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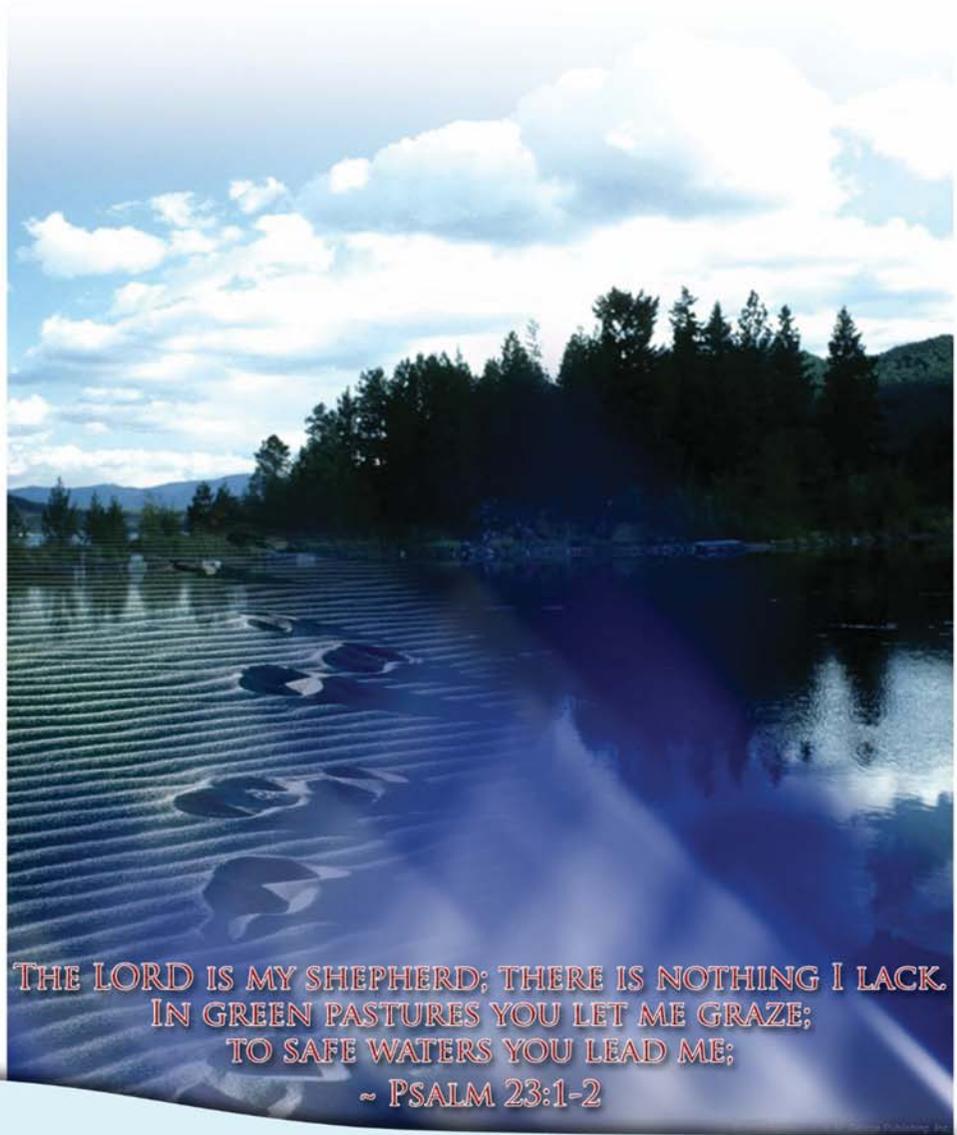
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In Word & Deed

A small church in our community runs bus trips called "The Artistry of God." These daily and weekend tours travel all over northeastern Pennsylvania, New York and New England, just to admire the glorious mountains as they become blankets of spectacular color. The air is crisp and clean, the mood of the passengers is jovial and everyone is renewed and encouraged with such breathtaking scenery. It is the best part of autumn.

Time and again in Scripture, we hear how God renews the earth. His People are freed from sin, given new freedom, and blessed with abundance. God's love is manifested in His work of creation, His work of redemption and His work of sanctification. We are God's work of art and in each other we see His perfection and His holiness.

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I LACK.
IN GREEN PASTURES YOU LET ME GRAZE;
TO SAFE WATERS YOU LEAD ME;
~ PSALM 23:1-2



Give something, however small, to the one in need.

For it is not small to one who has nothing.

Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. ~ St. Gregory Nazianzen

Scripture Readings

Sunday **October 11**

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

Monday **October 12**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday **October 13**

Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday **October 14**

Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday **October 15**

Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

Friday **October 16**

Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday **October 17**

Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday **October 18**

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

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE



At one parish, the pastor invited every newly registered family to come to the rectory for a Saturday morning breakfast. He insisted that the whole family come, kids, grandparents, uncles, and aunts. During breakfast, the parents could tell him about their experiences with other parishes, what they saw as their spiritual needs and how they could participate in the life of the parish. He was asked why he invited people to come to the rectory when he was going to visit them at home anyway. "Sometimes," he said, "you just have to invite them in and ask them to join."

