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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 9, 2011

Good News!

October 9, 2011

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6–10a / Phil 4:12–14, 19–20 /
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

Sometimes Jesus' words can seem quite vague to us; at other times, he makes his point with extreme clarity. The latter is the case today. For the past three Sundays, Jesus has used parables to indict the religious leaders for their self-righteousness, their assumption of God's favor, and their rejection of Jesus. Today he compares them to wedding guests who decline their invitation to attend. Some must see to more important matters; others believe they needn't attend because they're already in the host's good graces.

The story doesn't end well for them, and outsiders accept the invitations. Jesus indicates the religious leaders can't slide by in the Father's eyes—salvation is guaranteed to no one, especially not to those who reject the Father's invitation.

We might too easily dismiss this story as one that doesn't apply to us. We wouldn't reject an invitation to God's banquet. Yet don't we often put other responsibilities and activities before our relationship with God? Don't we sometimes take God's love for granted? "God can't possibly expect us to live as Christians 24/7." "That little lie I told isn't so bad." "God always forgives us, right? We don't have to try that hard."

If those thoughts sound familiar, we have more in common with the invited wedding guests than we thought. Our response to God's invitation should be an ongoing, daily response rather than one given only when it's convenient. We have important responsibilities every day, but we can't accomplish any of them without God—a truth Saint Paul echoed in our second reading: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." With *these* words first on our lips, we can *repondez, s'il vous plaît* (RSVP), to God's invitation with a resounding yes—and renewed commitment and conviction.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 8TH - 9TH
TWENTYEIGHT SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Usher's Group 1

TRIPLE PLAY CAFE BREAKFAST
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
2ND COLLECTION: ANNUAL FUEL COLLECTION
NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Emelia Maratta**
request of Mr. and Mrs. Maratta

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Agnes Murphy**
request of Mary Simmons

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AFTER MASS

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Bill Miller**
request of the Family

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASSES
MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED MONDAYS;
TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 A.M.. THERE
WILL BE NO A.M. MASSES ON THURSDAYS AND
FRIDAYS

THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for Gladys Lanning request of
Jennifer & Phil Daly

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube request of
The Family

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for + Frank R. Murphy
Request of the Armstrong family

9:00-12:00n Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 NO MASS

7:00 p.m. K of C Business meeting

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 NO MASS

7:00 p.m. "The Disciples" Youth Group viewing
movie "Soul Surfer" at Parish Center

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

Recitation of the Rosary before Mass

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2011

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION.....
WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEKEND. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE WORLD MISSION APPEAL, U.S.
BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR LATIN AMERICA, BLACK AND INDIAN
MISSIONS AND THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL. YOU
WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION IN THE MAIL ABOUT THIS
COLLECTION. PLEASE READ THIS MATERIAL AND BRING YOUR
GIFT ENVELOPE TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 15/16.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE
SPECIAL GOLD JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS BEING
HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M.
ALL COUPLES MARRIED 25 & 50 YEARS, ALSO THOSE
CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY YEAR,
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AND RENEW YOUR
WEDDINGS VOWS IN A PONTIFICAL MASS WHICH
WILL BE CELEBRATED BY BISHOP COTE AT THE
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK, NORWICH. FAMILY
AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN THIS
SPECIAL TESTIMONY AND WITNESS TO LOVE AND
MARRIAGE. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
PROVIDED IN THE CATHEDRAL HALL FOLLOWING
THE MASS. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE TO
REGISTER FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL JUBILEE
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40 Days of Life.....

This is the fifth year of our participation in this prayerful and
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States and Canada to end abortion and promote the sanctity of
human life.

The program began on September 28, 2011 and will run
through Sunday, November 6, 2011. For these forty days the
focus will be to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of
unity with prayer, fasting and peaceful activism.

If you would like to take part in this program, you may
register for a time slot by logging onto
www.vigilcalendar.com/norwich or contact Brian Daly at 860-
822-1788.

