



## From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

**Covid-Minded:** I encourage parishioners to remain vigilant to your own health. If you detect or suspect that you might have covid (cold or flu) symptoms, please resolve to stay home rather than risk spreading germs in church (or any other public gathering places). We would not want our parishes closed because of someone's carelessness.

**Miraculous Medal Novena at SA:** Plan to join fellow parishioners and neighbors in this year's novena which will take place from Fri, Nov. 20 to Sat, Nov. 28. We will observe it with daily Mass at 7:00pm every evening except on Thurs, Nov. 26, which is Thanksgiving Day – that day's Mass will be at 9:00am at FX and it will include the Novena Prayers. Be advised that there will be no morning Mass on Novena days and no Sat. 6:00pm Mass on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Weekend Mass Schedule Flip-Flop:** Advent begins the weekend of Nov. 28-29, which is when we flip-flop our weekend Mass schedule. Be advised that Sat, Nov. 28 is the closing of the Miraculous Medal Novena *and* the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent – that Mass will be at 7:00pm at SA. On Sun, Nov. 29 the Mass places flip-flop: the 8:00am Mass will be at FX and the 11:00am Mass will be at SA until next year.

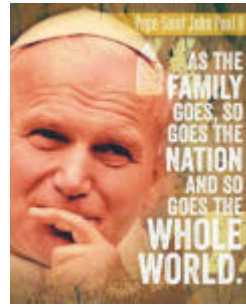
Be advised that beginning Mon, Nov. 30, I will resume taking my day off – there will be no Monday morning Masses as of Nov. 30. I also intend to stop offering a second Saturday evening Mass.

**Weekend Mass schedule beginning Dec. 5:  
Saturdays at 4:00pm at SA  
Sundays at 8:00am at FX & 11:00am at SA.**



**Fall Cemetery Clean Up – Last Notice:** If you have items at your plot that you want to keep, please gather them. Anything remaining after Nov. 15 will be considered discarded and removed.

**How are the faithful to respond to Pope Francis?** In a recently released documentary, the Pope called for civil union laws for same sex couples. Usually some official steps up to offer “clarification” after his unorthodox statements, but having heard none I wanted to post an article I found by John Horvat II entitled “*Faithful Resistance to Pope Francis's Call for Civil Unions.*” You can Google the title or read it on our websites.



## FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO

### Part. 3: THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

17. The family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission, what it can and should do. The role that God calls the family to perform in history derives from what the family is; its role represents the dynamic and existential development of what it is. Each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored, and that specifies both its dignity and its responsibility: **family, become what you are.**

Accordingly, the family must go back to the “beginning” of God's creative act, if it is to attain self-knowledge and self-realization in accordance with the inner truth not only of what it is but also of what it does in history. And since in God's plan it has been established as an “intimate community of life and love,” the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is, a community of life and love, in an effort that will find fulfillment, as will everything created and redeemed, in the Kingdom of God. Looking at it in such a way as to reach its very roots, we must say that the essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride.

Every particular task of the family is an expressive and concrete actuation of that fundamental mission. We must therefore go deeper into the unique riches of the family's mission and probe its contents, which are both manifold and unified.

Thus, with love as its point of departure and making constant reference to it, the Synod emphasized four general tasks for the family: 1) forming a community of persons; 2) serving life; 3) participating in the development of society; 4) sharing in the life and mission of the Church.

#### I - FORMING A COMMUNITY OF PERSONS

##### *Love as the Principle and Power of Communion*

18. The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: husband and wife, parents and children, relatives. Its first task is to live with fidelity the reality of communion in a constant effort to develop an authentic community of persons.

The inner principle of that task, its permanent power and its final goal is love: without love the family is not a community of persons and, in the same way, without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons. What I wrote in the Encyclical *Redemptor Hominis* applies primarily and especially within the family as such: “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it.”

The love between husband and wife and, in a derivatory and broader way, the love between members of the same family—between parents and children, brothers and sisters and relatives and members of the household—is given life and sustenance by an unceasing inner dynamism leading the family to ever deeper and more intense communion, which is the foundation and soul of the community of marriage and the family.