



Saint Dominic Catholic Community

*God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future*
***Dios Nos ha Llamado a Construir:
Nuestro Puente Hacia
El Futuro***

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Monday - Friday
900 am - 3:00 pm

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9**

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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultural community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule -Weekend Masses

Saturday -English 8:00 a.m.

Anticipated Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday

8:00 a.m. English Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Integrated with the 8:00 am mass on Wednesday

Reconciliation Sacrament: Saturday-4:30-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

call the Parish office 6 months in advance
to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make
arrangements for communion to be
brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration If you are new to the parish,
please register at the office. Tuesday –Friday
9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS HORAS DE OFICINA

MONDAY
10:00 am –5:00 pm
TUESDAY– FRIDAY
9:00 am-7:30 pm

Pray for the sick

Bobbie Anderson	Concepcion Ligason
Georgia Malonson	Nidia Ramirez
Horace Malonson	Diana Montejano
Mervin Auzenne	Marissa Ramirez
Doreen Whitmeer	Byrett May Freeman
Elma Revelo	Guadalupe Benitez
Vitaliana Nisnisan	Jose Cruz
Eva Owens	Idalia Rodriguez
Stela Visaya	Rosel Rodriguez
Mike Ortega	Lucille Trahan
Carolina Montemayor	Kirby Datrez
Phil Martinez	Zoila Valdez
Rebecca Directo	

If you
correspond to
the designs of
God, He will
make a saint
of you.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Pre -Baptismal Registration With Gabriela Ramos

Email –stdominichouston@gmail.com

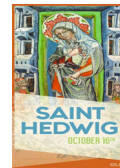
Must register in the parish office,

Monday – Friday, 1:00 am –4:00 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the
catholic

church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring
copy of their Baptism, First communion and
confirmation



Parents and godparents must attend two
pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday
of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm. **Donation** for class
is \$75.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

children 7 years and older must be prepared through the
parish catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese
of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial
Lunes –Viernes, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm una semana antes de la
clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/
a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia católica es requerido
presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar
su acta de Bautizo, Primera comunión y confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a platicas
pre-bautismales el tercer sábado del mes de 10:00 –3:00
Donación para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 8:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.
niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia.
(Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in
advance; must be a registered member drop by the office and
fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding
information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered
in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date
of the first preparation session. The candidate should register
for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th
birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the
Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist
prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not
received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be
enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the
Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and
complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and
must join our parish youth program. Pick up
Quinceañera information check-list.



From The Pastor



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.

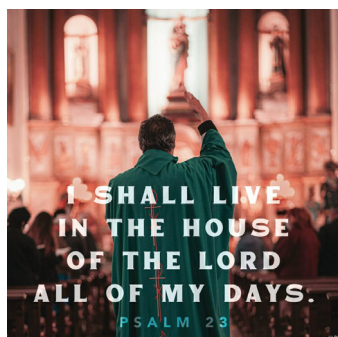
In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have 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.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.



Rev. Roger Estorque

Podríamos detenernos aquí por un momento. ¿Por qué algunos inmediatamente después de criticar a los líderes religiosos a través de la parábola de los inquilinos en el Evangelio del domingo pasado, Jesús procedió a contar otra parábola, nuevamente dirigida a los líderes religiosos. Escuchamos esta parábola en el Evangelio de hoy.

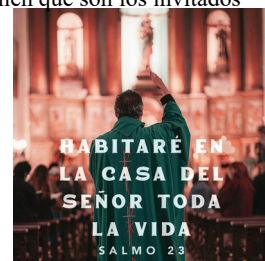
En la parábola del banquete de bodas, Jesús ofrece una imagen del reino de los cielos utilizando el símbolo de un banquete de bodas. En la primera lectura del profeta Isaías y en el salmo de hoy, la bondad del Señor es evidente en el símbolo de una fiesta de buena comida y vino. Los oyentes de Jesús habrían estado familiarizados con la imagen de un banquete de bodas como símbolo de la salvación de Dios. Se considerarían los invitados. Tener esto presente nos ayuda a comprender la crítica que Jesús hace con esta parábola. El contexto de esta parábola es la creciente tensión entre Jesús y los líderes religiosos judíos en Jerusalén. Este ha sido el caso durante los últimos dos domingos y seguirá siendo así durante las próximas semanas.

