A close-up photograph of two hands, one from a person with a dark sleeve, gently holding each other. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting with warm, golden light.

[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

Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

Reflect

When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?

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REFLECTIONS

In Praise of Commitment

Not infrequently we have the opportunity here at Saint Francis Village Chapel to celebrate a wedding anniversary. I am always glad to do so, offering a blessing to the couple for their faithful commitment to marriage. It is important to note that persevering in a marriage commitment is not the same thing as saying there have been no challenges or difficulties in the marriage. Every marriage, as with every individual life, has its own set of successes and failures, joys, and sorrows. What we celebrate then at such times is not perfection but commitment. It is the realization that relationships can be challenging but with perseverance and a sense of humor, it is possible to overcome all such difficulties. God blesses couples who struggle daily to live their marriage vows. Living out the Sacrament of Marriage is possible only with human engagement and spiritual assistance.

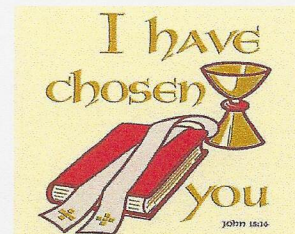
A similar situation exists each fall when our Bishop invites all of the priests of the diocese to an Anniversary Luncheon. All of the priests are invited and recognized and thanked for their continued service, but special focus is on those priests celebrating significant anniversaries. It might not seem overly significant to be celebrating 5 years of ordination while standing next to a priest celebrating 50 years, but each anniversary has its story and thus each is important to celebrate. Again, as with marriage, the situation is not perfection but perseverance based on commitment. The vows of obedience, chastity and spiritual poverty taken by priests are not always easy to live out, but all things are possible with the help and grace of God.

Now for those who might say, 'I'm not celebrating a significant wedding anniversary' or 'I am not a priest with an anniversary to remember,' it is important to note that all of us have experience of commitment and perseverance in our lives. This is true of all relationships, in family, with friends, at work and within both secular and religious communities. For the Christian, however, it is not merely a case of enduring in these relationships, but rather a question of persevering in the commitment made in order to find true peace, harmony and fulfillment. In Christ we are

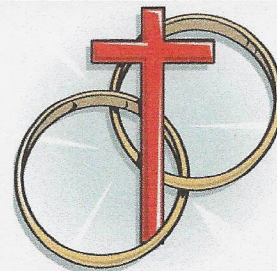
drawn into an intimate relationship and the challenge of daily discipleship is to share the love and grace of that divine-human relationship with those in our lives. And that can be difficult at times; after all, none of us is perfect and relationships can be messy and challenging. But hopefully we persevere; we re-commit ourselves daily to following Christ and allowing that faith life to shine forth in the interactions of our lives.

All have something to celebrate – our perseverance in the faith and our continuing commitment to live daily faithful discipleship in a variety of ways. Even if you are not singled out for a special blessing because of a special anniversary, mentally 'stand up' and pat yourself on the back for each day of commitment lived!

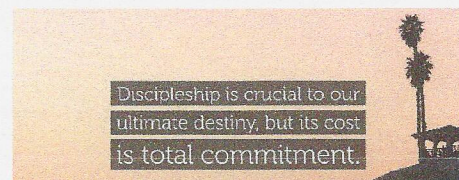
From Father Ken



CELEBRATE Commitment to the Priesthood



CELEBRATE Commitment to Marriage



CELEBRATE Commitment to Faithful Discipleship

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have entered the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time. As a reflection on the Doctrine of the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, the Church asserts that ***Jesus is literally and wholly present body, blood, soul and divinity under the appearance of bread and wine.*** The Bible is very clear in declaring this doctrine (1 Cor 10-16-17, 11:23-29 and John 6: 32-71). Ignatius of Antioch declared: ***I have no taste for corruptible food nor the pleasures of this life. I only desire the bread of God which is the flesh of Christ...and for drink I desire his blood which is love incorruptible.***

For those of you still desiring to contribute to the Annual Diocesan Appeal *Catholic Stewardship in Action*, you can send a check by mail; phone in a donation; or donation on line:

Mailing Address:

Advancement Foundation,
Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
201 Main Street, Suite 1198
Fort Worth TX 76102-3101.

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It is countdown time for the SFV Catholic Chapel-sponsored Village Picnic at the PAX Center on Sunday Oct 20th from Noon to 3:00 PM. If you have not signed up for the free event, sign-up sheets are located at the PAX Business Office or in the entrance to the Catholic Chapel. If you need a ride to the Picnic, contact the Chapel office or Julie Miller.

Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Burleson has their Fall Festival on Sunday Oct 13th from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM. It will feature games, food, live music, dance groups and a silent auction. The address is 100 SW Alsbury Blvd, Burleson, TX 76028.

Father Ken will be vacationing during this next week. We thank Saint Andrew's Father Dan Pattee and Father Matthew Simons who will say Mass during this time. However, there will be No Mass on Thursday October 10th because the priests will be attending a Diocesan Assembly.

In closing, and keeping with the theme of the opening comments on the Holy Eucharist, I came across a statement made regarding the Holy Eucharist during the Catholic Bishops Conference:

The Body and Blood of Christ's presence under the appearance of Bread and Wine are to be treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the Celebration of the Eucharist. In the Latin Church one must fast for at least one hour prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist. Christ Jesus is wholly present under the appearance of either bread or wine in the Eucharist. Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality in the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of Churches not fully united with the Holy Catholic Church are not admitted to Holy Communion .

May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*God Give You Peace
Mike Pierson*

The Sacrament of Marriage



For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

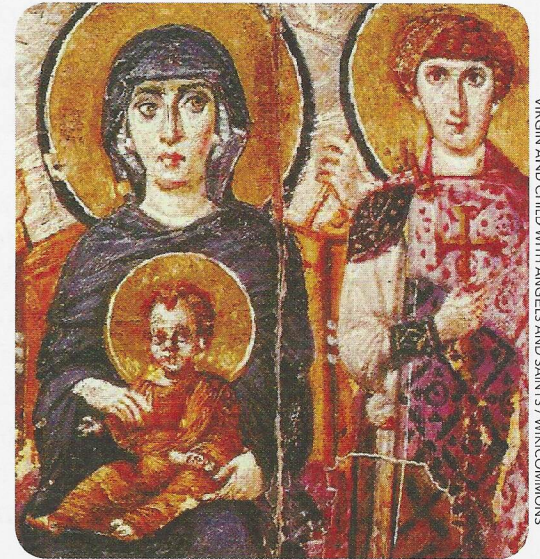
Mass Intentions

<u>Oct. 6, 2024</u>	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
<u>Oct. 7, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Troy Leatherman By SFV Catholic Chapel
<u>Oct. 8, 2024</u>	Father Bob Strittmatter
<u>Oct. 9, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Deacon Ricardo Chavez By Deacon Howard Herring
<u>Oct. 10, 2024</u>	NO MASS
<u>Oct. 11, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Jane Stovall By SFV Catholic Chapel
<u>Oct. 12, 2024</u>	Repose of the Souls of Jonathan & Devin Massey By Mel & Julie Miller (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

Dear Padre,

Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 7, 2018

Monday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 11
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 12
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 13
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7–11
Heb 4:12–13
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27