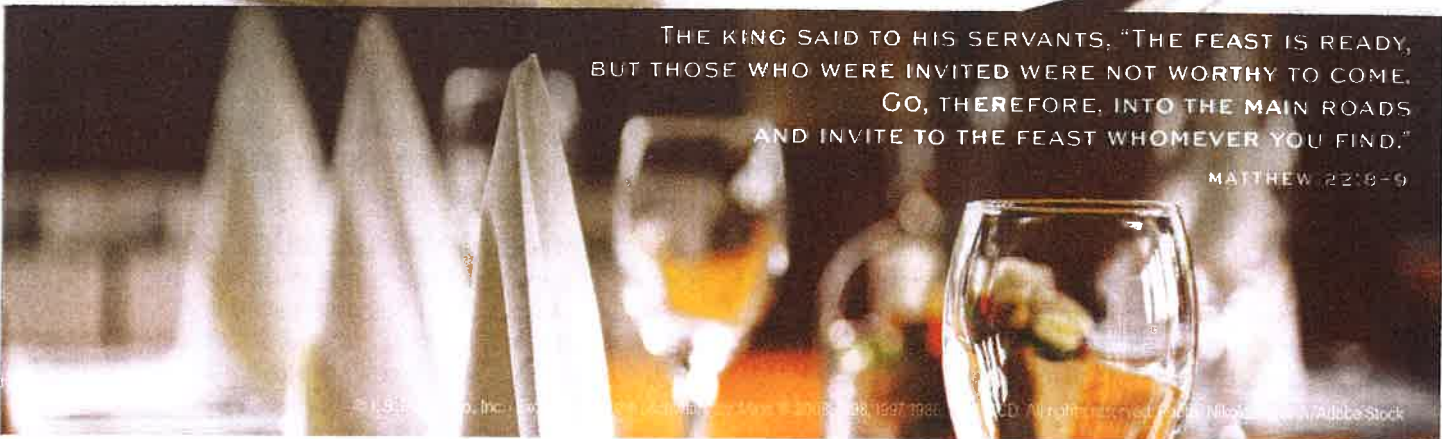


# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020



THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, "THE FEAST IS READY,  
BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.  
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS  
AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."  
MATTHEW 22:8-9

Jesus' parable of the king's wedding feast sounds extreme to our modern ears. After all, if a king—a beloved celebrity, say—were to invite us to his son's party, which one of us would refuse, much less murder the messenger? In Matthew's Gospel, the chief priests and elders obstinately refuse to acknowledge Jesus' mission as the anointed Son of God. Today's parable suggests that God will punish this stubbornness by burning their city. The extreme violence of this parable seems to be aimed at Jesus' stubborn first-century audience, but falls short of hitting us.

## RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS, BUILDING BRIDGES

Instead of dismissing or quaintly smiling at today's parable, we can let the word of God work in our hearts. Jesus, who is the Word of God, exists in all time and knows each of us intimately. He speaks to us today through this very parable. The king's invitation applies to us. The Creator of the universe calls us, and we must respond. Eternal life is at stake.

Today's liturgy is a rich opportunity to identify the invitation extended by God. The liturgy itself is our collective glimpse into heaven. Perhaps the Lord is calling us to be more attentive to the liturgy, or to enter more deeply into a parish's weekend experience. Or perhaps our liturgical prayer time today will reveal a call to service, an invitation to care intentionally for strangers in need or for people we know. Perhaps, too, we might discern a call to repair brokenness. Most of us do not witness murder or burning cities on a daily basis, but we surely know of relationships in need of repair. Once we hear the invitation to reconcile with others, we can pray for the strength to respond. Instead of ignoring the summons by filling our time with busyness, we can ask the Lord to help us apologize, or forgive, or begin a difficult conversation. "Many are invited," Jesus tells us. He will help us respond.

