

MARRIAGE: GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE SUSTAINS YOU

Husbands and wives need each other. God made them female and male out of love, for love. The love between a husband and wife comes from God.

SUNDAY MASS HOMILY POINTS - CYCLE C

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Second Reading, Col 3:12-21: "Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives."

- The covenant of marriage is most perfectly manifested when two become subordinate to each other i.e. placing the needs of the other above one's own personal needs. For Christ made himself subordinate to humanity so that sacrificial love could reach its perfection in Him and that we might have eternal life.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 2:1-11: "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding."

- Jesus sanctified the covenant of marriage with his presence at Cana choosing a wedding feast to work his first sign—a sign of transformation. The Church calls men and women who are to marry to invite Jesus into their union that the two may become one. The love between a man and woman joined together as one represents the marriage of Christ and His Church.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 13:4-13: "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

- Often chosen as a reading for the wedding liturgy, this section of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians encapsulates the three greatest virtues; the greatest of which is love. Married couples face many trials. Striving for and preserving the attributes of love helps the journey of faithfulness to remain true.