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7:00 am (English)  
8:30 am (Spanish)  
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12:30 pm (English)

**Daily Mass**  
Monday through Thursday  
7:45 am  
Friday: 8:30 am

**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday through Friday**  
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**Adoration and Benediction**  
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**Reconciliation**  
Saturdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

**Rosary**  
After Daily Mass

**Baptism and Marriages**  
Please call the Parish Office  
818-352-3218

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 23

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

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

The readings of today speak about banquets: the first reading is about the promise of a feast in the Mountain of Yahweh, the gospel speaks about the fulfillment of the promise, and the second reading about the community of Philippi whom Paul encourages, to live with what they have for God will provide them with their needs.

Like many of you, I have always wondered what heaven looks like. It's a difficult question to answer. We have great and fancy stories about heaven, but nobody has been successful enough in describing it.

So what does the Bible tell us? The Bible speaks of people eating and drinking; in the Gospel, Jesus is very often presented as sitting at table, starting his public ministry with the Wedding in Cana and ending it with the Last Supper with his apostles.

Why banquets? It is because in ancient times, people were accustomed to have one full meal a day. The words and images used in the first reading with which the banquet is described are meant to strike the mind and fantasy of such people who used to eat once a day.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the Parable of the Banquet, that a king prepared for the wedding of his son, to describe the Kingdom of God. The great king is God. The wedding is that of His Son Jesus Christ with humanity or with the Church, his bride.

If the bride is the Church or humankind, is she beautiful, attractive, pleasant? If we think of all the hatred, the wars, the injustices, of all the tears flowing from the eyes of the suffering innocents and those in dire straits, we cannot show too much enthusiasm for such a bride. But Christ, the groom, loves her all the same. Christ knows that he will transform her by his love and make her beautiful and charming again. What a difference between the way God loves and the way we love. We love the people

when they are good while God loves them in spite of their shortcomings; it is his love that transforms them to be good.

The invited guests stand for the Jews of Jesus' time who rejected the invitation which God had given through the prophets of old until John the Baptist. Thus, Jesus had to send his apostles, and all of us, to invite everyone from the roads and marketplaces, good and bad alike, clean or dirty, poor and rich. And here, we have the favorite theme of what the Church, God's people, is made up of: good and bad persons; a field where good grain is mixed with the darnel, a fish net that catches all types of fish. In the Church, we are all invited to open our hearts and the doors of our communities to every person without excluding anyone. Yet, the parable continues with a man, who, because he was not in the proper attire, was bound and thrown out.

The point of the parable is: if you must go to a dance, you must wear your dancing shoes. If you must go to a wedding, you must wear your wedding garment. Like us, if we go to mass, we must wear what's appropriate for the mass. Gone are the days when we wore our "Sunday's Best" for mass. For the man in the story, by not wearing a wedding garment, he was physically in the party, but his mind and spirit were not there. He was at the feast, but he was not in the mood for feasting.

Finally, there are guests who attend the wedding feast in their proper wedding attire. They are the only ones who have fun and enjoy the wedding party. They are the ones we should follow.

Today's Gospel sends a message to those who are keeping themselves away from the Lord's Supper – they are missing out on the joy of life. To those of us who have accepted the invitation to come in, this parable warns us not to take God's grace for granted but to clean ourselves up and become the most beautiful person that we can be in God's presence.❖



## Eucharistic Revival Who Do You Say That I Am Deacon Jonson Mallari



*Number twelve in our series of reflections on the Eucharist in this fifth month of the Parish Eucharistic Revival is brought to us by Deacon Jonson Mallari. Deacon Jonson has often ministered to us at OLL, presiding at the Thursday Communion Service when Dn Mar is unavailable. His home parish is St. Catherine of Siena in Reseda. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon on June 11, 2022.*

**B**ut who do you say that I am?" Matthew 16:15

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am", this was Peter's response. Peter had the perfect answer. He recognized Jesus' divinity.

The people then could not grasp the concept of Jesus' divinity. In fact, even Peter did not see the complete truth right away. The next scene after that was when Jesus said that he will suffer greatly. Peter returned to thinking like a typical human. His feelings took over and he told Jesus to back down. Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!" Later, Peter even denied Jesus by saying, "I do not know the man."