Families sometimes need to invite someone in and ask him or her to join. It

might be the new neighbor, or a lonely child, or a senior citizen, but they are all people who need the special love that a family can offer. Simply being in your presence brings peace to the soul and healing to the heart. It fosters an acceptance of others, regardless of race, age, language or nationality. We are the family of God and when we come together, we are in His Presence. He sets before us a banquet of grace, seasoned with faith, hope and love. Invite someone to join. There is enough for everyone.

-Jim Gaffney

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*Surely
goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD forever.*

- Psalm 23:6

In Word & Deed

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When God calls us to love one another, he does not exclude anyone. All people are called to the banquet of life that the Lord sets before us. We are called in a unique way to serve the needs of others and see for ourselves how wonderful and marvelous it is to live in the house of the Lord. Do not allow sin, pride or prejudice to block our vision and miss the handiwork of God.

-Jim Gaffney

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Dressing for the feast

By Scott Hahn

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people — good and bad alike — to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

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READING 1 IS 25:6-10A

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face;
the reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM....PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

R. (6cd) **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

READING 2 PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA EPH 1:17-18

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.”’ Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ 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 without a wedding garment?’ But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ Many are invited, but few are chosen.”



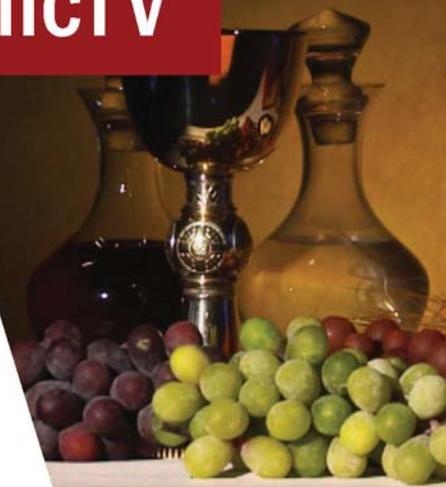
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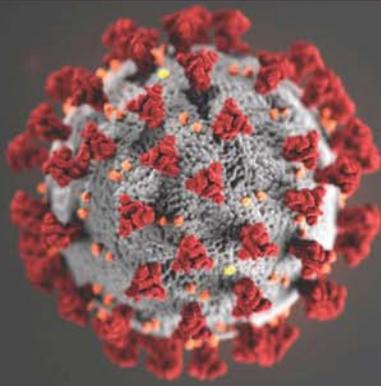
Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You.
Amen.

Watch the Mass on CatholicTV

During this difficult time, CatholicTV wants to ensure that all Catholics have access to the Mass and other vital prayer resources. You can watch daily and Sunday Masses on ***WatchtheMass.com***, and you can find other prayers like the Divine Office, the Rosary, and more on ***CatholicTV.com***.





COVID-19

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Clean and disinfect

- Clean **AND** disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, counter tops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



Take steps to protect others

Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.

Rosary explanation

Portuguese language



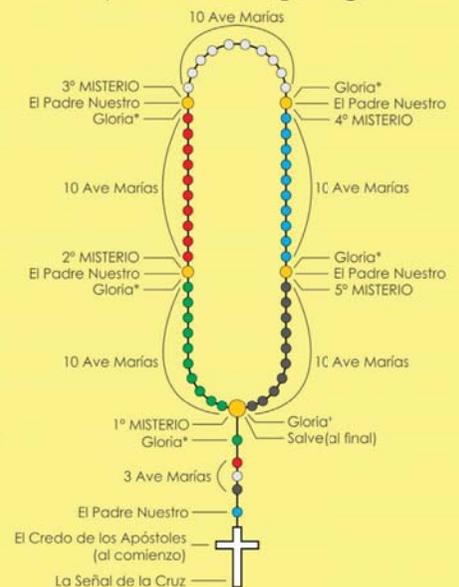
*Após a "Glória" rezar a Oração: Ó meu Jesus, perdoai-nos, livrai-nos do fogo do inferno, levari as almas todas para o céu e socorrei principalmente as que mais precisarem.

English language



*After the "Glory" pray the Prayer: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy

Spanish language



*Después de la "gloria" rezar la oración: Oh, Jesús mío, perdona nuestros pecados, libranos del fuego del infierno, y lleva nuestras almas al cielo, especialmente aquellos que necesitan más Tu Misericordia.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Familiarize yourself and/or your group with the prayers of the rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
4. Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the Glory Be
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the Our Father.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.
(After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.)
8. After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

**V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**
**Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son,
by his life, Death, and Resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life,
grant, we beseech thee,
that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may imitate what they contain
and obtain what they promise,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(A prayer to St. Joseph may also follow.)
Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.



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