

Phase II  
**Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes**  
October 2016

**Bulletin Corner**

Weekend of October 1/2                      27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, the apostles asked Jesus, "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5). What do you do as a married couple to increase your faith? Pray together? Attend Mass as a family? Join prayer groups/Bible study? Become leaders of marriage preparation programs? Think about ways that participation in parish/community activities as a couple can increase your faith.

Weekend of October 8/9                      28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 17:11-19) recounts the story of the ten lepers. All were healed, but only one returned to thank Jesus. For what can you thank your spouse today?

Weekend of October 15/16                      29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 18:1-8) reminds us of the power of persistence. Do you and your spouse need to persist in something: praying as a family, saving for the home, looking for work? Encourage each other.

Weekend of October 22/23                      30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14) Jesus tells us that those who humble themselves will be exalted. How can I humble myself in marriage today? Make an effort to take the back seat today and let your spouse shine.

Weekend of October 29/30                      31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God loves all that He has made. Just for today, try to see your spouse as God does – precious and lovable despite his or her faults.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Weekend of October 1/2                      27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That all who have suffered the loss of a spouse would find peace that surpasses all understanding by turning to Christ in their need. We Pray to the Lord.

Weekend of October 8/9                      28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That families who are experiencing financial hardship would find strength through Christ who empowers them. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of October 15/16                      29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That husbands and wives would see themselves as stewards of their family, their home and their possessions, and be thankful for these gifts given by God. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of October 22/23                      30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That parents would be a good example and teach their children to love God and their neighbor. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of October 29/30                      31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That spouses would humbly offer loving service to one another and to their children. We pray to the Lord.