Many or most of us today are like Peter. We know about Jesus, but our minds cannot grasp the concept of His divine presence. We know or have heard about Jesus' purpose for the salvation of man, but it becomes a mere story found in a book called the bible. The story of Jesus suffering, dying and rising becomes a mere reflection story that we encounter during Lent. It only becomes significant when we come to a point in our lives where we face the reality of death and question, what happens next?

Jesus came for you and me and that is real. Jesus, a God who became human so that we may have a shot at being divine in the Kingdom of Heaven. If we believe in Him and die with Him, we can inherit that promise of eternal life. Dying with Him means that we let go of our worldly values and make Him our number one priority. How do we reunite ourselves with Jesus, our union with Him? The answer is simple, holy communion - "union", when we receive Jesus in the form of bread and wine. During Mass, the bread and wine become the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ. At that time, in the Eucharist, Jesus' spirit is present in every fragment.

Eucharistic miracles are getting more and more popular thanks to Hollywood. The problem is that they are after entertainment and are missing the real deal. Hollywood is about illusions, and we are about truth. Our minds believe what our eyes can see but what it cannot see is what our spirit can see. If we see things with our heart, also known as faith, we will see the truth about man's salvation through Jesus.



A few years ago, I was losing my vision due to stress over my business. I was doing my normal service in church as an Extraordinary Minister particularly for Jesus' blood. The cup became very shiny, and the wine appeared to be so much like blood, but not in a gross way. My body trembled and the vision of serving Jesus was inexplicably clear. It was during this time that the call to be a deacon became clear. My purpose was affirmed. I am to serve Him and bring the message of love and salvation to His people.

Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist is real! Jesus will reveal Himself to anyone who loves Him. We only need to open up our hearts to see Him and experience the miracle that happens every day, in every hour in all the churches all over the world. Today, Jesus is asking you, "Who do you say that I am?"



# Parish News

## Parish Stewardship:

### Collections for the Month of September:

1st Week (9/3)	\$ 6,612
2nd Week (9/10)	\$ 6,698
3rd Week (9/17)	\$ 7,881
4th Week (9/24)	\$ 6,291
TOTAL	\$27,482

### October Blood Drive

**Rescheduled for  
Sunday November  
19.**



**American  
Red Cross**

To donate blood, call  
1-800 RED CROSS

or register online at <https://ww.redcross.org>.

If you had an appointment for the October 15, you  
are already rescheduled.

## Catholic Sponsorship Ministry

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Fr. Jerry Frank who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic Sponsorship Ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

## Theology on Tap

Join us! Inviting all adult men and women, ages 21-40 for Faith, Fellowship and Speaker with beer and wine available from 7pm-9pm Wednesday 10-25-23 with Joe Raviol and Thursday 11-16-23 with Fr. Michael O'Loughlin @ OLL Parish Hall (fish fry location



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a/o 10/2/23

Goal: \$44,396.00  
Pledged: \$45,605.37  
Paid: \$40,581.81  
Under Goal: (\$ 3,814.19)

It is not too late to submit your pledge. Pledge envelopes are in the bulletin racks. Thank you for your generosity.

## News Briefs

### Religious Ed (R.E.) Classes



To accommodate those who were unable to register before classes started on Sept 26th, registration packets will be available in the Parish and R.E. offices. RE Office will be open Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 1pm, and on Tuesdays from 2pm - 7pm. Both 1st and 2nd year returning RE students need to complete a registration packet no later than the Monday before the Tuesday class in order for your child to attend that week. Please call the R.E. Office for more information.



### Adult Religious Education (on Zoom)

Classes are on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings from 7 - 8:20 pm. The focus is on the catechism. There is no charge to attend. Please call the Parish Office for additional information. To sign up, call the Parish Office @ 818-352-3218 and provide your name, email and mobile number.



### October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

We will be praying a decade of the rosary before all the Sunday Masses for the whole month of October. Please come 7 minutes before the Mass to participate. Read more about the history of the Rosary on page 2, Cast into the Deep in the 10/1/23 issue of the bulletin



The Catholic Kids Bulletin is available for you to use with your small children while at Mass and to take home! Look for them in the Bulletin racks.

