



Love Takes Work

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If you believed your own natural death was imminent, would that affect the decisions you make? When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that was his expectation—that the Lord's return was going to take place quickly, that the Second Coming was just about to occur and could happen at any time.

While St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that it is better to be unmarried than married, the purpose of this advice is to keep life simple and focused on what is important. Don't make any long-term commitments like buying a field, or starting a business, or even getting married. Be ready and prepared because the end of the world could literally be tomorrow. "I should like

you to be free of anxieties," he wrote. Much later, St. Paul realized the end was not going to happen as soon as originally expected.

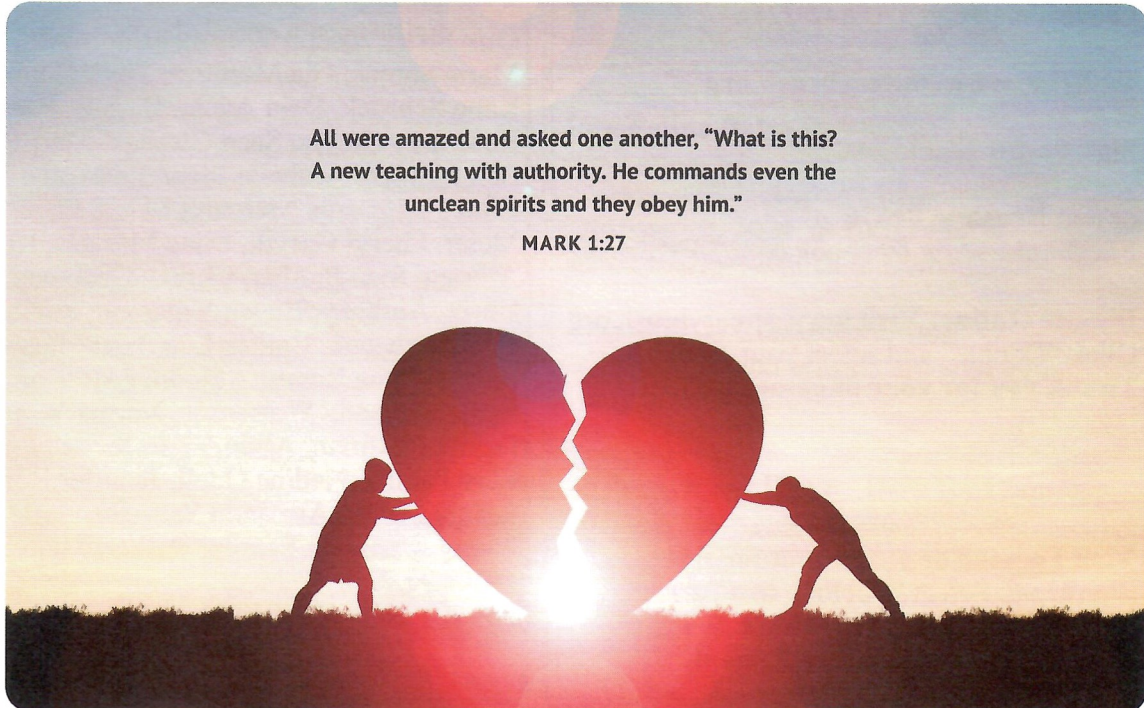
Saint Paul was not against marriage. He would be the first to say that, ideally, marriage can and often does reveal the depths of human love, but he would also say that it takes work; it doesn't happen all by itself. Just as readily, St. Paul would also note that, ideally, celibacy can and often does reveal the breadth of love given in service to others, whether the celibate person is lay, a priest, or a religious. It can seem, however, that the unclean spirit that Jesus cast out continues to roam human lives. All of us struggle to live out love as best we can, wherever we find ourselves in life. ●

Reflect

What in your life gets in the way of loving as well as you would wish?

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this?
A new teaching with authority. He commands even the
unclean spirits and they obey him."

MARK 1:27



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Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
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Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
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Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 27 Vigil

5:00 p.m. †Marty Dulaney - BD

Sun Jan. 28 Mass/4th Sunday Ord. Time

10:00 a.m. †Jesus Reyes Figueroa - EP

12:00 p.m. Spiker Family Intentions

Thurs Feb 1 Mass

5:30 p.m. Graces for Cecilia Kalous

**Fri. Feb. 2 Mass/Presentation of the Lord
First Friday**

8:00 a.m. Graces for Perez Family

Sat. Feb. 3 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Graces for Leo Millburg

Sun Feb. 4 Mass/5th Sunday Ord. Time

10:00 a.m. †Maria Guadalupe Pulido - EP

12:00 p.m. Graces for Max Lambrecht
and Family - JJD

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa
Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum,
Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla,
Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt,
Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill,
Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula
Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla
Albrant, Stan Prather, Christy Chapman, Ron
Uhrig, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby
Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso,
Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Rodney Hergenreter,
Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Norma Wolfe,
Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner,
Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero,
Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery
Pieper, Carmona Family, Delbert Meier, Leo
Millburg, Neil Wahlert

For the Soul: Gerrard Flores



Anointing of the Sick
January 27/28 after each Mass

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LENT 2024
Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14
A Day of Fasting & Abstinence
St. Mary - 8:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.
St. Joseph - 6:00 p.m.

LENT 2024
Fridays of Lent at St. Mary:
A Day of Abstinence
5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. - Lenten video
after video - Knights dinner
Dates: February 16th, 23rd,
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Fasting and abstinence regulations:
All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
To fast means to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken for good health but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.
March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron
March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling
March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

St. Mary's: February 3rd/4th
Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

St. John's: February 11th
Second Sunday of the month
11:30 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.

Blessing of St. Blaise

We remember St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. He is the patron of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. February 3rd and 4th weekend Masses will end with the blessing of throats.
St. Blaise, pray for us!



Jose Felipe Delgado, seminarian, who spent a summer with us, is being ordained as a Deacon on February 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica in Denver.

Congratulations!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Many blessings!



Food Drive - Help feed families
Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry.
Monetary donations welcomed.
Drop off at St. Mary's
Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre,

**Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the teachings of Christ.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: "The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked" (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus' preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says "the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God's saving love" (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Weekday	Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13 Mk 5:1–20	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3 Mk 5:21–43	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17 Mk 6:1–6	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12 Mk 6:7–13	Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32	1 Kgs 3:4–13 Mk 6:30–34	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 Mk 1:29–39



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Do we listen to Jesus' words, which are authoritative?
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And
then...let us ask Jesus: "Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!"**

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