

# October 11th, 2020 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it

that you came in here (wedding banquet) without a wedding garment? Many are invited, few are chosen. –MT 22: 1-14

## **Rich and Juicy**

The First Reading says that the Lord of hosts will provide a feast for his people, a feast of choice wines and rich and juicy food.

Rich food is the kind that our culture warns us against. Everything shouts at us that if we want to look good and be healthy, the one thing we should be sure to avoid is rich food. And what can we say about choice wines? They cost a lot of money, which could be better spent on other things; and nobody can exercise hard or work well who is full of choice wines.

Furthermore, almost everybody is dieting or has been dieting. But we all know that even successful dieters fail in the long run. Often, a person diets just long enough to get rid of excess weight and then happily goes right back to his old habits of eating rich and juicy food. That's how diets fail.

We seem pressed, then, to give up rich and juicy things forever. And it isn't just a matter of food. Work, marriage, children—all these things can give the same impression. Give unstintingly, labor ceaselessly; but, please, please, nothing rich and juicy! At least, not if you want to be healthy, attractive, and successful.

This is a grim and grinding picture of human life.

*But it is not the Lord's picture.* We are made by him to be fed till we are full with the very best, the most rich and juicy of all. The Lord himself will provide it for us in heaven, in the wedding supper of the Lamb.

But, in this life too, the Lord feeds us with the best—and that is himself, in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. There is no choicer wine or richer food.

And so, as the First Reading shows us, we are not commanded to a life of grimness. We are called to feasting with joy. -Eleonore Stump

## **Readings This Sunday**

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10A

Reading II: Philippians 4: 12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

## **Readings For Next Sunday**

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Reading II: 1Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

**Finance / Stewardship Collection:** The plate last weekend was **\$2,760.**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS**

**WELCOME BACK!** This year, due to COVID, Religious Education will begin with at-home instruction by the family. Registration forms for the families have been in September bulletins and on the parish websites, to be turned in by email to [sacredsaintccd@gmail.com](mailto:sacredsaintccd@gmail.com) or the church offices or register online at [sacredheartweb.org](http://sacredheartweb.org) or [saintbernards.org](http://saintbernards.org). Assistance from parish catechists is available after Masses monthly for registered families in person or by phone. Contact Kim Farrell, DRE for more information; her phone number is on the bulletin. For English, we will be sending Baltimore Catechisms to each family that enrolls, and to you as well if you are interested in assisting in this way. For Spanish, we are still researching options to keep the programs as similar as possible. Our Faith and Life series is still our main text, but during at home instruction this text is much easier for parents:

<https://www.comcenter.com/program/429/>

## **Invitation from the Discalced Carmelite**

**Seculars** This is a challenging time when we are separated from each other. Now, more than ever, we need spiritual nourishment. The Discalced Carmelite Seculars invite you to log on to <http://www.thespeakroom.org>. This website posts reflections on spiritual topics that help us all to focus on God and that give us strength to sustain us in these times. Some posts are written and others are videos. Please enjoy. For information, please contact Ginny or Alan Fox at 725-6930. We remember St. Teresa of Avila's words from her Bookmark: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all that it longs for. Those who have God find they lack nothing. God alone suffices."

## Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

### Saturday 10

4:00 pm SJ Mary Gierek Hoffman †

### Sunday 11

7:30 am SJ Fred Pepper, Sr. †

9:00 am SH VanderVeldt Family Int.

10:30 am SB Chad Kryla Int.

12:15 pm SH Carmen Zaragoza HB Int. (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

### Monday 12

12:15 pm SB Maureen Campbell †

5:30 pm SH Rosa Teng †

### Tuesday 13

7:30 am SJ Linus & Vanessa Lorenzen †

5:30 pm SH Peter Yu †

### Wednesday 14

12:15 pm SB Nancy Elgin †

6:00 pm SH Adoration

7:00 pm For the conversion and just punishment for the perpetrators & concealers of clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

### Thursday 15

7:30 am SJ Judy Lourenco †

5:30 pm SH Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Friday 16

12:15 pm SB David Durbin †

5:30 pm SH No Intention

### Saturday 17

4:00 pm SJ Michael Dzieciol †

### Sunday 18

7:30 am SJ Ben Benzonelli †

9:00 am SH Frank Scolari †

10:30 am SB Bertha Yost †

12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega † (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

**Please pray for** : Marilyn Ziblich, Baby Olivia, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla, Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman & Family, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

**PRAYER LINE** Have faith in God...I tell you: When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it. -Mark 11:22-24 Call our pray line leader, Toni at 445-3616 24/7.

## Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a **\$30,000** donation. We have now raised **\$24,306** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

## Scripture Study and Lectures at St. Bernard In Memory of Fr. Eric Freed Have Begun...

In memory of Fr. Eric Freed we have again started scripture study and lectures. Lectures on the Reformations will continue for 12 weeks **through 11/29 with one 20-minute lecture per week, in the St. Bernard Church Hall right after the 10:30 mass**. We are meeting every Sunday. There will be study notes, but no coffee. Those who stay for the lecture will clean their own spots. -Deacon Frank Weber

## St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Pray For Us -Feast

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> A** French Roman Catholic Visitation nun and mystic, she is greatly recognized for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was born in 1647 in France as the only daughter of Claude and Philiberte Lamyn Alacoque. Margaret had always shown an intense love for the Blessed Sacrament and preferred silence over typical childhood play. She began practicing severe corporal mortification after her first communion at 9-years-old. She continued this until rheumatic fever confined her to her bed for four years. After making a vow to the Blessed Virgin Mary to consecrate herself to religious life, Margaret instantly returned to perfect health. In recognition of this favor, Margaret added the name Mary to her baptismal name. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of Jesus Christ for most of her life, but thought they were a normal part of life and continued to practice austerity. One night, after attending a ball in an evening dress, Margaret had a vision of Christ, scourged and bloody. He accused Margaret of forgetting about him. He showed her that His heart was full of love for her because of the promise she made to His Blessed Mother as a child. After this vision, Margaret was determined to fulfill the vow she made years ago. She entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in May 1671 to become a nun. In December 1673, Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary again, and allowed her to rest her head on His heart. His human heart was to be the symbol of His divine-human love. He revealed to her the wonders of His love. He explained to her that he wished to make these wonders known to all the world, and that He chose her for His work. On September 18, 1864, Margaret Mary was beatified by Pope Pius IX. When her tomb was opened a few years later, two immediate cures took place and her body laid incorrupt. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was officially canonized on May 13, 1920 by Pope Benedict XV and, in 1928, Pope Pius XI upheld the Church's position regarding the credibility behind her visions of Jesus Christ.

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