

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Oct. 6, Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR OCT. 6 – OCT 13

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Kenneth Elbert
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard Boes

St. Mary's

Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Fri	8:15 a.m.	
Sat	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday, October 8

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 14-18

Father will be gone from Oct.14 – Oct. 18

Tuesday, October 15

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

Rosary For Life at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 17

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Friday, October 18

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

Saturday, October 19

Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

Sunday, October 20

Collection for World Mission Sunday

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1,119.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>Oct 6</u>	Kathy Eck	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
<u>Oct 13</u>	Kimberly Prince	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Rosemary Boes, Father Peter Morciniec, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

PCCW will be collecting Large cans of fruit and vegetables for St. Peter's Outreach during the months of October and November.

FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as you lived God's plan for your family, you changed the shape and design of the human family. Watch over all families today as they struggle to live God's word in the midst of challenge and difficulty. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024: Gn 2:18-24 | Ps 128:1-6 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16

Supernatural Love in Marriage

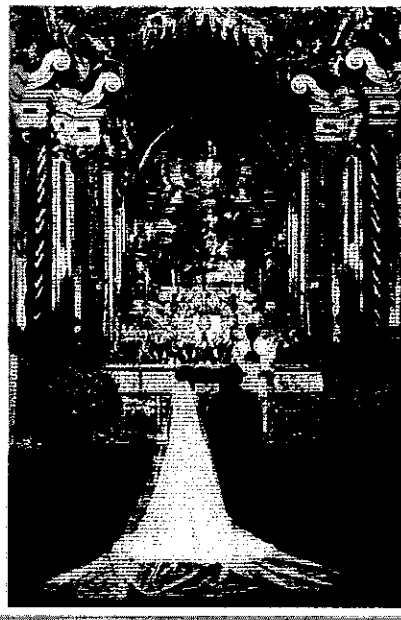
Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1), supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.



Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person?
- † How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?
- † How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help?
- † Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.