Last week's offertory \$ 3,444

Last year's offertory \$ 2,308

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

The secret to being a good steward is to trust that God will
supply us with all that we need. However, we have to let go
of the expectation that we should also have all that we want.
Good stewards must learn to live differently. We must turn
away from materialism, want less, share more and learn to be
grateful for God's many blessings.

NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER 15TH - 16TH

2nd Collection Mission Combined Collection

Coffee Social Faith Formation Classes

Usher's Group II

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Arthur Kehl**

Altar Servers: Elena and Catherine Fiano

Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Agnes Murphy**

Altar Servers:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AFTER MASS

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Charles Varrick**

Altar Servers : LeeAnn and Ben Snuffer

Minister of the Word: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS



THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.....

Be part of our 2011 Parish Family Album.

Have you made your appointment for the Pictorial Directory yet? There are many open time slots to fit into your busy schedule.

Sign-up sheets are at both doors of church entrances. Volunteers will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses to assist you in the sign ups..

THE ROMAN MISSAL cont.

We left off two weeks ago with "One in being with the Father" is now "Consubstantial with the Father."

Today we address "Was born of the Virgin Mary." You may ask "what's wrong with that?" The new wording is "Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary" This is an important theological term now preserved in the new translation of the Creed's statement about Jesus' unique conception. The older translation referred to the Son in this way: "By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." The new translation says that Jesus "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

This phraseology more accurately reflects the Latin text of the Mass, which includes the word *incarnatus* (incarnate"). This theological term refers to "the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it" (CCC #461) In the words of John's gospel, "The Word became flesh" (John 1;14) Accordingly, we now say that the Son "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." Not only is this a more precise translation, it

also captures more of the theological point expressed in the Creed. The Son of God was not just born of the Virgin Mary; he actually took on human flesh!

Next week, "The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts..."

PARENTS CORNER:

KIDS AND GOD:

If you are starting from scratch

If you're more likely to be doing yard work on Sunday morning than attending Mass, and if most dinners in your house begin without grace, don't worry—you're not alone. But you're not alone either in a desire for a richer faith life for your family. Not sure how to get started? Commit to these four basic items for the school year.

1.Go to Mass each Sunday:As Woody Allen said, "Ninety percent of life is just showin up." Get yourself to Mass and see what God has to say to you. Just show up.

2.Pray with your kids before dinner and bed: Whether you pray in your own words or use traditional prayers (Bless us, O Lord; Hail Mary; Our Father), your children will begin to understand that prayer is important enough that we do it twice a day.

3.Hang up a cross: If your house has plenty of artwork and kids' photos on the walls but is lacking a cross, that sends a message to kids about the family's priorities. Get a cross or a crucifix. There are thousands of styles.

4.Get your kids to religious education:If your kids are in a Catholic school they're getting several hours of faith formation each week. If not, find a strong Christian formation program that will fit with your family's schedule and commit to it.

END HOMEWORK BATTLES EARLY

If last school year was a homework nightmare, act fast to put strong practices into place to ensure success. Some tips from families whose homework times are usually peaceful and struggle-free:

Choose a quiet yet "public" place in the house for home work: A desk in his or her bedroom might work for an older, self-motivated student, but most kids do better at the dining room table...this fosters more accountability and makes it easier to make sure they are working.

Give the child responsibility: Children in grades 2 and up need to understand that homework is their job, not mom or dad's. Kids should start their homework time by reading to you what they have from their assignment notebook. After this initial check-in, children should get to work silently with little discussion. Parents respond to the child's questions in a way that guides the child to the solution without giving away the answer. Parents are available but not sitting with the child.

Keep homework time focused: Families with successful students often don't allow video games on school nights. Turn the TV off if anyone in the house is doing homework and keep cell phones away from the teens until homework is complete. In academically oriented families, homework is each night's priority, and other activities are made to fit around homework, not vice versa.



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