

# October 11, 2020

#### FAITH SHARING

Today's Scripture readings offer us a standing invitation to the everlasting joy of the Heavenly Banquet and a loving warning to stay ready always for this Heavenly banquet by constantly wearing the wedding garment, i.e., remaining in a state of grace by avoiding sins and by doing good.

# **BIBLE READINGS**

#### IS 25:6-10A

In the first reading, Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which Yahweh is preparing for His people.

#### Responsorial Psalm R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything His followers will need to participate in the Heavenly Banquet.

### MT 22:1-14

Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders of rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly Banquet given to them through God's Own Son, Himself. They have rejected the invitation by not listening to the Good News preached by Jesus and by not reforming their lives. Hence, God is inviting the sinners and Gentiles for His banquet, and that is why Jesus is keeping the company of sinners.

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# Solemnity – Christian Family

## **ENTRANCE HYMN** (Proverbs 30:7-9)

V. Two things I ask of you, deny them not to me before I die: Put falsehood and lying far from me, giving me neither poverty nor riches;

R. [Provide me only with the food I need;] Lest, being full, I deny you, saying, "Who is the Lord?" Or, being in want, I steal, and profane the name of my God.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Gospel

#### MT 22:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

# Today's Hymns

**Processional Hymn** #1 Hymn of Faith

**Hymn to the Holy Spirit** #144 Come, Thou Creator

**Offertory Hymn** #226 Fairest Lord Jesus

**Communion Hymn** #230 Come, Thou Almighty King

**Recessional Hymn** #228 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, October 11 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time Solemnity – Christian Family 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, October 18 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

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#### **BULLETIN INFORMATION**

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

## **INTENTIONS:**

*My Brothers and Sisters:* Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Sally Bisch, Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Joseph Seliga, Fr. Donald Wunderlich.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away. **Our Father...** 

#### WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY TODAY?

The traditional family is under assault these days. Watch a primetime television program about the family and you will soon discover that fathers are presented as idiotic, mothers as overbearing, and children as wise beyond their years. That's assuming you can find a program portraying a "traditional" family with a husband and a wife.

The "traditional" families are under attack, however, is to acknowledge that our definition of the family is more culturally informed than biblically informed.

What we can definitively say is this: God is the originator of the family and continues to hold the patent. The ideal, established at the beginning of humanity, is for one man and one woman to join in a spiritually and physically committed union for a lifetime, conceiving and rearing children.

Clearly, this model is not followed today, where single parents, married couples without children, grandparents rearing their grandchildren, and same-sex couples with or without children are called families. But the Lord continues to bless these types of families too, because he loves all of us, even if He doesn't like what we do.

So where does this leave us in trying to define family from a Christian perspective? We can affirm at least this much: "A Christian family is a group of people who are related to each other through marriage, birth, or adoption and are committed, first and foremost, to the person and work of Jesus Christ, faithfully witnessing to the love, power, and forgiveness of God to a watching world in its unique time and place."

Let us pray today for our families. Probably it's not perfect, but we love our relatives, right?

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Below are the dates available for Masses at Our Saviour. Please use the form to request the Mass.

10/11/2020OPEN10/18/2020† Esther Seltner, Helen Krzywicki – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown.

#### PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, November 8, 2020 after Mass.

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