bangladesh needs our help and support, or that our best friend needs a shoulder to cry on when she's going through a tough time at work. But at other times it's more difficult to remind ourselves to constantly reach out and experience every human relationship with compassion. It is often all too easy to judge others, to get angry, or to assume the worst of someone.

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It's at this point that we need to remember that while compassion is a very human impulse, it is also a divine one. We learn how to be compassionate from God—the same God who we believe sent Christ to earth to save all of humanity, even though that meant suffering on the cross. As Christians, we believe that God stands with the suffering, the marginalized, and the lost. God mourns with every life lost, every tragedy experienced, every human rights violation or injustice or crime.

In this month's print version of *U.S. Catholic*, author and spiritual director Sister Joyce Rupp talks about her work at the Institute of Compassionate Presence in Des Moines, Iowa. Compassion is a nuanced thing; it affects how we understand our relationship with God, others, the rest of creation, and even ourselves. When Rupp does a workshop or retreat on compassion, she takes four days to explain the different ways of thinking about the concept in big and small ways: how compassion affects our brains, self-compassion, compassion for the suffering, compassion for the earth, and compassion for the marginalized.

We aren't all lucky enough to be able to attend a four-day workshop on compassion with a spiritual director as talented and wise as Joyce Rupp. But this month, on the *U.S. Catholic* blog, every week we will feature a post about a different way of looking or thinking about compassion. Some of these are small—how to remember to have compassion for yourself, for example. But others are large and far-reaching. All will hopefully allow us to understand this fundamental part of human nature in a deeper and more meaningful way.

*Like the good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of
touching the wounds of those who suffer,
but try to heal them with
concrete acts of love and compassion.*

—Pope Francis

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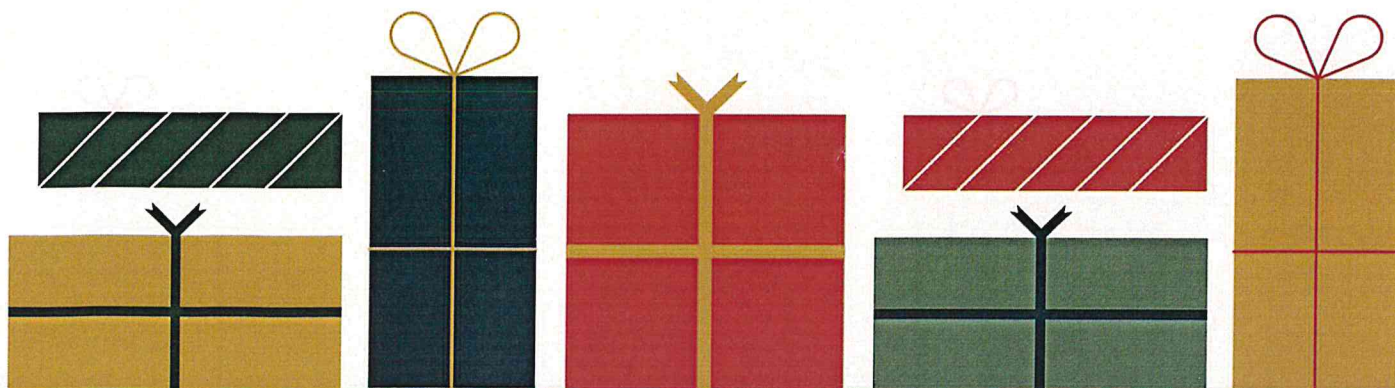


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PARISH CALENDAR OCTOBER 7-13, 2024

MON 7
 11:00 A.M. 55 Plus Club
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 5:30 P.M. Evening Mass

TUE 8
 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 3:45 P.M. Religious Education Classes
 3:45 P.M. Confirmation Classes
 7:00 P.M. RCIA Class

WED 9
 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 3:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes
 3:45 P.M. Confirmation Class
 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class
 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

THU 10
 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

FRI 11
 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass
 3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SAT 12
 4:30 P.M. Mass

SUN 13 *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:30 A.M. Mass
 11:00 A.M. Mass

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