

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

CASTI CONNUBII (cont.)

ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XI ON CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

90. To revert again to the expression of Our predecessor, it is hardly necessary to point out what an amount of good is involved in the absolute indissolubility of wedlock and what a train of evils follows upon divorce. Whenever the marriage bond remains intact, then we find marriages contracted with a sense of safety and security, while, when separations are considered and the dangers of divorce are present, the marriage contract itself becomes insecure, or at least gives ground for anxiety and surprises. On the one hand we see a wonderful strengthening of good will and cooperation in the daily life of husband and wife, while, on the other, both of these are miserably weakened by the presence of a facility for divorce. Here we have at a very opportune moment a source of help by which both parties are enabled to preserve their purity and loyalty; there we find harmful inducements to unfaithfulness. On this side we find the birth of children and their tuition and upbringing effectively promoted, many avenues of discord closed amongst families and relations, and the beginnings of rivalry and jealousy easily suppressed; on that, very great obstacles to the birth and rearing of children and their education, and many occasions of quarrels, and seeds of jealousy sown everywhere. Finally, but especially, the dignity and position of women in civil and domestic society is reinstated by the former; while by the latter it is shamefully lowered and the danger is incurred "of their being considered outcasts, slaves of the lust of men."

91. To conclude with the important words of Leo XIII, since the destruction of family life "and the loss of national wealth is brought about more by the corruption of morals than by anything else, it is easily seen that divorce, which is born of the perverted morals of a people, and leads, as experiment shows, to vicious habits in public and private life, is particularly opposed to the well-being of the family and of the State. The serious nature of these evils will be the more clearly recognized, when we remember that, once divorce has been allowed, there will be no sufficient means of keeping it in check within any definite bounds. Great is the force of example, greater still that of lust; and with such incitements it cannot but happen that divorce and its consequent setting loose of the passions should spread daily and attack the souls of many like a contagious disease or a river bursting its banks and flooding the land."

92. Thus, as we read in the same letter, "unless things change, the human family and State have every reason to fear lest they should suffer absolute ruin." All this was written fifty years ago, yet it is confirmed by the daily increasing corruption of morals and the unheard of degradation of the family in those lands where Communism reigns unchecked.

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Sundays: 7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am

Thursdays: 10:30-10:50am

First Fridays: 6:30-6:50pm

Saturdays: 8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices		
Sunday, 13th October: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (II cl) FATIMA MIRACLE ANNIVERSARY		
8:00 am	Low Mass	2nd Collection: Parish
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Fatima Procession, Rosary and Benediction	
Monday, 14th October: St Callistus I, PM (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
8:45 am	School Benediction. <i>No Mass follows.</i>	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Tuesday, 15th October: St Teresa of Avila, V (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
6:00 am	Rosary and Benediction, followed by Low Mass	
Wednesday, 16th October: St Hedwig, W (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction	
Thursday, 17th October: St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
10:00 am	Holy Hour for Vocations, followed Low Mass at 11:00am	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Friday, 18th October: St Luke, Evangelist (II cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
8:50 am	Low Mass <i>with school sermon</i>	
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction (<i>No Mass follows</i>)	
Saturday, 19th October: St Peter of Alcantara, C (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass, followed by Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague	
--	<i>There will be no Mass at 9:00 am.</i>	
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction	
Sunday, 20th October: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost (II cl)		
8:00 am	Low Mass	
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary and Benediction	

Eucharistic Crusade October Intention: For all missionaries.

100s Club Winners: 1st prize- \$100: Carmel Sloane; 2nd prize- \$50: Mr Devaux; 3rd prize- \$25: John Park

MI Corner: Please remember to pay for books from the MI Corner. This enables us to continue providing good books. Cash or bank transfer is fine.

Men's Working Bee on Saturday, 16 November: Save the date! Please sign up on the clipboard in the parish vestibule.

Parish Help		
Cleaning Roster – 19th October: Christel Ters		
Morning Tea and Cakes: Sunday –20th October		
8:00am	Mr & Mrs Almendrala	Coffee: Donna Lauritano
10:30 am	Mr & Mrs Belista	Coffee: Anisha Ardio
In your charity, please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Bela; Frances Patricia Hogan; Michael Mahy; Norman Nehma; Edith David; Mary Bultitude; Jessica Louise Catherine Memmolo; Bernard Joseph Waterford; Clarence James Barnes; Antonio Rossi; James Ryan; Jeffrey Poole; Mary Duncan; Francis Norman Fegan; Wendy Boland.		
Other Mass Centre Sunday, 20 th October, 2024		
Singleton	10:00 am	Armidale 9:30 am

Sunday Catechism: Classes for all ages today.

Adult Catechism: Class this Friday evening at 7:30 pm. Fr. Themann will talk about “The Duty of Catholic Education.”

Tonight's Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima, Oct 13: Come and honour our Mother by a procession around the property followed by Benediction, rosary and the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Start time: 6:00 pm (after Vespers).

St Joseph's 2025 Calendars and Christmas Cards will be available after the first Mass today.

Bishop Tissier de Mallerai, RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of his Excellency Bishop Tissier de Mallerai who died on 8 October, at the age of 79. He humbly served God in His Catholic Church with zeal and fidelity throughout 49 years of priesthood and 36 years as a bishop. His funeral will be in Ecône, Switzerland on 18 October at 9:30 am. May God reward him one-hundred-fold for the good he has done for the Church as a whole and our souls in particular.

Marriage Mission: Thank you to everyone who helped to make the marriage mission a success! It was well attended. May God reward your efforts.

Month of October: There will be Benediction & Rosary daily during the month of October in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please come with your families!

The Feast of Christ the King, October 27th: The Feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of October. Mark your calendars! The only Mass that day will be offered by Fr Sayed Elias at the town hall at 9.00am, followed by a public procession in the streets of Rockdale. After the final Benediction in our church, there will be a parish get-together for the Christ the King of all Nations meal. Sign-up sheets for your contributions are available in the parish hall.