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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 11, 2020

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wedding Parable of the Banquet of Heaven

Dear Parishioners:

It's been a tempestuous time starting with the presidential debates and now President Trump in the hospital with COVID-19. Last Sunday, Pope Francis published his new encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" on scripture as our guide for living in a complex world. As we continue to pray the rosary during October, ask the Blessed Mother to seek the wisdom of her Son in how we care for one another.

In today's scripture, a king threw a wedding feast, but those originally invited did not come. For Matthew's church in Antioch toward the end of the first century, the story was used as a parable. The Jewish leaders rejected Jesus just as their ancestors had spurned the prophets. The wedding feast then welcomed other guests like those in Matthew's community, first Jewish followers of Jesus, and then even Gentile converts.

For Matthew, this is a bittersweet story-turned-allegory that interprets the time of turmoil after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., when both Jewish and Christian survivors of the war were expelled from their ancestral land. The parable contains allusions to the early church's lingering expectation that the Risen Lord would soon return and herald the end of the world. Matthew's message was simple: Be alert, be ready to enter the feast when invited, and have your wedding garment at hand.

This parable of the wedding banquet is also an image of the end-time, when heaven will celebrate the divine groom, the Messiah. When Jesus originally told the story, its implications threatened the religious leaders of his day. Prominent Jewish leaders naturally would have expected to share the final feast of God's triumph, to be rewarded for their presumed faithfulness. When this parable implied that they were excluded, it could only have caused serious humiliation and thirst for reprisal.

In the parable, the first guests take the invitation too lightly. The king's envoys are killed by these ungrateful guests, reflecting the treatment of prophets of old. Then the ungrateful guests are replaced by unassuming visitors from the highways and byways. Eventually, even the poor guest who is improperly dressed is excluded. This might refer to the actions of Judas, who although present at the Last Supper, disqualified his participation in that celebration through his treachery.

In biblical imagery, being dressed appropriately signified more than just good manners. In times of celebration, clothing symbolizes joy (see Luke 15:22). Here the picture alludes to the end-time, when a reckoning will be made. Those who are properly dressed are ready for the reckoning.



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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The message in what Jesus says is that the judgment of the religious leaders is imminent. His very presence among them and their impending rejection of him is the beginning of the judgment process. Invited guests, like Judas and these ungrateful religious leaders, may choose to ignore the summons, or they may be totally unprepared for it -- so others will replace them who are eager to share the horizon of values that Jesus represents.

Does it seem fair to you that the king would expel to outer darkness the one poor guest without a wedding garment? You need to know what the "wedding garment" represents. In biblical terms, it probably refers to being "clothed in righteousness." As a requirement to enter the life of God, it is similar to the oil of the bridesmaids. The bridesmaids who do not bring enough oil are shut out of the feast.

The exclusion may seem harsh, but failure to wear wedding attire symbolically reveals that love is the essential passport for entering the kingdom. The kingdom itself is only a metaphor for the human relationship with God, the Ineffable One. God invites, but no relationship exists until you respond.

In human terms, if you never return another's care, if you neglect to reciprocate another's interest, if you hide your true self from another, can you claim to be someone's friend or spouse? If you are a citizen of a country and do not make the effort to become an informed voter, can you claim to be a responsible citizen? Why celebrate a wedding banquet if you are unwilling to participate in the mystery of love it celebrates?

There is a caution for interpreting this parable. As a champion of the poor, Luke records a similar parable that contrasts rich people's love of wealth with God's compassion for the marginalized (Luke 14:15-24). Matthew has a different focus. The "newly invited" are not Luke's poor and disabled. Instead, they represent the "good and bad" alike. For Matthew, what is important is whether you accept or refuse God's offer of grace. Matthew's point is that grace is not something you earn by merit, nor is it something you can lose because of sin. As Jesus points out, "many are called."

But the parable has a further meaning. One person arrives at the banquet improperly dressed and is thrown out of the party. If this were Luke's version, such an action by the host would be unthinkable. But remember that Matthew's stress is on morality, not compassion for the poor. Unlike the first guests invited, this man did accept the gracious invitation of the gospel. But he refused to respond to the invitation by conforming his life to the gospel. As Jesus warns, "few are chosen."

On this Columbus Day weekend, we pray in thanksgiving for the courage of explorers as well as for the welcome of the Indigenous People to open the new world to our forebears. As our national elections draw near, pray for our community to vote -- to be informed and conscientious citizens. In these times of pandemic and wild fires and financial stress, ask Mary the Mother of Jesus for help -- by praying the rosary during this month of October dedicated to the rosary.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

Mass Schedule ~ Monday-Friday at NOON - To attend WEEKDAY MASSES, you no longer need to sign up ahead of time. Simply sign in with your name and phone number when you enter the church. The number of participants MUST remain at or below 50, so parishioners are asked to self-monitor the number of people signed up. Mask is required.

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Oct 11, 2020

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Mass Readings for Oct 18, 2020

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



Mother Marie Rose was beautifully honored for her birthday at the school Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Declan O'Brien and Ruby George, grade 7, hosted and, leading the school in remembrance via zoom. Sr. Chris Jordan was in attendance to receive a special blessing for the entire SNJM community.