## Seniors 55+ Group

Join the Seniors 55+ Group (for single, separated, divorced and widowed women) on Saturday, October 28 for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m.

Call the parish office and leave your name, email and phone number before October 26 so we know how many to expect for dinner.

## Looking ahead: All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day: Wednesday, November 1st.

Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the day:

8:30 am (with the schoolchildren),  
6:00 pm (English) and 7:30 pm (Spanish).  
No Vigil Mass.



All Souls Day: Thursday, November 2nd.

Masses at 7:45 am (regular daily Mass) and 6:30 pm (bilingual).

As in the past, we will have a candle lighting ceremony for our loved ones who passed away during the year as their names are read at the liturgy. **So for those of you who have immediate family who died between October 31, 2022 and October 31, 2023, please submit their name(s).**

We will also have a Table of Remembrance in the Marian corner where we will display pictures of our families and friends who have gone before us. Please submit pictures to the Parish Office of your deceased loved ones by October 30 if you wish to participate. These may be framed or unframed photos. Please put your name on the back of each photo so that we can return them to you.

Please call the Parish Office at 818-352-3218 for more information.

**Lector Training**  
Saturday, November 18, 2023  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
OLL Church



As we enter the 3rd week of the Synod on Synodality, let us continue to pray for Pope Francis and the Synod's members:



### Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

### Save the Date

### Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9, 2023



Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish mystic and reformer. She experienced profound mystical encounters with God and sought to reform the Carmelite Order. Her masterpiece, "The Interior Castle," explores the soul's journey to God. Her teachings emphasize humility, self-awareness, and detachment. Saint Teresa's life exemplified love and compassion for the needy. Canonized in 1614, she remains a significant figure in Christian mysticism, inspiring seekers of spiritual depth and divine connection.



"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

**Mass Intentions****Saturday October 14****5:00 PM**

Josefina Parocha †  
 Luis P. Santos Sr. †  
 Veneranda Ramos †  
 Ronald Baptist †  
 Elsa Mauleon †  
 Eufemia Vergara †  
 Pastor Young Sun Gustavson †  
 Deceased Members of the Mercado Family

Valentin Torrecampo †

Casiano & Madonna Sarne—*Special Intentions*  
 Patricia Lewin-- Healing & Spiritual Peace**12:30 PM**

Teresa Alvarez †--*Birthday Remembrance*  
 Veneranda Ramos †  
 Bishop Albert Bahhuth—*Special Intentions*

**Sunday October 15****7:00 AM**

Anita Santa Maria †  
 Teodoro Deocampo †

**8:30 AM**

Bonnie †  
 Sunny †  
 Pascual † & Consuelo Marron †  
 Jose Maria Ortega †—*Birthday Remembrance*  
 Maria Ortega—*Birthday Blessing*

**10:30 AM**

Adam Greenan †  
 Jose Bautista Sr.  
 Gabriel † &

**Tuesday October 17****7:45 AM**

Teofila Gerardo †  
 Jose Domingo Enriquez †

**Wednesday October 18****7:45 AM**Maria Eugenia Rodriguez †—*Birthday Remembrance***Thursday October 19****7:45 AM**

Emiliano Antino †—*Birthday Remembrance*  
 Manuel Mendoza †—*Birthday Remembrance*  
 Jose Domingo Enriquez †  
 Mark Daniel Micu—*Birthday Blessing*

**Friday October 20****8:30 AM**

Keith Ward †  
 Sunny †

**Readings for October 16 to 22, 2023**

10/ 16	Rom 1:1-7 / Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Lk 11:29-32
10/17	Rom 1:16-25 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 11:37-41
10/18	2 Tm 4:10-17b / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / Lk 10:1-9
10/19	Rom 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab / Lk 11:47-54
10/20	ROM 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6AB / LK 11:47-54
10/21	Rom 4:13, 16-18 / Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 / Lk 12:8-12
10/22	Is 45:1, 4-6 / Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

