

Academy of Our Lady of Peace

Religion at the Academy

Oct 3, 2021



Thank You!

Our first charitable community service fund raiser is done. I want to thank everyone for their generosity for this worthwhile cause. I will be sending a check of approximately \$450 to The Missionary Daughters of Saint Rita this week.

Stay tuned to this space for a new and exciting community service drive that will begin toward the middle of October.

This Week at Mass

A Look at the Beginning

In the first reading today, we are taken back to the beginning. We look at the creation of women. Many people have turned this reading into something controversial, but I prefer to look at it in its simplicity. God has just spent time creating this magnificent world. He has created man to be an image of him on Earth. Man has been given stewardship over this magnificent creation but he is lonely for human companionship. To provide company for him, God creates woman from man. For centuries, this has served as an excuse among many facets in world culture to view women as somewhat subservient. I don't think that was God's intention at all. It all comes to fruition when Jesus has his time on Earth. Jesus was a champion of the marginalized in society, and that included women. At a time when women had no rights at all, and when they were entirely dependent on a male relative for their very day-to-day existence, Jesus champions their cause passionately. He seeks their opinion, he allows them to be disciples [yes, there were female disciples], he seeks to understand their lot in life, and he acknowledges the powerful role that women play in society. For that reason, I choose to look at the first reading today as something of beauty rather than controversy. God creates man and woman to be companions, not master and servant.



This Week at Church

There is a great date to be aware of this week in the Parish:

October 7

The church will be holding an exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of Saint Joseph, Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Saint Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world. It all starts at 7:00 in the church.

October 10

The 9:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated outside to be followed by a pancake breakfast and the Giant 50/50 drawing.