Today's Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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**Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM**

**Confessions: Tues. & Wed. 9:00-10:00AM**

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday & Sunday: 45  
minutes before Mass

**Marriage or Baptism:**

Contact the parish office six  
(6) months prior to the  
anticipated date 903-769-3235

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# Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Knigge Family. Regina Davies. Jo Hoffman. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Elayne Hayes. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Frankie Durst. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Jim Hayes, spouse of Elayne.**

### Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

### TODAY'S READINGS

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

**Psalm:** 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 (Philippians 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]).

### READINGS FOR THE 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

### Please join the Rosary Group

Every Friday for 8:00am Mass. We would love it if you would like for us to teach you how to make rosaries. This is a way to meet and get to know some of Holy Spirit's sweetest and funniest women. We do wear masks & social distancing. Call Jean Kelley 903-857-9868 for info.

### Mass—Intentions

**Sat 10/10** Rita Joyce Aucoin+ (Carolyn Bonicard)

**Sun 10/11** Dan Anderson (Ruddie)

**Tue 10/13** NO MASS. Communion Service 8:00; Adoration begins 8:30am

**Wed 10/14** Carlos Gallardo+ (Rosary Makers)

**Thurs 10/15** Jim Hayes+ (Rosary Makers)

**Fri. 10/16** Chuck Snodgrass+ (Rosary Makers)

**Sat. 10/17** Joe Frank Lalumia+ (Marie Hansen)

### PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through August 31, 2020:

Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,633

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,698

**Attendance** 10/03 Sat. 44 & 10/04 Sun. 37

### POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

**The Laity's Mission in the Church.** That by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



### Election Day Adoration

7am - 7pm, Tues., Nov. 3rd

We need adorers! Our nation needs prayer during these tumultuous times now more than ever. God chastises those He loves, but He is merciful too. We can plead for Him to keep destruction from us just as He did for Abraham with Lot in Sodom. Just as He did for Hezekiah by granting him 15 more years of life. We can ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us on election day just as she did at the Battle of Lepanto and the Wedding Feast of Cana.

We need to pray that legal voting is upheld and preserved and that the polls are places of peace. We can pray that people are motivated to get out and vote and that candidates show civility no matter the outcome. We must pray that God blesses America.

Can you give an hour to pray for our nation? **Father is offering Mass at 6:30am** and then each adoration slot is on the half hour for example 7:00a-7:30a, 7:30a-8:00a and so forth. **You can sign up on the holy spirit website, [holyspirthollylake.com](http://holyspirthollylake.com) or you can email Cathy Ellis at [cathy.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.ellis@gmail.com)**

Let us pray unceasingly  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)



**Dispensation:** The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Food donations: Blessings to all of our givers!** We could use cans of soups; jams and jellies; pasta & pasta sauce. Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

**CONFESSION ON Wed., Oct. 14th only from 9:00—10:00AM. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.**

Elayne Hayes and their adult children have finalized Jim's funeral. It will take place on **Tues., Oct. 13th** at Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy Ln., Dallas, TX 75220. Fr. Mike will have Mass in the Calvary Hill Chapel at 12:00 Noon. Following the Mass will be a grave side service.

For those that do not have Elayne's address: 171 Las Cruces Path, Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

**WE ARE IN NEED OF PARISHIONERS THAT HAVE THE FOLLOWING SKILLS:**

Quick Books, Parish Data System (PDS), Publisher, Excel and Word

Would you be available under 20 hours a month to pay bills, keep track of finances, and reconcile bank statements?

Would you be interested in working on our bulletin?

If you have these talents and you're interested, please email the church office at [holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com) or call 903-769-3235.

**Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Oct. 10th at 5:00pm and Sun., Oct. 11th at 9:00am.**

**Protocols for weekend Masses:**

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**

**Holy Hour & Remembrance Mass for Pregnancy & Infant Loss:**

There will be a Holy Hour and Remembrance Mass on Thurs., Oct 15th at Chapel of Sts. Peter & Paul. This is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. There will be Holy Hour at 5:00pm and Mass will begin at 6:00pm. All are welcome! This event will also be live-streamed on the St.Philip Institute Facebook Page

**Cenacle of Life:** Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Fr. Mike is offering a **men's bible study** and a **women's bible study.** If interested please call/text Fr. Mike on his cell 903-490-3883. Leave your name and contact number.

