

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

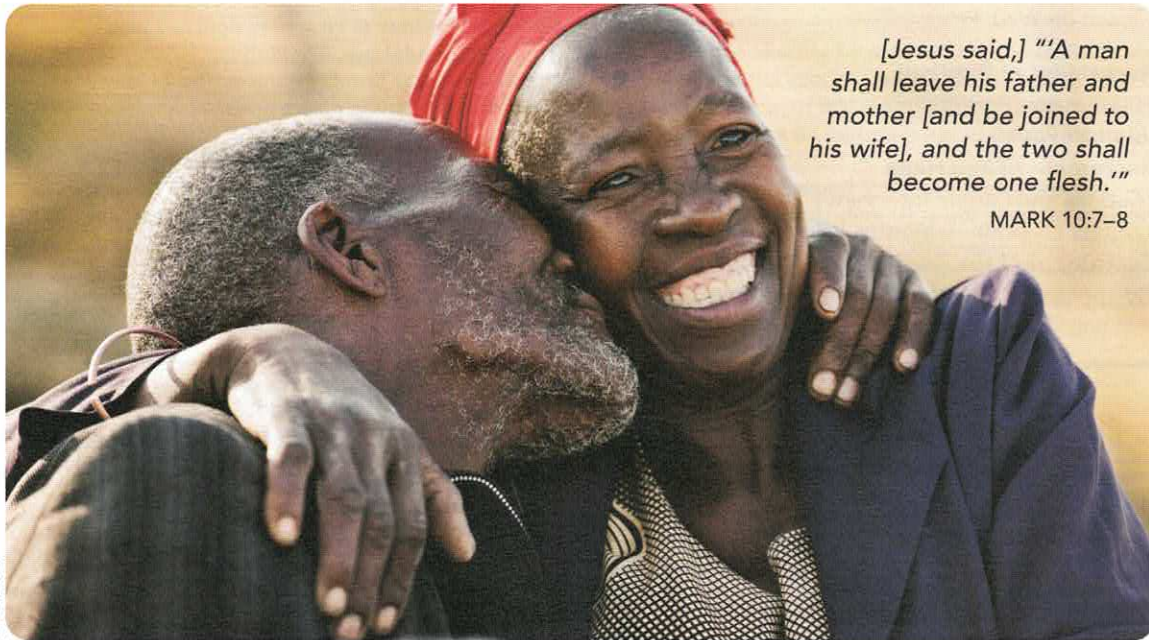
on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns 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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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered October 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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| <b>Sat, Oct 9</b>    | +Clare Wood<br>+Sonia Maulsby<br>+Michael Sisneros                    | by The Carter & Vaughn Families<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Teresina Montano & Family |
| <b>Sun, Oct 10</b>   | +Clare Wood<br>+Inez & Andres Romero<br>+Corazon O. Bugas             | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
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This year, \$6 per ticket or \$25 for a book of five.  
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Come by the office for your tickets!  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1pm

Please Drop off Raffle stubs at the Office or in the Dropboxes at the Office or Rectory.

DO NOT leave the stubs in the church!

**ATTENTION!!!**

New Facebook Page has been created! Link has been posted in the old page. The new page is directly linked to the office.

Facebook Page link:  
[@sfxclaytonparish1937](https://www.facebook.com/sfxclaytonparish1937)

"A certain sharing by man in God's lordship is also evident in the specific responsibility which he is given for human life as such. It is a responsibility which reaches its highest point in the giving of life through procreation by man and woman in marriage. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: 'God himself who said, 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18) and 'who made man from the beginning male and female' (Mt 19:4), wished to share with man a certain special participation in his own creative work. Thus he blessed male and female saying: 'Increase and multiply' (Gen 1:28)'" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 43)

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Oct 9-Effie Walker
- Sun, Oct 10-Raymond Saccoccia
- Sat, Oct 16- Chase Carter
- Sun, Oct 17-Johnna and Tailyn Kimble

# Dear Padre,

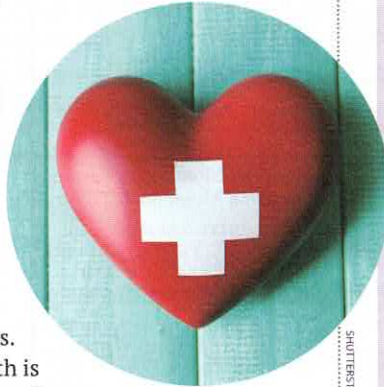
**I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?**

**Y**es, 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.

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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## 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?

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