## en Nuestra Parroquia

Santa Teresa de Ávila (1515-1582) fue una mística y reformadora española. Experimentó profundos encuentros místicos con Dios y buscó reformar la Orden de las Carmelitas. Su obra maestra, "El Castillo Interior", explora el viaje del alma hacia Dios. Sus enseñanzas enfatizan la humildad, la autoconciencia y el desapego. La vida de Santa Teresa ejemplificó el amor y la compasión por los necesitados. Canonizada en 1614, sigue siendo una figura significativa en la mística cristiana, inspirando a quienes



### Oración del Renacimiento Eucarístico

Padre Celestial, te damos gracias por el don de tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que prometió estar con nosotros siempre, hasta el final de los tiempos.

Te pedimos que vuelvas a despertar en nosotros el sentimiento de asombro ante Su presencia en la Santísima Eucaristía. Que nuestros corazones arden cuando nos da a conocer las Escrituras y comparte el pan con nosotros.

Concédenos que con los ojos de nuestra fe reconozcamos Su presencia en nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente en los pobres y en los que sufren.

Alimentados por la Eucaristía, envíanos para que caminemos fielmente como discípulos misioneros, proclamando el Evangelio a todos los corazones y extendiendo Tu reino a todas las naciones.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

### Platicar con tus hijos



Es una buena práctica que los padres de familia tengan conversaciones con sus hijos sobre los valores familiares, la seguridad y de escenarios que pudieran presentarse en distintas situaciones. Hablar con sus hijos antes de que algo suceda les da las herramientas y la confianza para tomar buenas decisiones, seguras y para reaccionar adecuadamente en cualquier situación. Aun cuando estas conversaciones parezcan largas y abrumadoras, es fundamental mantenerlas. Empiece poco a poco, tal vez en el automóvil camino a la escuela o a un partido de algún deporte, y aproveche las conversaciones anteriores para darle a su hijo una idea completa de qué hacer y cómo manejar situaciones difíciles. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Talking With Your Kids" (Hablando con sus hijos)

en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)  
  
[Lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Talking With Your Kids" \(Hablando con sus hijos\) aquí.](#)

Estaremos rezando una decena del rosario antes de todas las Misas dominicales durante todo el mes de octubre. Por favor venga 7 minutos antes de la Misa para participar. Lea más sobre la historia del Rosario en la página 2, Lanzado a lo profundo en la edición del boletín del 1/10/23.



### Clases de educación religiosa (R.E.)



Para dar cabida a aquellos que no pudieron registrarse antes de que comenzaran las clases el 26 de septiembre, los paquetes de inscripción estarán disponibles en la Parroquia y en R.E. oficinas. La oficina de RE estará abierta los lunes y miércoles de 10 a. m. a 1 p. m. y los martes de 2 p. m. a 7 p. m. Tanto los estudiantes de RE como de 1.<sup>º</sup> y 2.<sup>º</sup> año que regresan deben completar un paquete de inscripción a más tardar el lunes anterior a la clase del martes para que su hijo pueda asistir esa semana. Por favor llame al R.E. Oficina para más información.

La donación de sangre Donación de sangre de octubre reprogramada para el domingo 19 de noviembre: para donar sangre, llame al 1-800 RED CROSS o regístrese en línea en <https://www.redcross.org>. Si tenías cita para el 15 de octubre, ya estás reprogramada.



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### De las escrituras a la vida ...

"Todos, ya sean reyes, nobles, comerciantes o campesinos, deben hacer todas las cosas para la gloria de Dios y bajo la inspiración del ejemplo de Cristo".



## Avivamiento Eucarístico ¿Quién dicen que soy yo? Deacon Jonson Mallari



*El diácono Jonson Mallari nos presenta el número doce de nuestra serie de reflexiones sobre la Eucaristía en este quinto mes del Avivamiento Eucarístico Parroquial. El diácono Jonson nos ha ministrado a menudo en OLL, presidiendo el servicio de comunión de los jueves cuando Dn Mar no está disponible. Su parroquia natal es Santa Catalina de Siena en Reseda. Fue ordenado diácono permanente el 11 de junio de 2022.*

"¿Quién dicen que soy yo?" Mateo 16, 15

"Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios vivo". Cuando Jesús preguntó: "¿Quién dicen que soy yo?", esta fue la respuesta de Pedro. Pedro tenía la respuesta perfecta. Reconoció la divinidad de Jesús.