**Would you like to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament?**

Fr. Mike is encouraging Holy Spirit parishioners to pray the Rosary before the Sat., Vigil and Sun., Mass. Join us at 4:30pm on Sat., and 8:30am on Sun., in the sacred space in the parish hall. The hall will fit the maximum amount of people to attend weekend Mass in order to stay within the protocols. **Promised graces are guaranteed!**

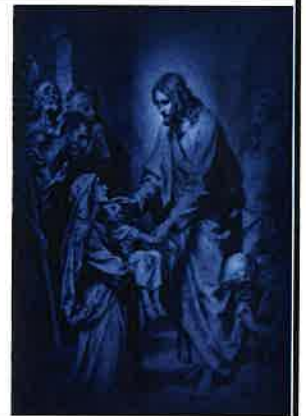
**The Holy Spirit Welcome Committee thanks all who attended the "Blessing of the Animals" last Sunday.** What a marvelous day to honor St. Francis of Assisi. It was a absolutely gorgeous day and a beautiful ceremony. See page four of the bulletin for pictures.

**Live the Gospel of Life**

"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

*The Gospel of Life*

**RESPECT LIFE  
OCTOBER 2020**



**Oct. Second Collections:**

17th & 18th "World Mission Sunday."

**Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 8:00am.**

**Protocols for weekday Masses:**

1. **Wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.

### Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Shower

This will be Knights of Columbus fifth baby shower event will be held for two weekends; Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st and Nov. 7th & 8th. This year, the Knights will again be supporting the Building Blocks, Living Alternatives Ministry (<https://livingalternatives.org/building-blocks/>).

The Building Blocks Ministry offers practical help to parents that encourages and renews hope for the future. It's a unique earn-while-you-learn program where moms and dads earn points for going to doctor appointments, attending parenting classes, and meeting with parenting mentors.

A portable play pen will be located in the entry to the parish hall for donated items, including: baby wipes, diapers (newborn to size 4), fall and winter clothes (newborn to 2T), bedding, car seats, babies and children's toys, and, of course, monetary donations.



### Holly Lake Ranch/Hawkins FM2869 Life Chain 2020

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November. Christians should attend the local Life Chain to help build a resolute army of Christians who are pro-life in both word and deed. Let us engage the enemy, boldly and unashamed, until the curse of legal abortion is swept from our land and again provide security and freedom for every citizen, born and unborn. **Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be participating in the 2020 Life Chain on FM 2869 on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 until 3:00 PM.** More Information will be in future bulletins, or call Richard Boultinghouse, Life Chain Committee Chairman, at 903-769-4257 or rbhouse61@aol.com.



### Catechism of the Catholic Church Man's Vocation Life in the Spirit The Dignity of the Human Person

By his reason, man recognizes the voice of God which urges him "to do what is good and avoid what is evil." Everyone is obliged to follow this law, which makes itself heard in conscience and is fulfilled in the love of God and of neighbor. Living a moral life bears witness to the dignity of the person.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020



# Vote for Candidates who Support Parental Choice in Education

by [Bishop Joseph Strickland](#) | Sep 5, 2020 | [Essays](#)

One of the experiences which accompanied the COVID 19 Shelter at Home Orders was that all parents became “home school” parents. But, in a sense, all parents already WERE “home school parents”. Some simply choose to share that educational mission with others outside of the home as their children mature. I say that because parents are the “first teachers” of their children. That very phrase is a part of the Baptismal Rite.

The teaching of the Catholic Church on the primacy of parents in the educational mission is clear. After all, the primacy of marriage – and the family founded upon it – as the first cell of society, the first church, first government, first school, first hospital, first economy, and the first mediating institution of the broader society – is at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching.

