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October 15, 2017

Year A                      Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**This Sunday's Readings Page 1009**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

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.

**In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick**

**Members of our Parishes**

Alex Mucci, David Fletcher, Joyce Milehan, Rick Rodgers, Victor & Andrea Duncan, Carolyn Bonner, Renee Ray, Elorine Harris, Judy Varisco, Chix Chiginsky, Nancy Spangler, Eufracia Nunez, Jerry Meadows, Diana Berry, Tony & Marguerite Breda, John Atkins, Joe Bell, Ed Zych and Ann Gobert.

**Friends and family of parishioners**

Jennifer Lackey, Casey Casto & Randi Casto, by Phyllis Moore; Seanna Bundrick, Monica Whorl & Patti Nale by Mary Crane; Barb Nim; Aaron Nim, & Rosa L. Bell Duncan, Kim Gatewood by Mary Dowdy;

Estella Burley, Angela Burley by Jennifer Ostrowski; Landis Turner, Alice Hinson by Wayne Staggs; Reta Rodgers, Jennifer Thomas by Renee Ray; Cheryl Lee, Brent Landers by Mike Magee; Osa E. McClain by Ann Minckley; Jeanne Sisco, Kyle Pelletier & Leighton Carroll by Mary Spencer; Rob Schulenburg; Terri Fisher by Ed Zych, Linda Tonguett by Carol Sharp. Kaye Starling by Pat Woodie; Anita Jones & Kezden Salyers by Merissa Hinson.; Angela Warren & Daniel Craig by Herb Marshall; Randy Runions by Dan Runions; Kim Holloway by Nakeshia Papajeski; Marion Barron by Trudy Booz

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**Weekend Masses**

**St. Cecilia**

Saturday 5:00 PM.

**Christ the Redeemer**

Sunday 8:30 AM.

**Holy Trinity**

Sunday 10:30 AM.

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Before & after each Mass,

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Contact Trudy Booz at

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A stipend of \$5.00 per Mass

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## Holy Trinity Ministry Assignments

**October 15, 2017**

Lector Jason & Alivia Helton  
Eucharistic Ministers Darla & Marlo  
Ushers/Greeter Danny & Carl  
Gift Bearers Helton Family

**October 22, 2017**

Lector Mary Dowdy  
Eucharistic Ministers Wayne & Darie  
Ushers/Greeter Freddy & Phillip  
Gift Bearers Martha & Toni

**October is the Month of the Rosary: Sundays @ 10:10AM**

**Last Week Collection \$1,204.00**

Loose \$93.00 Env/Cks \$1,041.00 BI \$70.00

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### St. Cecilia's

**Rosary—Saturday @ 4:30 PM**

**Last Week Collection \$427.50**

Loose \$47.50 Env/Cks \$370.00 VL \$10.00

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**In order to show respect to our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Please observe SILENCE when you enter the Church.**

## GENERAL INTEREST

**Meals with Love:** October—Christ the Redeemer  
September—Holy Trinity (Thank You)

### RCIA Class (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or would like to know more about the faith, as well as those returning to the faith, are invited. **Classes are on Wednesday, at 6:00pm following the 5:30 pm Mass.** If interested, please contact Fr. Tran, Tim & Judy Zaunbrecher or come on Wednesday nights.

**HTC—Ladies' Prayer Group** is on their 22nd annual retreat in Kentucky this weekend, October 11th—15th. Please hold them in your prayers.

### Open House and House Blessing for Richard & Carol Verde.

Thursday October 19th at 1:00 pm. **894 Buffalo Rd., Hohenwald.**

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP @ 630-363-9959 or 630-363-9960 so that they have an idea how many are coming. They have fallen in love with Hohenwald, Holy Trinity and the church family. Please welcome them to our community by joining them in their open house and blessing of their new home.

**HTC—Youth Group** in appreciation for all the support you gave to the youth during their fundraisers this past year, they are having a **THANK YOU DINNER** on October 22nd, following Mass at Holy Trinity. No Charge! Everyone is welcome.

**Second Collection next week,** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope" to learn more about his missions. Scan this year's World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at ChatWithThePope.org

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY in two weeks.** For years now we have heard about the need for vocations in the Catholic Church. Many pastors will be reaching retirement age, so we will need someone to continue their service in our parishes. Thanks to your prayers and a strong vocations program in the Diocese of Nashville, we ordained many new priest over the past few years. To help support the cost of their education, we are holding a special collection in the coming weekend of, **OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH** which coincides with National Priesthood Sunday. Please give generously and pray for vocations to the priesthood.

**Respect Life Month** Timothy Cardinal Dolan, "My dear friends in Christ: Once again, we mark the month of October as Respect Life Month. Looking back over the last year, there's been a lot of uncertainty, suffering, and heartache. Between tragedies that occur in the public eye and trials that take place in our personal lives, there's no shortage of reasons we cry out to God. At such times, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. But we have an anchor of hope to cling to. With words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, God says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). The 2017-2018 Respect Life theme, 'Be Not Afraid,' reminds us of this promise. **Be sure to pick up your rose plaque in the back of church to show your Respect for ALL LIFE.**

**ATTENTION** All catechists—anyone who teaches the Catholic Faith, parents included—are invited to attend the Catechetical Formation Fall Sessions sponsored by the Diocese. The program is designed to help you grow in your love and knowledge of the Faith while providing practical suggestions for handing it on to others. For more information, brochures are available in all parish/school offices or see the diocese website.

**Register at: [www.dioceseofnashville.com](http://www.dioceseofnashville.com)**

**SATURDAY FALL SESSIONS, Course 1:** (Choose one when registering)

The same course offered three different dates

October 21st, @ Catholic Pastoral Ctr.,

November 11th @ Aquinas College,

November 18th @ Catholic Pastoral Ctr.

OR Take the **COURSE ONLINE** at no cost:

**Register at: <http://www.aquinascollegecatechetics.com/CFP>**

Enrollment: Sept 11 – October 13

Course Runs: October 10 – November 22

### Prayers for Priest

Sunday — Diocesan Administrator, Rev. Michael Johnston

Monday — Rev. James Miller

Tuesday — Rev. Bruce Morrill SJ

Wednesday — Rev. Joseph Mundakal CMI

Thursday — Rev. James Murray

Friday — Rev. Delphinus Mutajuka

Saturday — Rev. Anthony Mutuku

### Week of Sat. 7, 2017 to Sat Oct. 14, 2017

#### **St. Cecilia**

#### **Intention:**

#### **Requested By:**

Sat 5:00pm

Leighton Carroll, S.I.

Jack/Melinda Cothran

Tue 5:30pm

Maria Nguyen, Deceased

Ly Nguyen

Thu 9:00am

Earl Fallaw, Deceased

Sylvia Fallaw

#### **Christ the Redeemer**

#### **Intention:**

#### **Requested By:**

Sun 8:30am

Peggy Myers Josef, Deceased

Bob Josef

Wed 6:30pm

Danny Cobb, Deceased

B. Michael Lauer

Fri 9:00am

Anh & Thai Pham, S.I.

Pham Family

Sat 9:00am

No Intention

#### **Holy Trinity**

#### **Intention:**

#### **Requested By:**

Sun 10:30am

Thanksgiving for Mai Anh & New Baby ViAnh, S.I.

Tuan Tran

Tue 9:00am

Quang Dang & 2 Daughters, SI

Tram Tran

Wed 5:30pm

Ruth O'Neil, Deceased

Carol Sharp

Fri 5:30pm

Lewis County Nursing Home, (Patients & Workers)

Aurelia Francis