La parábola que Jesús cuenta es sencilla. El rey envía a sus sirvientes a invitar a los invitados al banquete de bodas que está preparando para su hijo. Los oyentes se habrían sorprendido al saber que los primeros invitados rechazaron la invitación. ¿Quién rechazaría la invitación del rey? Sigue un segundo envío de sirvientes. Nuevamente, para gran sorpresa de los oyentes, algunos invitados ignoran la invitación. Algunos de los invitados llegan incluso a maltratar y matar a los sirvientes. El rey invoca su venganza contra estos asesinos destruyéndolos e incendiando su ciudad.

Podríamos detenernos aquí por un momento. ¿Por qué algunos invitados matarían a los sirvientes enviados para invitarlos al banquete de bodas del rey? Podría ser posible que el rey fuera un tirano, como lo demuestra la destrucción de la ciudad por parte de quienes rechazaron su invitación. Pero si seguimos esta idea, entonces la alegoría parece tratar de algo más que el reino de los cielos. Es más probable que la destrucción de la ciudad hubiera sido una imagen poderosa correspondiente a la destrucción de Jerusalén por los romanos en el año 70 d.C., que habría sido un acontecimiento importante para la audiencia de Mateo.

Ahora que los invitados son considerados indignos de asistir al banquete de bodas del rey, se envía a los sirvientes a invitar a quien puedan encontrar. Llegan los invitados, pero parece que aceptar la invitación del rey conlleva ciertas obligaciones. El invitado que no se vistió con el traje de boda adecuado es expulsado del banquete. Se nos recuerda que si bien muchos son invitados al reino de los cielos, no todos pueden cumplir con sus requisitos. Dios nos invita a su fiesta, regalándonos su salvación. Sin embargo, nos pide que nos arrepintamos de nuestros pecados.

El mensaje de Jesús en la parábola advierte contra las creencias exclusivas sobre el reino de los cielos. La parábola también enseña acerca de la humildad. Aquellos que suponen que son los invitados pueden descubrir que han rechazado la invitación, y por eso se invita a otros en su lugar. Aceptar la invitación es también aceptar sus obligaciones. Dios quiere nuestra plena conversión en completa aceptación de su misericordia.



Rev. Roger Estorque

MASS INTENTIONS



¡HAY ESPERANZA!



Saturday	October 14th
8:00 am	Birthday-Danny Ramirez/Martha Garcia
6:00 pm	† Vincent Natividad/Nanette Natividad
Sunday	October 15th
8:00 am	† Alicia Vazquez/Trahan Family
	† Alicia Vazquez/Frances Baccigalopi
	† Alicia Vazquez/Barbara Vasquez
9:30 am	† Candida Cortez/Rosita Rodriguez
	† Jose Miguel Alvarez/Rosita Rodriguez
	† Lucia Mallozzi/Melissa Cortinas
11:15 am	Birthday-Mary Camille/Victoria Abrau
	Birthday-Victoria Abrau/Victoria Abrau
1:00 pm	† Ramon Izaguirre/Beatriz Hernandez
	Birthday- Gustavo Lemus/Gustavo Lemus
	Anniversary-Gustavo & Llensenia/Gustavo Lemus
Monday	October 16th
	<i>St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>
8:00 am	† Gil Perez/Irma Perez
	† Genoveva Gonzalez/Angelita Gonzalez
	† Gabriela Adamek/Laura & Berta
Tuesday	October 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:00 am	† Joseph Than Mai/Family
	† Gabriela Adamek/Laura & Berta
Wednesday	October 18th St. Luke, Evangelist
8:00 am	† Gabriela Adamek/Laura & Berta
Thursday	October 19th
	<i>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues</i>
8:00 am	† Gabriela Adamek/Laura & Berta
Friday	October 20th St. Paul of the Cross
8:00 am	† Almas del Purgatorio/Familia Valles
	† Gabriela Adamek/Laura & Berta
	Aniversary - 10 Years AMSIF
Saturday	October 21st
8:00 am	† Martha Trinh Tran/Family
	† Gabriela Adamek/Laura & Berta
6:00 pm	† Vincent Natividad/Nanette Natividad

