

From the Administrator's Blotter:

On Wednesday, June 7th, I had two "Aha!" moments of insight and recognition about marriage.

The fiscal year at St. Elizabeth's ends on June 30, so I was helping Joellyn and Sandy "cull" the parish files. To retrieve some space, I relocated the parish marriage records to a new file cabinet. That's when the first "Aha!" hit me. I couldn't believe what I seeing! There was the undeniable evidence of marriage decline. I counted the individual records of marriages performed in the parish. Look for yourself at the statistics and see what's trending.

In 1960 – 39 marriages were performed at St. Elizabeth. In 1970 – 27 marriages. In 1980 - 37. In 1990 – 38. In 2000 – 9. In 2010 – 3. In 2016 -- 3. Can you believe it...the institution of marriage is on the rocks...even in our Portola neighborhood! (And last Saturday, just to corroborate the above, I presided a Catholic marriage in another parish of the archdiocese. The sacristan commented to me, "This is our *second* marriage since January!" Friends, no parish is exempt from this phenomenon...our kids, raised in the church, don't want to marry...by the church.)

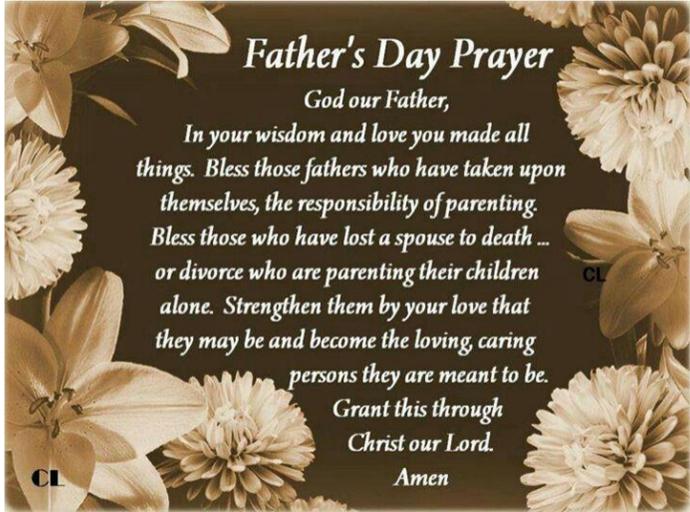
A *second* "Aha" moment hit me on the same day at the afternoon Mass. We read chapter 3 of the Book of Tobit. Here's the story. A beautiful girl, Sarah, wanted to marry; she had no trouble at all finding suitors. Unfortunately, she was also being "stalked" by the horrible devil named *Asmodeus*. This particular devil is Satan's expert in the vice of Lust. The specialty of *Asmodeus* is destroying the holiness of the marriage bed. The strategy of *Asmodeus* was to tempt each of Sarah's boyfriends with lustful desire. All seven fell into his trap. As each successive husband, fired with carnal desire, approached Sarah on their marriage, *Asmodeus* would slay the husband and dispatch the soul to hell. Grisly story! The only remedy was for God to send Archangel Rafael. He freed poor Sarah of this diabolical beast and introduced her to the virtuous Tobias. And the two lived happily ever after.

Let's put the statistics and the sacred scriptures together. In 1848 Karl Marx in *The Communist Manifesto* called for the *abolition of marriage and the family* as the first step in establishing what he considered "a just society." The "takedown" of the natural, traditional biblical family life has been in the works for 200 hundred years. We've seen it all in California. No fault divorce, gay "marriage", polyamorous relationships, and "plural marriage" are sign-posts along the road redefining marriage. But understand, Friends, that the one pulling the strings is not Marx, Margaret Sanger, or our local politicians. The real puppet master is the devil and after him, his specially appointed marriage-destroyer, *Asmodeus*. This is how the medieval world pictured him.



Pray that God sends us his Archangel Rafael to protect marriage.

Reverend James Garcia



2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal- our goal is \$48,470.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged **\$25,338.00** leaving a balance of **\$23,132.00**.

The next Parish Support meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21st at 2:00 pm in the Rectory. All groups need to be represented.

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Pot Luck Luncheon on Friday, July 14th at 12:00 noon. Free if you bring food, \$12.00 if you do not bring food.

Please call:
Mary Perata at 415-239-5936
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MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	June 19
8:00 am	† Joseph, † Frank and † John DeLuca
5:30 pm	† Vittorio Rossi
Tuesday	June 20
8:00 am	† Joseph I. Bosso
5:30 pm	† Arador Gandeza
Wednesday	June 21
8:00 am	† Lydia Monce
7:00 pm	† Vivencio and † Amelia Fernandez
Thursday	June 22
8:00 am	† Adolph Vannucchi
5:30 pm	† Leonard Grillo
Friday	June 23
8:00 am	
5:30 pm	† Simeon Santos
Saturday	June 24
8:00 am	† Adolph Vannucchi
4:30 pm	† Nunzio Abramo
Sunday	June 25
7:30 am	People of the Parish
	† Pablo B. Martin
9:30 am	Italian Catholic Federation
11:30 am	Maltese Society
5:00 pm	

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection June 11, 2017	
Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,063.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,937.00
Arcdiocesan Appeal	\$ 677.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.
This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

**Deputed for Liturgical Service
June 2017 – May 2020**

The following parishioners of St. Elizabeth, after having completed their in-service hours, are renewed in their liturgical appointment to the parish for a period of three years. May the Lord bless them for their dedication to the Sacred Liturgy as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

- Adelbert Alano
- Adolfo Alano
- Tessie Alano
- Dave Alipio
- Dale Alipio
- Erlinda Antonio
- Maria Arias
- Luz S. Bansuelo
- Nenit Baylon
- Lilia Crow
- Herminia De Los Reyes
- Mary Ann Gerardo
- Adrian Gotauco
- Teresita B. Gotauco
- Anita Hasal
- Richard John
- Ferdinand Lampa
- Ignacio Madriaga
- Pilar Manalo
- Encarnacion V. Maog
- Claire O'Sullivan
- Maria Padua
- Richard Padua
- Corazon Pilare
- Jacalyn Morri Pugh
- John Sant
- Sharon Soares
- Carla Solis
- Lourdes M. Suacillo
- Gloria S. Trinidad
- Marc Valledor
- Carol Anne Velasco
- Tess Vinluan