

Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle” (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

★ So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?



[Jesus said,] “The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike.”
MATTHEW 22:10

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October 11, 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Oct. 04	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Oct. 11	First Communion	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Oct. 18	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Oct. 25	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 01	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed

Congratulation First Communicants!



Elijah Engen,
Davin Swallow,
James Mercredi,
Brayden Morrissey



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IS 25.6-10A; PHIL 4.12-14, 19-20; MT 22.1-14

Rachel's Corner

“As a man, I was all dry inside, I knew what I had done but I didn't feel much of anything as I didn't truly understand what I had done to my child as well as to my family. Now I am filled with love for my daughter. I feel like I have been renewed inside, strengthened and empowered by God, through God and for God. The man He always wanted me to be.” -Testimonial

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- The majority of women who are abortion vulnerable are those who are struggling to make ends meet. They feel that they can barely take care of themselves, let alone a newborn child. St. Paul's message offers hope to these women: "And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Every one of their needs will be satisfied: peace, health, finances. Certainly, God will not abandon His children, especially those who strive to do what is right.
- For those who have been blessed with health and wealth, the message is also clear. We are called to be like the Philippians who supported Paul in his need, with their prayers and their financial support. We must be willing to support those in our society who, in choosing to do what is right, may face many difficulties. We must be especially willing to support those women who selflessly choose to have their babies in spite of the difficulties they may face.
- *Pro-Life Intercession:* That we, the people of life, may always proclaim and defend human life as a gift from God, who destroys death forever in Christ, we pray to the Lord...

Dear Padre,

What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* attests that we have merit in God's sight only because "God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace" (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, "so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful" (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in



each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!

Moreover, Catholics believe these good works "contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the 'meritorious' character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace" (*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38).

Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?

—ANGELUS, JULY 10, 2016

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Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
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Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday
OCTOBER 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46
Thursday
OCTOBER 15
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54
Friday
OCTOBER 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7
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OCTOBER 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12
Sunday
OCTOBER 18
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Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21