Monday	October 16th
	NO OEC
Tuesday	October 17th
6:00 pm	Coro - Puente
6:45 pm	RCIC,RCIT RCIA Class Eng & Spanish
6:45 pm	Confirmation I - 8th grade
7:00 pm	Coro - Puente
Wednesday	October 18th
6:45 pm	Confirmation II - 9th, 10th, 11th
Thursday	October 19th
10:00 am	AMSIF
6:45 pm	Confirmation III -10th, 11th, 12th
7:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Asamblea
Friday	October 20th
5:30 pm	Coro Tello
5:30 pm	1st Communion -Spanish class
Saturday	October 21st
9:00 am	1st communion -English Class
4:00 pm	MFCC Hijos/Hijas
Sunday	October 22nd
9:45 am	OEC English PRE-K- 8TH Grade
11:30 am	OEC Spanish PRE-K-5TH

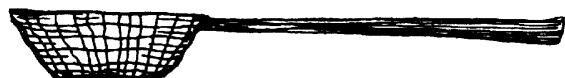
Fall Happenings



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
October 16th	Gospel: Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
October 17th	Gospel: Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11,
October 18th	12-13, 17-18
	Gospel: Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2,
October 19th	3-4, 5-6ab
	Gospel: Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11
October 20th	Gospel: Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7,
October 21st	8-9, 42-43
	Gospel: Lk 12:8-12

Ofrenda semanal



10/9/23 Collection \$7,473.71
Building \$ 452.00

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos una semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a última hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.

El boletín es enviado a imprenta en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.

La donación mínima por intención son \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.

Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.

Minimum Donation per intention of \$5.00

ONLINE GIVING ST. DOMINIC

website www.stdominichouston.org has three modules you can donate to. Under Ecommunity you can donate to St. Dominic and indicate where you want your donation applied.

You will also see DSF click on donate today select parish and place your donation. This is linked directly to the Archdiocese.

To donate to ignite click on ignite/enciende tab you will see HTTPS://www.archgh.org/ignite this is also linked to archdiocese.

Donations to DSF & Ignite are not controlled by St. Dominic. Statements for DSF and ignite are sent from the Archdiocese.

DONACIONES EN LÍNEA ST. DOMINIC

sitio web www.stdominichouston.org tiene tres módulos a los que puedes donar. En Ecommunity puede donar a St. Dominic e indicar dónde desea que se aplique su donación.

También verá que DSF hace clic en donar hoy, seleccione la parroquia y haga su donación. Esto está vinculado directamente a la Arquidiócesis.

Para donar a ignite, haga clic en la pestaña ignite/enciende. ver HTTPS://www.archgh.org/ignite esto también está vinculado a archidiócesis.

St. Dominic no controla las donaciones a DSF & Ignite. Las declaraciones para DSF y ignite se envían desde la Arquidiócesis.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Merced Flores -**Spanish**

Clem & Cecile Monta **English** 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.

E. M. of Holy Communion: Mary LeBlanc -English

E. M. de Eucaristia: Imelda Duran

Lectors English: Leslie Gutierrez

Lectores Spanish: Maribel Ortiz

Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Kevin Rosacia

Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello

Ushers/Greeters English: Criselda Penaflor, Youth Group

Acomodadores Español: Gonzalo & Isabel Aguilar

Parish Pastoral Council: Rogelio Mendez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm

Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez, quarterly & as necessary

Baptismal classes- English: Melner Calvo, Clem Mota

Clases Pre -Bautismales Español: Francisco & Romana Ramirez, Imelda Duran

Catholic Daughters: Shirley Malonson 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Family Ministry: Melner Calvo

Damas del Altar: Lucy Villanueva

Amisf: Anabel Lozano

Knights of Columbus: Bill Burling, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am

