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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

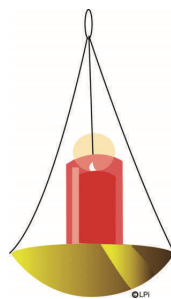


"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

PARISH LIFE



<i>Monday</i>	<i>10-12-20</i>
8:00am	Ned Vuksanovich <i>rq by Loving Wife Della</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10-13-20</i>
8:00am	Parishioners of St. Ann
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10-14-20</i>
8:00am	Agatha Lombardi Moore <i>rq by Loving Family</i> David Palmer <i>rq by Loving Sister</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10-15-20</i>
8:00am	St. Ann Purgatorial Society
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10-16-20</i>
8:00am	Jim Cody <i>rq by Loving Family</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10-17-20</i>
5:00pm	Fred Dollinger <i>rq by The Bayshore Senior Center</i> Tom Padden <i>rq by The McNulty Family</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10-18-20</i>
8:00am	Theresa & Jack Flood <i>rq by Loving Family</i> Adelaide Missimer <i>rq by Loving Family</i>
10:30am	Virginia Hoff <i>rq by Loving Family</i>
6:00pm	John Policastro <i>rq by Loving Sister</i>



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for **John Policastro**
rq by Loving Sister

FALL SCHEDULE



Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

Office Hours Mon - Fri 9A - 1P.

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Please pray for our children who received Confirmation on Friday, Oct 2nd, and our children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, Oct 17th & 24th.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

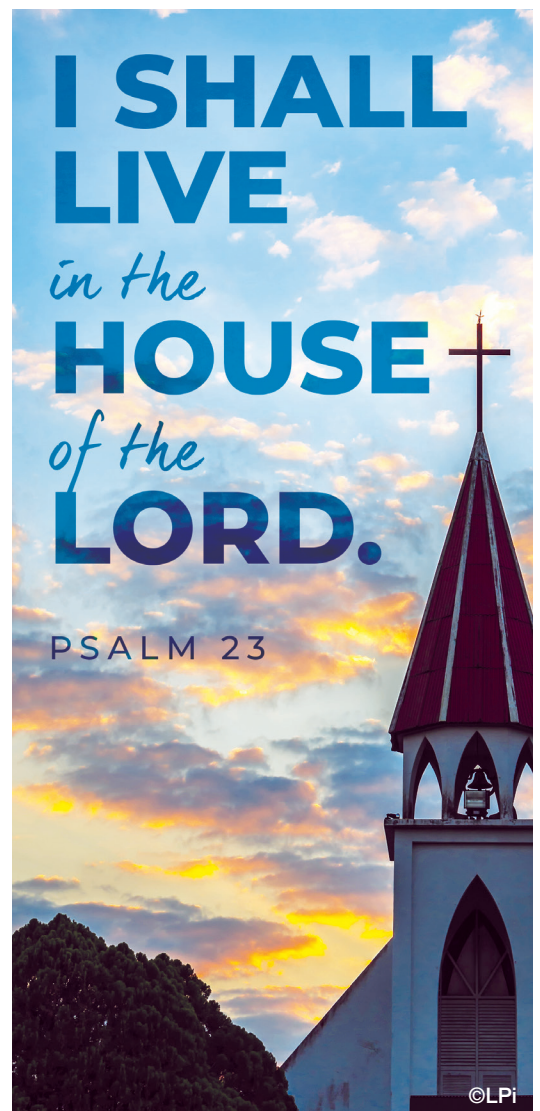
- SUN 10/11** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- MON 10/12** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/
Lk 11:29-32
- TUE 10/13** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
- WED 10/14** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
- THR 10/15** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
- FRI 10/16** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
- SAT 10/17** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
- SUN 10/18** IIs 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day
- Wednesday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked!



*The word
became flesh
and dwelt
among us.*

— JOHN 1:14 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

He will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face;
the reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.
(Is 25:8)



PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life. (Ps 23)



SECOND READING

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in
accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father, glory forever and ever.
Amen. (Phil 4:19-20)



GOSPEL

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find.”
The servants went out into the streets
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,
and the hall was filled with guests. (Mt 22:9-10)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Fasting and The Church

Question:

Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer:

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

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“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... “Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast” ’ ”

– Mt 22:2, 4bc

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah prophesied God's salvation and delivery for all the nations, not just for Israel. In what ways do you see this prophecy fulfilled today?

Second Reading

As his letter to the Philippians draws to a close, Paul speaks of his constant focus on Christ regardless of his life's circumstances. How do you draw strength from Christ in the ebb and flow of your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' parable of the wedding feast speaks to the importance of being properly prepared for the return of Christ. How would you assess your own spiritual readiness for Jesus' Second Coming and the final judgment?

**"WITHOUT
LOVE, DEEDS,
EVEN THE MOST
BRILLANT, COUNT
AS NOTHING."**

–ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAYER LIFE

Novena Prayer for the USA

Oct 26 - Nov 3

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders and citizens. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany respecting and protecting human life and religious liberty. Help us to bring an end to racial injustice, violence and all the evils that divide us. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Make us instruments of your peace!

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death" and lead us always to respect life in all its stages and circumstance. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Here mention intention listed below)

**THEN, RECITE AN OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY AND GLORY BE
EACH DAY FOR OUR NATION**

(individual recommended intentions for each day of the Novena)

Monday, October 26: For an end to abortion in our country and for respect for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death

Tuesday, October 27: For an end to the COVID pandemic in our country and for all those affected by it

Wednesday, October 28: For an end to racism and social injustice in our country

Thursday, October 29: For the protection of religious liberty in our country and around the world

Friday, October 30: For those who protect and serve us in law enforcement in our country and for an end to violence and destruction, especially in our cities

Saturday, October 31: For those who protect our country in the armed forces at home and around the world and for peace in the world

Sunday, November 1: For the poor, for immigrants and refugees, for the forgotten and most abandoned in our country

Monday, November 2: For the protection of marriage as the faithful union of one man and one woman and for the strengthening of family life in our country

Tuesday, November 3: For those who govern our country and for those who are running for elected office that they might serve with a commitment to life, respect, compassion, liberty and justice for all



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The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”*

- Mt 22:8b-10

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