Entonces la gente no podía captar el concepto de la divinidad de Jesús. De hecho, ni siquiera Pedro vio la verdad completa de inmediato. La siguiente escena después de eso fue cuando Jesús dijo que sufriría mucho. Pedro volvió a pensar como un humano típico. Sus sentimientos se apoderaron de él y le dijo a Jesús que diera marcha atrás. Jesús le dijo a Pedro: "¡Apártate de mí, Satanás!" Más tarde, Pedro incluso negó a Jesús diciendo: "No conozco a ese hombre".

Muchos o la mayoría de nosotros hoy somos como Pedro. Sabemos acerca de Jesús, pero nuestras mentes no pueden captar el concepto de Su presencia divina. Sabemos o hemos oído hablar del propósito de Jesús para la salvación del hombre, pero se convierte en una mera historia que se encuentra en un libro llamado la Biblia. La historia de Jesús sufriendo, muriendo y resucitando se convierte en una mera historia de reflexión que encontramos durante la Cuaresma. Sólo se vuelve importante cuando llegamos a un punto de nuestras vidas en el que enfrentamos la realidad de la muerte y nos preguntamos: ¿qué pasará después? humano para

Jesús vino por ti y por mí y eso es real. Jesús, un Dios que se hizo que tengamos la oportunidad de ser divinos en el Reino de los Cielos. Si creemos en Él y morimos con Él, podemos heredar esa promesa de vida eterna. Morir con Él significa que dejamos de lado nuestros valores mundanos y hacemos de Él nuestra prioridad número uno. ¿Cómo nos reunimos con Jesús, cómo es nuestra unión con Él? La respuesta es simple, santa comunión, "unión", cuando recibimos a Jesús en forma de pan y vino. Durante la Misa, el pan y el vino se convierten en la "Presencia Real" de Jesucristo. En ese momento, en la Eucaristía, el espíritu de Jesús está presente en cada fragmento.

Los milagros eucarísticos son cada vez más populares gracias a Hollywood. El problema es que buscan entretenimiento y se están perdiendo lo más importante. Hollywood se trata de ilusiones y nosotros de la verdad. Nuestras mentes creen lo que nuestros ojos pueden ver, pero lo que no pueden ver es lo que nuestro espíritu puede ver. Si vemos las cosas con nuestro corazón, también conocido como fe, veremos la verdad sobre la salvación del hombre a través de Jesús.

Hace unos años, estaba perdiendo la visión debido al estrés por mi negocio. Estaba haciendo mi servicio normal en la iglesia como Ministro Extraordinario particularmente por la sangre de Jesús. El cáliz se volvió muy brillante y el vino se

parecía mucho a la sangre, pero no de forma desagradable. Mi cuerpo tembló y la visión de servir a Jesús fue inexplicablemente clara. Fue durante este tiempo que se hizo claro el llamado a ser diácono. Mi propósito fue afirmado. Debo servirle y llevar el mensaje de amor y salvación a su pueblo.

¡La Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía es real! Jesús se revelará a cualquiera que lo ame. Sólo necesitamos abrir nuestro corazón para verlo y experimentar el milagro que ocurre cada día, a cada hora en todas las iglesias del mundo. Hoy Jesús te pregunta: "¿Quién dices que soy yo?" ♦



**XXVIII Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario****Primera Lectura:** Isaías 25, 6-10**Salmo Responsorial:** Salmo 23– *Habitaré en la casa del Señor, por años sin término.***Segunda Lectura:** Filipenses 4, 12-14. 19-20**Evangelio:** Matthew 22, 1-14

Las lecturas de hoy hablan de banquetes: la primera lectura trata de la promesa de una fiesta en el Monte de Yahvé, el evangelio habla del cumplimiento de la promesa, y la segunda lectura de la comunidad de Filipos a quienes Pablo anima a vivir con lo que tienen para Dios les proveerá para sus necesidades.

