

## **Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time – 10-03-2021**

The Lord God said: It's not good for man to be alone...so he formed out of the ground various creatures but none proved to be a suitable partner for the man.

So God cast a deep sleep on the man and while he was sleeping, he took out one of his ribs and built the woman...flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones.

When he brought her to the man, the man said: This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.

In marriage a man and woman cling to one another and the two become one flesh and this union of love is so powerful that nine months later they give the incarnation of their love a name.

Children are the incarnation of their parents love – flesh of their flesh and bone of their bones. It's how God ordained it from the beginning – starting with Adam and Eve. It's the natural order and without it human beings would cease to be.

Now fast forward many centuries from the old Adam and the creation of Eve from his side, to the new Adam, Jesus Christ, and the birth of the Catholic Church, the new Eve, from his side.

We are again at a tree, the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross is often referred to as a tree in scripture. Jesus is the fruit of Mary's womb and instead of plucking him down from the tree she stands faithfully at the foot of the cross obedient to the Father's will.

As Jesus hung upon the cross he gave up his spirit and entered the deep sleep of death and His side was pierced with a sword and blood and water gush forth, which harkens back to Eve coming forth from the side of Adam.

The blood and water are the Sacraments of the Church which represent the birth of the Catholic Church. Jesus loves his bride, the Church, and she is the mother to his children.

Those reborn in the waters of baptism become children of God and by obedience to Church teaching we remain children of God.

And in a very unique way through the worthy reception of the Eucharist our bodies are transformed into the Body of Christ. By God's grace we become flesh of Jesus' flesh and bone of his bones.

This is the supernatural order of things and without it, at our natural death, we risk dying the eternal death of hell.

The natural order, which leads to natural life on earth, is a window into the supernatural order, which leads to supernatural life in heaven.

In baptism we are born into the Church which is a vital part of God's great nuptial plan for humanity.

Through fidelity to his order – natural and supernatural – we become more and more every day conformed to the incarnation of the Father's love for us – Jesus Christ – as we become flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones.