

OCTOBER: IS YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER?



“The Pharisees approached and asked, ‘Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him. He said to them in reply, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They replied, ‘Moses permitted him to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her.’ But Jesus told them, ‘Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall

leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.’

In the house the disciples again questioned him about this. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child* will not enter it.’ Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.” – Mark 10: 2-16



Once again, October has arrived. For me, October has always been my favorite month; gardening season is quickly winding down as the days grow shorter, children are back in school, football is on TV, and the air is filled with activity. Since returning to the faith, October has also become a month of preparation as the people of Christ prepare for the season of Advent. During Advent, the Sunday readings direct us to look inward and do a little house cleaning.

Why do we need to clean house? Because the king is coming into the world; and he’s coming to see you and I. Someone once used the example of a very important person coming to dinner at my house with cameras to record the event. What’s the first thing you do in a situation like that? Start cleaning, and if necessary paint. Things that are passable for me need to be cleaned and repaired before company comes over. Is Jesus an important person? Yes. He created everything that is created, took the form of a being that He created and then when put to death; raised Himself under His own power. He wants us to overcome death too, He stands as the ultimate goal of our lives if we are right ordered.



What do we have to do? Listen to the readings at mass for some important hints. During the Gospel readings of October, we hear Jesus rebuke his followers (that’s us) repeatedly. Why? Because they aren’t paying attention to what He’s telling them; they’re giving priority to things that aren’t important and not enough to things that are.

In short, they are disobedient. How do we avoid getting into the same mess they’re in? We start by cleaning house. It’s time for an examination of conscience. It’s time to look at what works, and

what doesn’t then consider getting rid of what doesn’t. It’s time to make a good confession then prepare to welcome the King.

October business meeting is on Tuesday October 2nd at 7:00pm. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, October 12th at 5:45pm followed by the Respect Life Rosary led by Marty & Kathy Reis. Don't forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually.

Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him in prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart. Pray for strong families. Above all; pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets and spitting of her enemies. Pray for our priests.

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