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Background on the Gospel Reading

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

*The Twelve Promises of Jesus to
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
for those devoted to His Sacred Heart:*

- I* will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- I* will establish peace in their families.
- I* will console them in all their troubles.
- T*hey shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
- I* will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
- S*inners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
- T*epid souls shall become fervent.
- F*ervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
- I* will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
- I* will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
- T*hose who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
- T*he all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

"Look at this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return. Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth."



*M*argaret Mary became ill and died on October 17, 1690 during the fourth anointing step of the last rites. As she received the Last Sacrament, she said, "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

*T*he devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was officially recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765, seventy-five years after her death. Margaret Mary was declared Venerable in March, 1824 by Pope Leo XII, and she was pronounced Blessed on September 18, 1864 by Pope Pius IX. The inauguration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus occurred in 1856, and Margaret Mary was canonized by Benedict XV in 1920.





The Sanctuary lamp this week is
in memory of Mary Harrell
by Linda Behr.

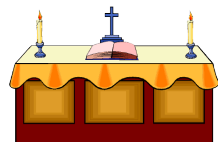
Our condolences are extended to
Alice Yuzzi on the death of her sister,
Marion Gallo. May the soul of Marion,
along with all the souls of the faithful
departed, rest in God's loving peace.



We are in need of someone to lead the rosary
Sunday morning beginning Nov. 8th. You would
be rotating with two other people. Please
prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve
Our Lady and our Church.

Contact Lori at 337-517-7593

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, October 12th. There will still
be daily Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.



Our weekend Masses are now being held
inside the Church for the first 50 people
who arrive wearing masks. You will need to
come in the back entrance by the office as
the front door will be locked. Please use hand sanitizer and keep
social distancing. Spaces are marked in the Church for seating.

If life gets too hard to stand, kneel.



Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet,
Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Robert
Cerritelli, Michael Ciochetti, Agatha Coffey, Tom Coffey,
Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier,
Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne

Duong Davis, Lakelynn Ellis, Joseph Fernandez, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox,
Mickey Goodwin, Curt Halter, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Brandon Hatch, Peggy
Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Jim Hobin, Emilee Janson, Edline Jigla, Florencio
Jimenez, Dwayne Edward Johnson, Larry Joseph, Jr., Jerry & Sue Kempinski,
Lauren Kennedy, Brandon Lowery, Holly Marsten, Lenore Maynard, Danny
Mercer, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine
Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Laura Moore, Jerry Murphy, Wanda
Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Berry Rankin, Chris Richards, Freeman Robinson, Josette
Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene
Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene
Tisdale, Adan Vanbourgandien, Travis Verge, Teresa Williams, Thomas
Wimpey, Marlene Woods, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi,

Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson.

Parishioners & all armed forces: Edmund Cameron, Matthew Cameron,
Wallace Cameron, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas,
Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Ben
Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond
Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle
McCormick, Chris Richards, Lauren Richards,
Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone.

Thank you for your service



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, October 10

5:00 P.M. ✝ Marion Gallo by Alice Yuzzi

Sunday, October 11

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✝ Gene Gonzalez by Ginny Gonzalez
11:30 A.M. Gerardo Martinez by Carmen

Monday, October 12

9:00 A.M. ✝ The Holy Souls in Purgatory
✝ Marcos Ortega

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 A.M. ✝ Margaret L. Swanson

Wednesday, October 14

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

5:30 P.M. The Kozma family by Joe & Sue Kozma

Thursday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. ✝ Gonzalo Megaña Rojas
by Dolores Zumudio

Friday, October 16

Saint Hedwig, Religious;

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9:00 A.M. Josette Roisin and family

Saturday, October 17

5:00 P.M. ✝ Bill and Doris Lobeck by Beverly Driscoll

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✝ Carl Galbrecht
11:30 A.M. ✝ Pedro Martinez by Carmen

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday
one-half hour before Mass.

*If you don't stand
firm in your faith, you
won't stand at all.*

Isaiah 7:9