



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2026



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.

They 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.

Sinners 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.

Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.

The 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."



Margaret 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."

The 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.



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass and benediction at 11:00am.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Catholic Adult Education on Monday night Oct. 12 at 7 PM is *Mystery of God-Arguments for God*; How to argue for, prove the existence, of God to non-believers. St. Anselm's description of God, "That than nothing greater can be thought". Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. We meet in the Family Life Center downstairs. Snacks provided. Deacon David & Education team



The Ladies' Guild monthly meeting is this Monday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library. All women of the Parish are invited to attend!



Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day. There will still be daily Mass that morning at 9:00 a.m.



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Prayers**

Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard, Mary Ann Janda, Josiah Mihok, Robert Horgan, Wayne Smith

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, October 10

5:00 P.M. † Bill Holten by the Choir
† Neil Popper by Doris Kelly
Linda & Ron Zeagler

Sunday, October 11

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Joseph Cioppa by Cindy Kessler
† Damaso Daniel Acevedo
11:30 A.M. Misericordia Group

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day

9:00 A.M. † Margarita & Miguel Diaz
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 13

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 14

Saint Callistus, Pope and Martyr

5:30 P.M. † Jonatan Cruz, † David Ruiz
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgen and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. † Jonatan Cruz, † David Ruiz
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 16

Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9:00 A.M. † Juan Ruiz, † Avilania Calvo
† Manuel Cardenas,
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Brigida Ramos

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Carl Galbrecht by Charlene
† Damaso Daniel Acevedo
† Cecilia Rios
† Juan Acevedo
11:30 A.M. † Gonzalo Magaña

