

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 15, 2017

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

What can a royal wedding party tell us about God's kingdom? One of the most beautiful images of heaven in the scriptures is the banquet and wedding celebration given by the King for his son. We, in fact, have been invited to the most important banquet of all! The last book in the bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb and his Bride, the church: *The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!* (Rev. 22:17). Why does Jesus' parable seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Savior.

The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace -- undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. Grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility. God invites each of us to his banquet that we may share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

"Lord, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom."

~Don Schwager

PARISH DIRECTORY

Fr. Francis Pudicherry - Parish Priest
Sandra Stewart - Pastoral Council Chair
Jack Mallon - Finance Council Chair
Marlaine Hagel - Liturgy Committee Chair
June Gaw - Director of the RCIA & CWL President
Bernadette Bystrican—Bookkeeper Tues. 9am-3pm
Carole Normand—Parish Secretary Thur.9am-12:30pm

First Communion News:

This Sunday in a special way we welcome the children who are preparing for First Communion and their families. The names of the children will be enrolled during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. They are:



Logan Etienne, Ashlyn Gorton,
Lux-Leigh Harty, Matthew Wong,
Nathaniel Smith, Liam Eade,
Hudson Papineau

The parish community is requested to keep them and the families in their prayers. In the basket at the church entrance their names have been placed. Please pick a name and keep remembering them in your prayers. If you wish to send a card to them on the celebration day, **Sunday June 3, 2018** you may do so by placing the card in the collection basket the Sunday prior (May 27/18) Together let us make our faith journey prayerful and joyful.

Confirmation News:

The Enrollment ceremony for Confirmation will take place **Sunday October 22 during the 10 a.m. Mass.** Candidates and sponsors along with their parents must be present. Thank you.

Update on Maintenance at OLOL:



The annual maintenance cost of the boiler (clean burners, heat exchanger, clean low water cut offs, condensate tank, check boiler operation and safeties, check for leaks in the hall) \$1,104.00 plus parts and taxes—\$1,385.37!

Thank you for your contributions towards the maintenance.

St. Mark's Maintenance Cost:

New dryer for the apartment \$627.08; and for the railings on the apartment \$293.29. Thank you for your contributions towards the maintenance.

CWL Corner:

The Catholic Women's League is hosting a **Take-Out Pasta/meatball dinner on Sunday, October 29th.** More details will follow.



St. Andrew's Catholic Cemetery Memorial Mass:

St. Andrew's Catholic Cemetery will hold their annual Memorial Mass on **Saturday Nov. 4 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Dominic Parish**, 130 Redwood Avenue, West. The Bishop will preside at this Mass which is offered for all our deceased family and friends in the Diocese of Thunder Bay.

The Bishop will also preside at a Memorial Prayer service on All Soul's Day, **Thursday Nov 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Charity Mausoleum**, St. Andrew's Cemetery. All are welcome.

Sat. Oct. 21 - Join us for Cake and Coffee to Celebrate Development and Peace 50th Birthday:

Development and Peace, the Canadian Catholic Church's development and aid agency, was started by the Canadian Bishops in 1967, in response to what they heard from Bishops of the developing world during the 2nd Vatican Council. Thanks to the support of Canadians from coast to coast, Development and Peace has invested more than \$600 million in over 100 countries since its creation in 1967. We are celebrating with cake and coffee after the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony parish on **Saturday, Oct. 21**. Come join us! Everyone is welcome!

Hear the bells ringing ...

Are you interested in joining a bell choir? This is a rewarding and fun experience! Practices are Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at St. Dominic Church. Minimal music reading skills are an asset. Contact John Scaffeo at 807-620-0188 or leave a message with the church rectory at 807-577-5672.

Thunder Bay Street Gospel:

This unique, twenty-first century witnessing tool is produced by the Diocese of Thunder Bay and supported by St. Margaret and St. Agnes Churches.

Each weekly production features individuals from within our diocese reflecting on the Sunday readings. To watch these productions, search for Thunder Bay Street Gospel on Facebook or YouTube Look for a new episode each week!

Pre –Authorized Payments
Are the simplest way to make your Sunday offerings. Please consider this form of payment for your Church donations . For your convenience, the PAP forms are located at the Church entrance. Just fill out and return the completed information to the Parish Office.

Thank you.

thank you!

Bishop's Diocesan Ministry Campaign 2017

Our Lady of Loretto Goal—\$10,000.

To date—\$ **6,910. (69%)**

St. Mark's Chapel Goal— \$ 4,000.

To date—\$ **2,360. (59%)**

If you have not yet donated to this campaign please consider making a donation.

For those who have contributed, we thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and the Shut Ins:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Sandy Boucher</i> | <i>Garrett Galvin</i> |
| <i>Roger Gaw</i> | <i>Bas Gionet</i> |
| <i>Paul Gollat</i> | <i>Frieda Kreutz</i> |
| <i>Doug Malcolm</i> | <i>Marian Masnica</i> |
| <i>Murray McCuaig</i> | <i>Kathy Sporcic</i> |

Please call the Parish Office for visits/communion to the sick/shut-in at 683-8753.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 17/17—Oct. 22/17

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Tues. | Oct. 17/17 | *Memorial-St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop; Martyr | 9:00 a.m.—+Yvette McKenna (George & Greg Darte & GDFC Staff) |
| Wed. | Oct. 18/17 | *Feast-St. Luke ,Evangelist | 9:00 a.m.—+Barbara Matoga (George & Greg Darte & GDFC Staff) |
| Thurs . | Oct. 19/17 | | 9:00 a.m.— +Gerry McDougall (George & Greg Darte & GDFC Staff) |
| Fri. | Oct. 20/17 | | 9:00 a.m.—+Anna Zeleniak (George & Greg Darte & GDFC Staff) |
| Sat. | Oct. 21/17 | OLOL | 5:00 p.m.—+Anton Kolic (The Kolic Family) |
| Sun | Oct. 22/17 | OLOL | 10:00 a.m.—+Terry Koivisto (Brian & Sharon Mallon) |
| | | St Mark's | 12:00 p.m.—For the Intentions of all Parishioners |