Mother Marie Rose was born Eulalie Durocher in 1811 to a well-respected family in Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu (Québec). Despite her frailty, she was a lively and joyous child. As a teenager, Eulalie proudly rode her beautiful horse Caesar to visit friends, the sick, and the less fortunate in her village. After many obstacles, she became the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. According to her vision, each child must receive a well-rounded education: spiritually, academically, artistically and socially. On the occasion of her beatification in Rome on May 23, 1982, the Church declared Marie-Rose Durocher an apostolic woman and a herald of new times. In naming the new Child Development Center at our parish school, "Eulalie's Garden", we honor the spirit of who she was as a child and who she became. Learn more about the vital work of the Sisters today at www.snjm.org.

We are so grateful for the legacy of the sisters: you co-founded our parish school and put the spirit of joy and excellence strongly in place. We are talking to you Sr. Chris Jordan, Sr. Anne Paradis, Sr. Jean Gent, Sr. Rosemary Parker, Sr. Marian Watkins and your whole community: we are talking to you! Yours are the shoulders on which we stand and we are grateful.



And a special word about **Eulalie's Garden, Child Development Center**: each day we see our little ones on campus engaged in learning, art, PE and music. They are happy and growing and bring joy to all of our days. We still have spots in this remarkable program, please help share that news.

We are already at mid-terms on our new trimester calendar and look forward to **virtually conferencing** with all of our families this week.

Blessings on your week!
Kelli Clark,
Principal kclark@sipdx.org

BRING YOUR PHOTO DURING OCTOBER TO THE OFFICE

Have you lost a loved one this past year? **You are invited** to bring a picture of loved ones you want our community to remember in their prayers as we approach All Souls Day.

This year we will collect a copy of a photo to be included in our weekend recorded Masses. You may **drop off a photo at the office during the Month of October** between 10AM & 2PM or email it to the office@sipdx.org

This year our Memorial Mass is on **Wednesday, November 4 at Noon** [call to sign up for this Mass.](#) 503-777-1491 x 221.



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Our parish has an email based prayer chain you can submit prayers or sign up to pray for other's intentions, just email to prayerchain@sipdx.org

In the subject line please include either:

Asking for prayers
OR

Add me to the Email list to pray



You are invited to join IGNITE! Sunday October 11, 2020 at 6pm
There is a handout on our website:

www.sipdx.org/ignite

Presenters will be: Mike Higgins, Joseph & Grace Byrd

Simply email Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org to receive the link.

WEEKLY RACIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

Migration Policy Webinar Series: To celebrate its 15th year, the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants (JFI) Campaign is hosting a webinar series ([register here](#)) that will focus on key areas of migration policy for the purpose of educating Catholics and others of goodwill on some of the key moral and political issues in this arena. **Wednesday October 7 through November 12, 11:00 a.m. Portland Time**, JFI will focus on a distinct issue in the migration field. In these webinars JFI will explore some of the current hopes and challenges in its effort to influence policy with the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Charities USA Webinar on PREPARES

PREPARES successfully alleviates poverty, increases health care access, and protects children at risk of abuse and neglect. Created by the bishops of Washington state in 2013, funding from the USCCB and CCHD enabled three state Catholic Charities agencies to begin implementation, including Catholic Charities Eastern Washington as featured in this webinar.

PREPARES engages over 500 volunteers from 159 parishes who have served 12,000 families. This parish-based program engages a network of parish volunteers, professional staff, and aligned programs to accompany pregnant and parenting women, men, and families with children under five who live in poverty and lack a healthy support network. **October 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. PDT.** Register [here](#).

Ignatian Spirituality Network Virtual Solidarity on Tap— Fr. James Martin, SJ;
Wednesday October 14, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. PDT

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KUDOS & DID YOU KNOW?



- ⇒ Volunteers checking people into weekday Masses!! Gail Mills, Dolores Hickey, Mike and Gloria Giddens, Grace Nuber
- ⇒ Mike Moore for incorporating the First Reconciliation kids' photos into the mass video



- ⇒ Confession is available on Saturdays from 11 to noon. Or by appointment. 503-777-1491

FAMILY LIFE



First Reconciliation & Communion students showing heart! More pictures on the our website.

Children's Liturgy – Sunday, Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

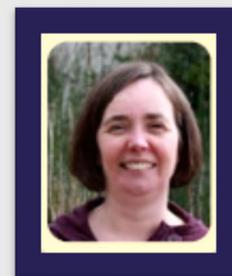
Michele will lead this week's program:

Topic: St Ignatius Children's Liturgy of the Word Oct 11

Time: Oct 11, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6890921349?pwd=R2NNNmlmSVdWTUxKVII4VzJHK2hTdz09>



Meeting ID: 689 092 1349 Passcode: 103352

Our Children's Liturgy program is being offered this fall by Nathan Williams, Michele Becker and Angela Kockler each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's recommended for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. We will do our best to share the link in the parish bulletin each week so be sure to look for it there if you don't receive your family life newsletter.

Mom's Groups meets 2nd & 4th Sundays to study Wisdom Literature

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The homework is to read Proverbs, chapters 10-22. Choose 5 proverbs that you find meaningful and 2-3 that you found amusing. To join the meeting, email bschaller@sipdx.org for the Zoom link.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Oct 12	Michel Mulloy
Tuesday	Oct 13	Roxan Mulloy
Wednesday	Oct 14	Madonna Mulloy
Thursday	Oct 15	† Kevin Mulloy
Friday	Oct 16	† Jim Emig



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