In his apostolic exhortation on the family entitled “The Role of the Christian family in the Modern World” (*Familiaris Consortio*) Pope St. John Paul II affirmed the social and political role of the family and called for the development of a “family politics”. Catholics should embrace such a “family politics”. A just and efficient philosophy of civil government should recognize the family is the first government and that all other government must first be at its service.

Parents are the first teachers of their children and all education begins in the home. We need to acknowledge in our positive or civil law the right of parents to choose for their own children where they go to school. That choice should include the full array of options, public, private, parochial, charter and home schools, no matter what their economic status. This can be done in constitutionally sound ways. And, the last obstacle, the so-called “Blaine Amendments” are being struck down throughout the country as unconstitutional. And, rightly so.

Education outside of the home is an extension of the parental role and government should recognize and defer to the parent’s primary role in the educational mission. These children are not, in the words of the US Supreme Courts’ *Wisconsin v Yoder* decision “... mere creatures of the State.” The family is the first government and the first schoolhouse. We have forgotten that objective truth as a nation and we are reaping the consequences.

It was the polestar of educational law for many years that teachers act *in loco parentis* – a Latin phrase meaning in the place of, or on behalf of the parents. Sadly, we have lost our way. In addition, the very origins of what became the “public” school system began with families pooling resources in small community schools. What happened? We need to reconsider our history in order to chart our future.

Some who oppose “school choice” or, more properly “parental choice”, are entrenched in the current federalized educational bureaucracy and the culture which fuels it. However, increasingly people of every walk of life will admit the obvious, our current educational system is broken.

The current overly federalized approach to education in the United States is failing. Statistics and experience confirm the obvious. It is time for a change and parental (school) choice is the change that is needed. It means affirming again, as a matter of public policy and legislation, that Parents are the ones who should be able to make the choice of how to best extend their own teaching mission outside of the home. They should be able to choose where to send their children to school from among the full array of options.

The proper role of Federal, State or Local Government is to support, NOT USURP, the first government in the home. Rather than focus on the word “School” – which is then used to arouse a “public” school vs. “private” school debate – we should use the phrase “Parental Choice”. After all, it is Parents who are the first teachers of their children and the family is the first school. This is where the policy debate should focus.

Those of us who support this approach must watch our language. We are not against government. We simply maintain that government begins in the family. Good governance recognizes the first government of the family and follows the social ordering and good governance principle of

subsidiarity by deferring to the smallest governing unit; not usurping but empowering and helping families. The current overly federalized approach to education in the United States is failing.

Here is an insight taken from the Apostolic Exhortation "*Familiaris Consortio*":

***The right and duty of parents to give education is essential, since it is connected with the transmission of human life; it is original and primary with regard to the educational role of others, on account of the uniqueness of the loving relationship between parents and children; it is irreplaceable and inalienable, and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others...***

In his "Letter to Families" the late Pope wrote:

***Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area; they are educators because they are parents. They share their educational mission with other individuals or institutions, such as the Church and the State. But the mission of education must always be carried out in accordance with a proper application of the Principle of Subsidiarity.***

***This implies the legitimacy and indeed the need of giving assistance to the parents but finds its intrinsic and absolute limit in their prevailing right and actual capabilities. The principle of subsidiarity is thus at the service of parental love, meeting the good of the family unit. For parents by themselves are not capable of satisfying every requirement of the whole process of raising children; especially in matters concerning their schooling and the entire gamut of socialization.***

***Subsidiarity thus complements paternal and maternal love and confirms its fundamental nature, inasmuch as all other participants in the process of education are only able to carry out their responsibilities in the name of the parents, with their consent and, to a certain degree, with their authorization.***

Parental (School) Choice is a matter of genuine social justice, not what is masquerading as social justice in some circles these days. Parental choice in education is right for our children, right for our parents and right for our Nation. As we approach the exercise of our vote in the upcoming elections, we should choose those candidates who support parental (school) choice in education.



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