

October 11, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's Gospel comes from the latter chapters of Matthew, in which Jesus repeatedly speaks about our readiness for the end times and the coming judgment. This parable concludes with the striking image of a man being thrown out of the king's feast because he was not dressed in a proper wedding garment. While Tradition has often used this passage to communicate the importance of being properly disposed when approaching holy Communion, we ought not forget its other sense. To find a place at both the *earthly* and the *heavenly* wedding feast of the Lamb, we must strive to clothe ourselves with righteous deeds (see Rev. 19:7-9), cooperating with the grace the Lord has given us in baptism.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our readings today reveal God's astonishing invitation to all humanity. Isaiah tells us that God "will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines." The king in Jesus' parable announces this same divine invitation: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." In his letter *Desiderio desideravi*, Pope Francis wrote: "The world still does not know it, but everyone is *invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb* (Re: 19:9)." (5) As disciples of Jesus, our task is to be like the servants of the king in today's Gospel. So, too, the Lord sends us out to bring whomever we find to the feast. And, as Pope Francis said, "We must not allow ourselves even a moment of rest, knowing that still not everyone has received an invitation to this Supper or knowing that others have forgotten or have got lost along the way." (5)

PRAY

Immediately following baptism, infants, children, and adults are clothed in a white garment as an outward sign of the grace just received in the sacrament. In the prayer that accompanies this part of the baptismal rite, the celebrant exhorts the newly baptized to bring this garment unstained before the judgment seat of Christ. Take a moment this day to pray for all the newly baptized in your community, and indeed, for all the baptized – that together, we may strive for the holiness that is fitting for those who have "put on Christ" (Gal 3:27) and so come to share in his heavenly feast.

Masses: (Sat) 5p (Sun) 7a, 9a, 11a, 5p
(Mon-Fri) 8a (Sat) 9a
Confessions: (Sat) 4p-4:45p



ONE IN CHRIST, *United in Mission*

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Support World Mission - Oct. 18

Celebrated every year, World Mission Sunday is the day when Catholics around the world unite to support the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it remains the **only annual global collection that directly supports the 1,124 mission territories** where the Church is young, struggling, or persecuted. Thank you for your support.

Pope Leo: One in Christ, United in Mission

Pope Leo XIV released a video message thanking the faithful for a century of prayer and generosity and calling them to “renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation and advance together in the commitment to evangelization.”



Commissioning of Catechists

Oct. 4 at the 9:00am Mass

Through the commissioning of catechists, a parish formally blesses individuals to teach the Catholic faith. Pray for our catechists, who serve in this important ministry.

Parents as Primary Educators

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children... Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children.”

“Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children.” (*Catechism*, 223-2225)

New Altar Servers Needed!

Who can serve at the altar? Parishioners at least 8 years old, in the 3rd or 4th grade, and have received Communion. Please contact Fr. Hao at 408-725-3939.

WEEKLY OFFERING Oct 4

-Total: **\$5,085** (\$3,270 + online: \$965 + direct \$850).

-YTD Sunday: \$78,072. Budget: \$98,000.

-Faith Formation: \$313 (YTD: \$1,528).

-Terrace Project: \$4,542 (To date: \$40,656).

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 10	Sat	05 pm	Louise Harpham (L)
Oct 11	Sun	07 am	Gary S. H. Chang +
		09 am	Khiem Maria Bui +
		11 am	Thelma Wanter +
		05 pm	Joan Braddi (L)
Oct 17	Sat	09 am	Keith (L) & Mary Ellen (+) Rose

Our First Faith Forward Gathering

We had an wonderful start to our inaugural "Faith Forward" monthly gathering! A total of 82 people, including youths and young adults, came together to have a meal and engage in learning, discussion, reflection, activities, and prayer as we explored the life and example of Saint Francis. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Faith Forward Planning Team, individuals who gave testimonials, facilitators, Hospitality Team, and all the volunteers who made this gathering special.

Amazing Hospitality Team!

Our Hospitality Team has been hard at work over the last few weeks, serving at the Faith Forward Team Retreat, the Handicapables Gathering, the Confirmation Reception, and the Gathering on October 4th! We truly appreciate their tireless service to our community.

Continue to Learn from Saint Francis

Our next *Faith Forward* Gatherings:

Nov. 8: Seeing God in All Creation.

Dec. 6: Embracing Humility & Poverty.

More details and **registration info** will be available soon, so stay tuned!



Update:

Youth Faith Formation This Year

-*Weekly* (from **Oct. 18**): Praying and Learning together at the **9:00am Mass every Sunday**, and **Catechetical sessions after Mass**.

-*Monthly*: Sharing a Meal and Learning together at the **Faith Forward Gatherings** from 12:15pm to 1:45pm). This year we learn about Faith through the life of Saint Francis of Assisi.



Pray the Rosary for Peace with Kids

You are invited to join our youth and their families praying the Rosary for Peace on **October 18 after the 9:00am Mass at the Marian shrine**.

We also pray the Rosary every week in the Chapel right **after the 9:00am Saturday Mass**.

Pray for Priests on Retreat

Fr. Hao and most of our priests will be on an annual retreat this week. Please pray for them.