Jesus’ teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today’s Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus’ emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today’s Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus’ disciples show that they just don’t get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these “little ones” in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today’s Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEKLY DAILY MASS SCHEDULE READ THE CALENDAR ABOVE.

Saturday 1600 - Soldiers Memorial
Sunday 0900 - Soldiers Memorial
Sunday 1100– Soldiers Memorial
Sunday 1100 - Evans Hospital
Monday-Friday (“No Tue) 1145 - Soldiers Memorial
Monday-Thursday 1200 - Evans Hospital

October 7, 2018
Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
SUNDAY READINGS CYCLE B

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
God creates woman from Adam’s rib.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2,3-4,5-6
A prayer for God’s blessing

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)
Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark’s reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today’s Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark’s Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

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In private, Jesus’ disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery.

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SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Emergency
Please call the On-Call Duty Chaplain, (719) 526-3400 and ask for a Catholic Priest

Confessions
Soldiers’ Memorial Chapel - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Saturdays: 1515 -1545 (Mass 1600)
Sundays: 0815-0845 (Mass 0900)
Also by appointment - call or email priests.

Marriage Prep & or Annulments
Please contact Fr. Joseph Lea to begin marriage prep, and or the annulment process.

Pre-Cana (Marriage Preparation)
Contact one of the active duty priests to assist your preparations. You must begin your pre-marriage preparations, to include pre-marriage counseling (pre-cana) a minimum of six months in advance of your wedding.

First Friday Confessions
Evans Hospital will begin having confession on the first Friday of every month
WHERE: Healer Chapel
WHEN: First Friday of every month 1030-1130

NEW MEMBERS!!!
If you would like to register with our parish, registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office.

PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Classes on Sundays 1030-1150
POC: Pat Treacy: (719) 524-2458
patricia.treacy2.civ@mail.mil

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP
Sundays, 1030-1150
Soldiers’ Memorial Chapel-South Lobby
POC: (719) 576-8445

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2nd Sunday 1015 SMC
POCs: Grand Knight; Membership Coordinator, (719) 576-8035
All members can track our Knights’ news on Facebook “Knights of Columbus Father Vakoc Council 15269 or https://www.coloradokofc.org
Email Kevin Folls, WDK : follsfamily@comcast.net

PRAYER AND DEVOTION GROUP
Every Wednesday, 1630-1730 at SMC
In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Rosary, Divine Mercy, Prayer for Priests.
To join or add your special intentions, Call POC: Eva Hailbronner (719) 576-8445

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL
POC: Heather Kershner
heatherk08@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors
POC: Rose Terrell (719) 362-9711
Altar Servers
POC: Sprague Taveau (719) 244-2048
dgsbccf@yahoo.com
Choir/Cantor
POC: Paul Webber (719) 201-9648
If you are interested, the choir always meets for practice one hour before each Mass.
Ushers POC: Joey Bautista (719) 799-3074
Altar Society
POC: Eva Hailbronner (719) 576-8445
Learn and assist in caring for the altar linens.

PARISH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
There will be an altar server training for all THOSE WHO SERVE AS ALTAR SERVERS. Sunday, October 21, at 8:00 am. All children and adolescents currently serving and those who are interested in serving should attend this training.
POC: Sprague Taveau (719) 244-2048
dgsbccf@yahoo.com

CWOC
(CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL)
October 10 AT 9:30 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

COME AND JOIN US LADIES AND WE SERVE TOGETHER IN THE COMMUNITY, PRAY TOGETHER AND READ AND DISCUSS THE SAINTS TOGETHER.
POC: Heather Kershner
mountainpostcwoc@gmail.com

YOUTH RETREAT OCT 12-14, 2018
GOLDEN BELL CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
Please keep the youth and team attending this retreat in your prayers throughout the week.

MARRIAGE RETREAT
“Love Has Everything To Do With It”
November 30-December 2, 2018
Fr. Joseph Lea
Golden Bell Camp & Conference Center
Sign up with Pat today!!!
Patricia.a.treacy2.civ@mail.mil
Or 524-2458

Coats for Kids & Food Drive
The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring “Coats for Kids” and Food Pantry donations beginning September 1. All donations should be dropped off at the entryway to the chapel.
All donations will go to Warrior’s Warehouse on Fort Carson.
Let’s help all the young families out through this food and coat drive.

VOLUNTEERS & CANDY NEEDED
Trunk-or-Treat is a post-wide opportunity for folks to meet and greet the chaplains from the various faith communities and to provide children with a safe environment to go trick-or-treating. We’re still in need of candy donations and volunteers who are willing to host trunks.
Please contact Pat at 524-2458 if you’re able to volunteer. Candy donations should be dropped off at Pat’s office.

PARKING FOR SUNDAY SERVICES
The outside parking lot is available for Sunday Services.