

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— *Philippians 4:13*

REFLECTION

This week we have the parable of the wedding garment. At the time of Jesus, participants in a banquet were expected to dress in clothes that were superior to those worn on ordinary days. Guests who could afford it would wear white, but it was sufficient for ordinary people to wear garments as close to white as possible. It was customary for the rich hosts to provide their guests with suitable apparel. For royal weddings, special outfits were given to any guests who could not afford to buy their own. Hence, to appear in ordinary, soiled working clothes would show contempt for the occasion, and would be an unspoken refusal to join in the King's rejoicing. This wedding story in the gospel reading teaches us that God welcomes everyone to the feast, but not everyone accepts his invitation. Those who decline God's invitation are too caught up in their affairs. They prioritize business deals and transactions over responding to God. These individuals have misplaced their priorities by valuing material needs over spiritual ones. The wedding feast had an open invitation, but there was one rule: all guests had to follow a specific dress code. In the parable, we observe the king's anger upon entering the banquet hall and discovering that one guest did not follow the dress code. This guest was promptly removed from the event. The wedding garment is a reminder of the white garment received during baptism, representing Christian dignity. Wearing the wedding garment also means living out the Gospel message. We are called to live the moral and ethical values embodied in Jesus' life in earth in flesh and time, and in his teachings. This parable reveals that God invites people to enjoy his abundance, specifically the Holy Eucharist, a banquet where many are welcome to join the Lord at the table. Accepting this gracious and generous invitation to experience true happiness is important. Life is meant to be celebrated, acknowledging the goodness and blessings provided by God. Let us lead a meaningful life worthy to be admitted in Heaven.

THANK YOU to a member for donation in honor of St. Christopher for a special intention; and also to a member for a donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~ **TEACH ME JESUS**

Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness. Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

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

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday: St. Luke

Thursday: Sts. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: A's Margaret 7th Anniversary †

Tuesday: Hart 6th Birthday

Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Rosemary Johnson 2nd Anniversary †

A's Johnny 48th Birthday †

Jimmy Gorman

J.R. for healing

Thursday: Pete Joseph Carroll 18th Anniversary †

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand-new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign that read, "**BEST DEALS.**"

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with and even larger sign, "**LOWEST PRICES.**"

The shopkeeper panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop. It read, "**ENTRANCE.**"

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,190.00	\$2,404.00
Number of Families contributing	90	70
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)	\$126,051.00	\$127,849.00
Received to Date	\$106,594.00	\$83,891.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$19,457.00	\$43,958.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$350.00	\$8,239.00

Twenty-eight people contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$0.00	\$50,005.00

No one made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$6,465.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$137.00.

10 CHILDREN contributed \$70.00.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of A's Margaret in loving memory of her on the 7th Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Maul's Jim and Bridget Ann in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
3. A, Bridget Ann, Tommy and Crystal wishing a Happy 48th Birthday to A's Johnny with a never ending love;
4. Jack Tyler and Lace; Acea and Celia wishing a Happy 48th Birthday to A's Johnny;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jim Elliot Mack and Cartier Carroll.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for *World Mission Sunday*. Please be generous in this collection.

HALLOWEEN GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PARTY will be held Sunday, October 22nd at 6:00 PM. in the Hall. All are welcome.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday after 7:00 P.M. Mass for children in 3rd grade and up.

READERS

Sat. Oct. 14th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Natalie
Sun. Oct. 15th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Oct. 21st, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sun. Oct. 22nd, 10:00 A.M. Lauren & Jimmy Joseph

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun. Oct. 15th, 10:00 A.M. Easton & John Elvis

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Josie
Tuesday - Julie Ann
Wednesday - Gracelynn
Thursday - Sherlock's Mary Theresa
Friday - Lauren Ashley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Winnie Ann
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Cathy Carroll
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **October 14th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

October 15th **October 22nd**
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