Como muchos de ustedes, siempre me he preguntado cómo es el cielo. Es una pregunta difícil de responder. Tenemos grandes y extravagantes historias sobre el cielo, pero nadie ha logrado describirlo lo suficiente.

Entonces, ¿qué nos dice la Biblia? La Biblia habla de personas que comen y beben; En el Evangelio, Jesús es presentado muy a menudo sentado a la mesa, comenzando su ministerio público con las Bodas de Caná y finalizándolo con la Última Cena con sus apóstoles.



¿Por qué banquetes? Esto se debe a que en la antigüedad la gente estaba acostumbrada a realizar una comida completa al día. Las palabras e imágenes utilizadas en la primera lectura con la que se describe el banquete pretenden impactar la mente y la fantasía de aquellas personas que solían comer una vez al día.

En el evangelio, Jesús utiliza la parábola del banquete, que un rey preparó para la boda de su hijo, para describir el Reino de Dios. El gran rey es Dios. Las bodas son las de su Hijo Jesucristo con la humanidad o con la Iglesia, su esposa.

Si la novia es la Iglesia o la humanidad, ¿es bella, atractiva, agradable? Si pensamos en todo el odio, las guerras, las injusticias, en todas las lágrimas que brotan de los ojos de los inocentes que sufren y de los que se encuentran en una situación desesperada, no podemos mostrar demasiado entusiasmo por una novia así. Pero Cristo, el novio, la ama de todos modos. Cristo sabe que con su amor la transformará y la hará hermosa y encantadora otra vez. ¡Qué diferencia entre la forma en que Dios ama y la forma en que amamos nosotros! Amamos a las personas cuando son buenas mientras Dios las ama a pesar de sus defectos; es su amor el que los transforma para ser buenos.

Los invitados representan a los judíos de la época de Jesús que rechazaron la invitación que Dios había hecho a través de los profetas de la antigüedad hasta Juan el Bautista. Así, Jesús tuvo que enviar a sus apóstoles, y a todos nosotros, para invitar a todos los de los caminos y mercados, buenos y malos, limpios o sucios, pobres y ricos. Y aquí tenemos el tema favorito de lo que está compuesta la Iglesia, el pueblo de Dios: personas buenas y malas; un campo donde se mezcla el buen grano con la cizaña, una red para pescar toda clase de peces. En la Iglesia todos estamos invitados a abrir nuestro corazón y las puertas de nuestras comunidades a cada persona sin excluir a nadie. Sin embargo, la parábola continúa con un hombre que, por no llevar la vestimenta adecuada, fue atado y expulsado.

El punto de la parábola es: si tienes que ir a un baile, debes usar tus zapatos de baile. Si debes ir a una boda, debes usar tu traje de boda. Como nosotros, si vamos a misa, debemos usar lo apropiado para la misa. Atrás quedaron los días en que usábamos nuestra "mejor ropa para el domingo" para misa. Para el hombre de la historia, al no usar traje de boda, estaba físicamente en la fiesta, pero su mente y espíritu no estaban allí. Estaba en el banquete, pero no estaba de humor para un banquete.

Finalmente, hay invitados que asisten al banquete de bodas con su traje de boda adecuado. Son los únicos que se divierten y disfrutan de la fiesta de bodas. Son ellos los que debemos seguir.

El Evangelio de hoy envía un mensaje a aquellos que se mantienen alejados de la Cena del Señor: se están perdiendo el gozo de la vida. A aquellos de nosotros que hemos aceptado la invitación a entrar, esta parábola nos advierte que no subestimemos la gracia de Dios, sino que nos mantengamos limpios y nos convirtamos en la persona más hermosa que podamos ser ante la presencia de Dios. ♦

