

*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.*

Isaiah 25:6



OCTOBER 11, 2020  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## GOD'S PROMISES

Our readings this week speak of God's promises and their fulfillment, all in different ways. Isaiah presents a feast set in the future and hosted by God. Here the participants witness the astonishing generosity of God. At the feast, God gives the ultimate gift, the destruction of death itself. Saint Paul, confident in the fulfillment of God's abundant promises, urges the Philippians to live in gratitude and patience. Today's Gospel, however, is more challenging for us to hear. While announcing God's generous invitation, Jesus also describes, in dramatic imagery, how people may reject the invitation. Matthew reminded the early church of the need to recognize God's summons and be prepared to participate fully in God's banquet. This complex and unsettling parable invites our reflection on the nature of God's invitation and our response.

## A STARK CONTRAST

The parable in today's Gospel is like a political cartoon or graphic novel. It uses exaggerations and odd plot twists to convey its message. There is little attempt to be "realistic." Jesus compares the rejection of him by the chief priests and elders to an outrageous imaginary scene. To its audience, it would be deeply offensive that anyone summoned to a royal wedding banquet would violently reject the invitation. This would indicate a full revolt against the king. The parable was a blunt accusation against the religious leaders.

In comparison, the people found on the streets who go to the banquet are like those who accepted Jesus during his ministry. They are the "unimportant" people who are surprisingly receptive to him. Matthew draws a stark contrast to accuse the priests and elders and to uplift ordinary people who recognize the presence of God in Jesus.

## RECEIVING GOD'S JOY

The final scene introduces the unacceptably dressed banquet guest. Matthew is concerned here about the full readiness of those who accept God's invitation. A superficial assent or participation is not enough. God wants our whole selves invested here.

Jesus' followers are to be prepared for the banquet, as suggested by the wedding garment. The meaning of the garment is not clearly explained. It's helpful to recall that a wedding banquet, then and now, is a profoundly joyous event. Being dressed appropriately means being ready to celebrate. Our hearts must be ready to receive God's joy.

Indeed, it can be difficult to be receptive to joy when we have been hurt in many ways during our lives. Our pain may cause us into close up, pulling away from others and away from God. It helps to remember that our God overflows with joy and is eager to share the fullness of joy with us. In our times of suffering, God actively invites us to receive this joy, and in turn to share it with others.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]

# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS: What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace. Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalms: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading: God will supply whatever you need (Phil 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel: I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

## **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (10/12-10/18)**

Monday 8:30 AM: Edgar, Teresa & Terry Mattingly

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Wheatley & Mudd Families

Wednesday 11:00 AM: Peggy Noel

Thursday 5:30 PM: Wilburn Kelty

Friday 8:30 AM (School Mass Only): Brenda Spalding

Saturday 8:30 AM: Tony Begley

4:30 PM: Bob Goodlett

Sunday 8:30 AM: For the Parish

10:30 AM: Eugene Graves, Abell & Jerry Parrott

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

## **LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Weekday Lectors:** (Mon.) Perry Carrico, (Tues.) Katie Simms, (Wed.)

Shirley Barber, (Thurs.) Mary Lynne Fenwick, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Belle Sutton

**Weekday Sacristans:** (Mon.) Julee Jones, (Tues.) Mary Ann Hale, (Wed.)

Betty Carol Barber, (Thurs.) Perry Carrico, (Fri.) School, (Sat) NEEDED

**Weekend Liturgical Roles** for the month have been sent via email.

**Tithing Contributions** for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$7,651.00

## **MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS**

### ***St. Dominic wishes to welcome the newly baptized in Christ:***

~Jagger Wade Richerson, son of Jason & Emily Richerson, baptized July 10<sup>th</sup>

~Noah Taylor McCain, son of Terrence & Hillary McCain, baptized, July 12<sup>th</sup>

~Leydy Vazquez Quiahua, daughter of Macario Vazquez & Francisca Quiahua Vazquez, baptized July 26<sup>th</sup>

~Penelope Jo Burch, daughter of Fred & Rachel Burch, baptized Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>

~Charles Harry Haydon IV, son of Charlie & Lauren Haydon, baptized Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

~Halee Quin Robey, daughter of John Robey & Shannon Mann, baptized Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

May your baptism be filled with blessings and love, and be a glimpse of the exciting journey that lies ahead.

**Masses:** Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons.

**Youth Group:** All students in grades 9-12 are invited and encouraged to participate in St. Dominic Youth Group, which will begin monthly gatherings again on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020** from **6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** in the church basement.

Please note the new day and time from last year. All gatherings will include prayer, games, faith sharing and social time. Refreshments will be served. This is a

wonderful opportunity to stay connected to St. Dominic Parish and to continue to grow in your Catholic faith as young adults. Hope to see all of you on October 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass).

**Operation Christmas Child:** St. Dominic parishioners are invited to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. GO (Gospel Opportunity) boxes will be located on the table in the breezeway. You may pack your box(es) and bring to church any time before the Sunday of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and place in the confessional. Brochures with labels for boxes and tips on packing will also be available on the table with the GO boxes. If you have any questions about packing, please contact Lori A Tucker at 859-805-0121.

**Foster & Adoptive Parents Needed:** KY KIDS NEED YOU! Contact Beth Wade for more information: [BethW@SJKids.org](mailto:BethW@SJKids.org) or (502) 893-0241 ext. 204.

Call to schedule a VIRTUAL Informational Meeting! Visit St. Joseph's Children's Home website at: [www.SJKIDS.org](http://www.SJKIDS.org).

**School News:** Classes resume on Oct. 12. Picture Day is Oct. 13.

**St. D Prayer List:** Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Kim Spalding, Ted McNeal, Jerry Effner, Generose Spalding, Janet Breunig, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Sports & Reba Hamilton, Kyle Logsdon, Jeannie Hatchett, Lames Thomas, Ashton Kelly, Katie Haydon, Tammy Harley, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Corbin Noel, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*



Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH  
October 2020

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**During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Please join us in prayer.**

**Information that has been temporarily removed,  
or yet to be posted to the bulletin (in paper form):**

**2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (Nov. 21/22):**

Our parish will take up a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**St. D School Scrip Program:** Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for St. Dominic School. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn money for St. D on your purchases. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. How it works: Buy gift cards at face value, St. D can earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy, use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases. Get started: **Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using St. D's enrollment code: 6L353D8L3433L.** Seamlessly check out by securely paying online. Have questions? Contact: Theresa Mattingly by email @ [theresa.mattingly@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa.mattingly@yahoo.com).

**AmazonSmile** is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. AmazonSmile customers can now support St Dominic Church (proceeds benefit St. D School) in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device, go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings', tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app.

**The St. D Newspaper Recycling** drive is held the second Monday of the month, weather permitting. If you live within city limits & participate in our newspaper drive, please have your papers by the curb no later than 9 A.M. This will help accommodate the volunteers who need to do pick-up in the morning hours. Pick-up times vary from driver to driver. There is no pick-up during the months of July & December.

**IGA Receipts, BOXTOPS for Educations & Campbell's labels** are all fundraisers for our school. We ask that you continually save them and drop them in the wooden boxes in the back of church.

**Possibly interested in joining the Catholic Church?** Contact Fr. David at 336-3569.