Legion of Mary: Elda Briggs, Thursday 7:00 p.m. English

Legion de Maria : Juany Tamez, Jueves 7:00 p.m. Español

Peregrinos Marianos: Rafael Ibarra, Freddy Garcia

Facilities Maintenance: Raymond Helfrich & Bobby Baccigalopi

Asamblea De Oración: Manuel Mungia, Jueves 7:00 pm

Escuela de la Cruz: Martin Oviedo

Talleres De Oracion: Jorge Luis Lopez

MFCC St. Dominic: Francisco & Lucina Valles

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Rogelio Mendez

Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales, Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez

Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes

Pre-Nuptial Class: Jose & Esmeralda Rangel

Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta

Evangelization: Rogelio Mendez

Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez

Parents Faith Formation: Rogelio Mendez-Spanish

Disaster Coordinator: Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez, Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno, Rosana Gonzalez



Why Marry in a Church?

Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading:

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel: Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

Primera Lectura:

El profeta Isaías habla de un futuro en el que Dios estará completamente presente y experimentaremos un gozo completo. ¿Qué te da esperanza para el futuro?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo comparte con los filipenses que, independientemente de sus circunstancias, ha aprendido a sacar fuerza y gratitud de su fe en Jesús. ¿Cómo te sostiene tu fe en las buenas y en las malas?

Evangelio:

La parábola de Jesús sobre la fiesta de bodas ofrece una advertencia para estar abiertos a la invitación de Dios para responder a su llamado. ¿Cómo te mantienes abierto a la presencia de Dios en tu vida?



Prayer for Joy

Dear Lord, Fill us with your
joy today.

Let our hearts overflow with thanks
and praise for your goodness and
grace in our lives.

Increase our trust in your providence,
our assurance of your love,
our awareness of your blessings.
Amen.

Oración para el Gozo

Querido Señor,
Llénanos de tu gozo hoy.
Que nuestros corazones rebosen de
agradecimiento y alabanza
por tu bondad y gracia en
nuestras vidas.

Aumenta nuestra confianza
en tu providencia,
nuestra seguridad de tu amor,
nuestra conciencia de tus bendiciones.
Amén.

Question: Which clergymen are called by the ecclesiastical title "His Holiness"?

Answer: Popes only.

Pregunta: ¿A qué clérigos se les llama con el título eclesiástico "Su Santidad"?

Respuesta: Los Papas solamente



The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. “I haven’t committed any mortal sins,” I tell myself, “And I’m just so busy.”

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: “I’m so tired. Mary understands.”

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

“The king said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?’”
— Matthew 22:12

El Traje de Boda

Me gusta pensar que cualquier preparador del fin del mundo que se precie encontraría algo para admirar en los almacenes de ropa extra, refrigerios, juguetes para acabar con el aburrimiento, protector solar y ropa de temporada en mi furgoneta. Nunca se sabe cuándo pasarás por una plataforma de chapoteo libre o una colina de trineo particularmente increíble. Y nunca se sabe cuándo uno de los niños encontrará la pila de lodo más irresistible del mundo o se caerá a un río.

Toda esta planificación previa para la diversión y el desastre, y, aun así, suelo dedicar una fracción de ese esfuerzo a la preparación espiritual.

Cambio mi botiquín de primeros auxilios de viaje cada temporada, imaginando emergencias hipotéticas, y pospongo la confesión una semana más. “No he cometido ningún pecado mortal,” me digo a mí misma, “y estoy muy ocupada.”

Meto ropa extra en el baúl de mi auto por si acaso mi hijo decide pintarse a sí mismo con yogurt, y me encojo de hombros ante los exámenes de conciencia diarios que podrían ayudarme a superar un pecado persistente.

Lleno mi bolso con bolsas de Cheerios para protegerme de los furtivos ataques de hambre de los niños, y me duermo sin rezar el rosario, murmurando para mis adentros: “Estoy tan cansada. María entiende.”

Estoy abrumada por el aquí y el ahora, consumida por las minucias de la vida terrenal, que olvido que solo hay una eventualidad que yo, o cualquiera de nosotros, podemos esperar con certeza. Todos seremos invitados a la fiesta.

¿Mi furgoneta está preparada para eso?

“El rey le preguntó: ‘Amigo, ¿cómo has entrado aquí sin traje de fiesta?’” — Mateo 22:12

28th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."'"

- Mt 22:2, 4bc