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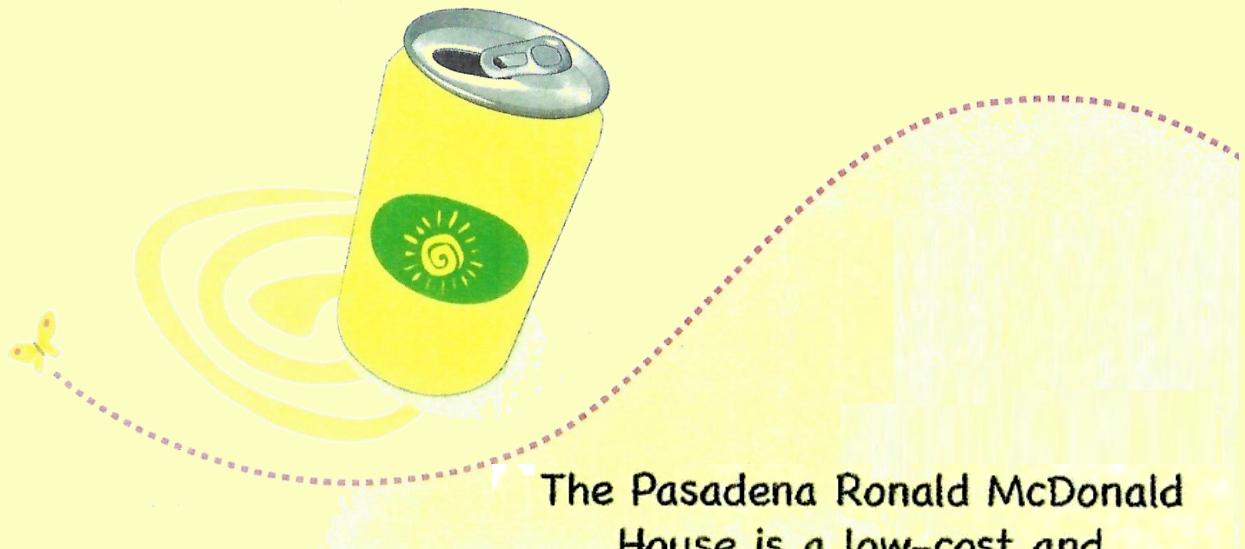
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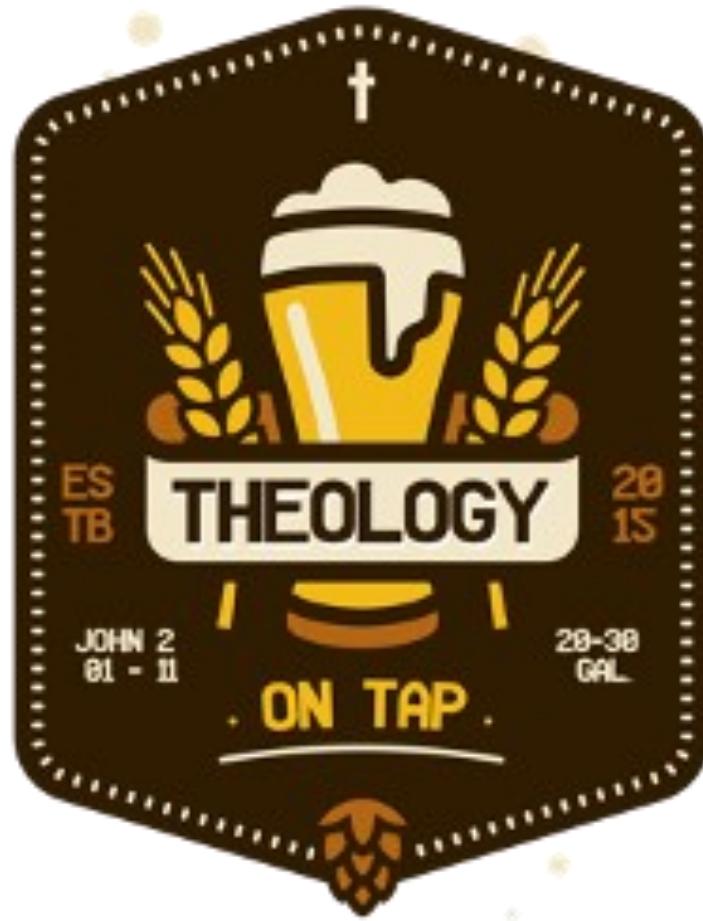
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