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October 11, 2020 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, "a feast of rich food and choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today's Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of "calves and fattened cattle" (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a

For Reflection:

So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?

Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch "the game." Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God's invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*[Jesus said,] "The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike."
Matthew 22:10*

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Calendar**Monday**

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Galatians 4:22–24, 26–27,
31–5:1

Luke 11:29–32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Galatians 5:1–6

Luke 11:37–41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Galatians 5:18–25

Luke 11:42–46

Thursday

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church

Ephesians 1:1–10

Luke 11:47–54

Friday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Ephesians 1:11–14

Luke 12:1–7

Saturday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 12:8–12

Sunday

OCTOBER 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b

Matthew 22:15–21

Dear Padre,

What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works” (Ephesians 2:8–9). The Catechism of the Catholic Church attests that we have merit in God's sight only because “God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace” (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, “so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful” (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!



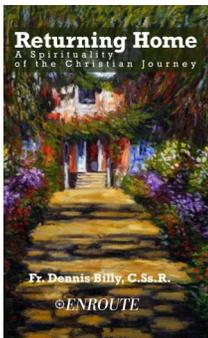
Moreover, Catholics believe these good works “contribute to growth in grace,

so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the ‘meritorious’ character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace” (Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church,38).

Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

— Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR (Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

Returning Home: A Spirituality of the Christian Journey—Rev. Denis Billy, C.Ss.R.



The spiritual life has often been presented in terms of a journey because it is all about finding our way to God. For Christians, the spiritual journey has to do with following Christ into the mystery of the divine because he knows the way to the Father. We walk in his footsteps because we know that our happiness is intimately related to our journey into the mystery beyond the pale of death. We were made for God. Our happiness lies in him alone.

This book, which is about our spiritual journey, focuses specifically on our destination. We all long to go beyond ourselves. We all yearn for transcendence. What is more, we all want to be happy. We all wish to find rest in something greater than ourselves. Whether we believe in him or not, on some level, we also all long for God.

There are 9 copies of the book in our parish library that can be signed out.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Oct 11	9:00 a.m.	Virginia Mendoza +
		11:00 a.m.	Cicity K +
		5:30 p.m.	
Mon.	Oct 12	12:00 p.m.	Emily Tuazon
Tues.	Oct 13	12:00 p.m.	Pilar Gatan +
Wed	Oct 14	12:00 p.m.	
Thur.	Oct 15	12:00 p.m.	Carolina P. Velasco
Fri.	Oct 16	12:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church
Sat.	Oct 17	5:30 p.m.	Carolina P. Velasco

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings (Sept 28—Oct 4)	\$2,577
Online Giving (Sept 28—Oct 4)	\$855
Total Sacrificial Giving	\$3,432
YTD Sacrificial Giving (June 29—Oct 4)	\$39,790
Parish Improvement (June 29 - Oct 4)	\$3,451

MASS SCHEDULE AND PARISH EVENTS

October 11, Sunday

- Masses 9:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

October 12, Monday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.
- YAMS Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom

October 13, Tuesday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.
- MPH Devotion after noon Mass

October 14, Wednesday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

October 15, Thursday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

October 16, Friday

- Confession 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mass 12:00 p.m.

October 17, Saturday

- Confession 4:00—5:00 p.m.
- Live Streamed (Sunday Vigil) Mass 5:30 p.m.

CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

A campaign for our
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

The Archdiocese of Seattle has a canonical responsibility to provide **senior priests** with a pension and medical benefits. The present pay-as-you-go model for the priest pension and medical plans was sustainable when there was a large number of active priests paying into the plan, and a relatively small number receiving benefits. Now, with relatively fewer priests in active ministry, compared to retired, the burdensome “pay as you go”



model is no longer sustainable. As a result, parishes are paying more and more into the plans through increased billings and the Annual Catholic Appeal each year.

Following a successful campaign, the Archdiocese will eliminate the Annual Catholic Appeal’s portion of funds designated to priest pension and senior priest medical expenses. Further, the Archdiocese plans to significantly

reduce parish billings for the priest pension plan and eliminate the annual increases.

Utilizing the income from investments to pay priest benefits puts the Archdiocese on more stable financial footing in addition to saving parishes approximately \$2.5 million a year in billings and assessments.

The campaign will also raise funds for **women religious**, who have played a crucial role in the history of our Church’s mission in Western Washington. From schools to hospitals, from ministry to the poor to ministry in parishes, from retreat centers to social justice and advocacy, the positive impact and reach of their work cannot be overstated. Because they have answered the call to serve as Christ, and because for decades they served with almost no compensation, the campaign will recognize, acknowledge and thank them for their sacrifice and service.