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THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, "THE FEAST IS READY,
BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS
AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."

MATTHEW 22:8-9

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020

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Jesus' parable of the king's wedding feast sounds extreme to our modern ears. After all, if a king—a beloved celebrity, say—were to invite us to his son's party, which one of us would refuse, much less murder the messenger? In Matthew's Gospel, the chief priests and elders obstinately refuse to acknowledge Jesus' mission as the anointed Son of God. Today's parable suggests that God will punish this stubbornness by burning their city. The extreme violence of this parable seems to be aimed at Jesus' stubborn first-century audience, but falls short of hitting us.

RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS, BUILDING BRIDGES

Instead of dismissing or quaintly smiling at today's parable, we can let the word of God work in our hearts. Jesus, who is the Word of God, exists in all time and knows each of us intimately. He speaks to us today through this very parable. The king's invitation applies to us. The Creator of the universe calls us, and we must respond. Eternal life is at stake.

Today's liturgy is a rich opportunity to identify the invitation extended by God. The liturgy itself is our collective glimpse into heaven. Perhaps the Lord is calling us to be more attentive to the liturgy, or to enter more deeply into a parish's weekend experience. Or perhaps our liturgical prayer time today will reveal a call to service, an invitation to care intentionally for strangers in need or for people we know. Perhaps, too, we might discern a call to repair brokenness. Most of us do not witness murder or burning cities on a daily basis, but we surely know of relationships in need of repair. Once we hear the invitation to reconcile with others, we can pray for the strength to respond. Instead of ignoring the summons by filling our time with busyness, we can ask the Lord to help us apologize, or forgive, or begin a difficult conversation. "Many are invited," Jesus tells us. He will help us respond.

Today's Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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Oct. 11 Feast Day

'Good Pope John' a Lasting Influence

For a pope who was elected when he was 76 and served for just five years, John XXIII is nevertheless seen as one of the most influential popes of the 20th century.



St. John XXIII

Viewed as a mere stopgap when he was elected in 1958 in the wake of the 20-year reign of Pius XII, John took the Vatican by surprise by calling the Second Vatican Council in 1962. Vatican II, as it came to be known, ushered in Masses in the vernacular instead of Latin, handed more power to bishops and launched a new outreach to other religions. John did not live to witness the end of the three-year, tradition-altering council, dying of stomach cancer in 1963. But he has been credited for pushing the Vatican into the modern era, a feat that Pope Francis is trying to build on today.

The fourth of 14 children in a poor farming family in northern Italy, Angelo Roncalli was sent to study for priesthood at the tender age of 11, rising to become the Vatican's envoy in Turkey during World War II. He was credited with saving thousands of Jews during his tenure there by issuing exit visas and fake birth certificates.

Appointed Patriarch of Venice in 1953, Roncalli was elected pope five years later, gaining the nickname "Il Papa Buono," or "The Good Pope," courtesy of his sense

of humor and warmth, traits which are now Francis' trademarks.

"Pope Francis has the ability to be close to people. That really recalls Pope John," Cardinal Francesco Capovilla told the Italian daily La Repubblica. Capovilla, 98, served as John's papal secretary and was made a cardinal by Francis this year, reflecting the current pope's high regard for John.

"He was courageous, a good country priest, with a great sense of humor and great holiness," Francis said last year of John, whose feast day is fixed as Oct. 11.

Just as Francis peppers his homilies with informal asides, John is well remembered for his speech announcing the Second Vatican Council, during which he told the crowd: "Going home, you will find your children. Give them a caress and tell them, 'This is the caress of the pope.'"

Known for his quips, John was once asked, "How many people work in the Vatican?" He replied: "About half of them." Writing about his family, John said: "There are three ways to face ruin: women, gambling, and farming. My father chose the most boring one."

Despite his joviality, John showed steely determination to open the Vatican to change. He nonetheless insisted on playing down his talents. "It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about the serious problems afflicting the world," he said, "and I tell myself, I must talk to the pope about it. Then the next day when I wake up I remember that I am the pope."

—Tom Kington, LAT, 2014. (edited)

Masses for the Week

- OCT. 10 SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Roger & Cathy Frame**
Wedding Anniversary
- OCT. 11 SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Mary Nadolski†**
(Nadolski Family)
10:00 A.M. **Joe & Ellen Curia†**
Curia Family
- OCT. 12 MONDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Bob & Bernadine Miller†**
(Miller/Porter Family)
- OCT. 13 TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Zelma Imhof†**
(Ellen McCormick)
- OCT. 14 WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Special Intention**
(Lucille Hicks)
- OCT. 15 THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Charles Freeman†**
(Maggie Yeater)
- OCT. 16 FRIDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Mary Ann Barnes†**
(Chris & Terry McDonald)
- OCT. 17 SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Theresa Myer†**
(Stanley & Kitty Pazyk)
- OCT. 18 SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Steve Eisenhauer†**
(Karen Eisenhauer)
10:00 A.M. **Raymond Padula Family†**
(Family)

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Our annual Memorial Mass for parishioners who have passed away during the last year will be held in the church Monday, Nov. 2, All Souls Day, at 6:30 p.m.

Parishioners who would like to honor any deceased loved ones may process to the church altar before weekend Masses or place candles at the altar any time during November.

REV. THAT SON NGOC NGUYEN, PASTOR

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS
& FRIENDS**



Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Jane Klug, Eleanor Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sami Wilson, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sandye Yoho, Theresa Reynolds.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohori, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Amelia Rynkievich, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

Names of those recently sick will appear for approximately two months to ensure requests stay current. Please resubmit requests after this period for those who still need our healing prayers.

LECTORS

Oct. 17 4:00 p.m. J. Fecat

Oct. 18 8:00 a.m. T. Wise

10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec

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Diocesan Council to Empower Laity

Bishop Mark Brennan is asking parishes to start the process of selecting members for a Diocesan Pastoral Council that is meant to give laity a “significant, consultative voice” in the development of pastoral plans, priorities, and initiatives to further the mission of Christ within the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese.

The insert in this week’s bulletin provides a list of qualifications for membership and explains other details about the council’s structure and how it will be formed.

St. Francis Xavier parishioners are being asked to nominate those they believe worthy to serve on the council. The top six names from those nominations will be submitted to parish council, which will choose two for further consideration by the diocesan vicariate. You may nominate as many as you choose.

Please find a box on the table at Xavier Hall entrance, where you can place your nominations. You may also drop off your nominations at the parish office. Do not be shy about nominating yourself or asking others to consider nominating you.

The council is being formed “in the light of existing social, economic, demographic, and cultural circumstances,” states Brennan in an Oct. 1 letter to clergy, which explains he has “desired” to establish the council since his appointment to the Diocese.

OUR MISSIONARIES ARE

settled in and prepared to begin sharing with parishioners and our community their work. Please read below about their first event, and come out to meet Pablo & Debora, Jose Miguel, and Alan.



**CATECHESIS FOR
ADULTS AND YOUTH**

**“COME TO ME ALL OF
YOU WHO ARE
BURDENED AND WEARY,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU
REST.” (Mt 11:28)**

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING, LOOKING FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE, HAVE WANDERED AWAY FROM CHURCH, ESPECIALLY DURING PANDEMIC, OR IF YOU KNOW ANYONE IN THIS SITUATION,

COME and LISTEN!

CATECHESIS FOR adults and youth

STARTING Oct. 19 at 7:00 PM
XAVIER HALL

ALL SOULS DAY IS MONDAY,

Nov 2. As we commemorate this feast, you are invited to bring a framed picture of your deceased loved one and place it at the foot of the altar in Xavier Hall. pictures will remain on the Altar for two weeks. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the picture frame.

THOSE WISHING TO BUY

memorial candles for All Souls Day can get forms from the office or at sfxmoundsville.org.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

will be celebrated Oct. 18. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities.

Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and observe next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



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