

- ❖ **A Feast for All Peoples:** Isaiah has a special section in chapters 24-27, known as the 'Isaiah Apocalypse'. A vision is shared of how God will eventually save us. For the many who are poor, rich food and fine wine at a banquet became a symbol of heaven. This will take place through a mountain – Jerusalem – where a message of victory over death, tears and shame will be proclaimed.
[Q]: *Can you see this message being fulfilled in the Cross, on a hill in Jerusalem? In the Eucharistic Banquet, in the Church – the New Jerusalem?*
- ❖ **The Secret of Contentment:** While still in prison St Paul receives a gift of money from the Christian community at Philippi. He normally discourages gifts to be given to him, but he is thankful for this expression of love and support. Paul shares he is free and has 'learnt a secret'; he lives attached only to Christ.
[Q]: *Have you experienced poverty and plenty? Has the experience made you free; ready for anything anywhere? What did the experience teach you?*
- ❖ **Refusing the Invitation:** The Gospel of Matthew continues with 'judgement parables' – the two sons, the vineyard and now, the wedding banquet. Even today it is a great honour to receive a wedding invitation. Yet the recipients were more interested in their work and business.
[Q]: *What thoughts and feelings are present when you open a wedding invitation? Why would you refuse to come? Why have the chief priests and elders refused?*
- ❖ **Fill the Hall:** In a shame / honour culture, the King would have been highly insulted when those invited refuse to attend. 'Burned their town' could be Matthew's attempt at explaining the fire destroying Jerusalem in 70CE. Now, God's invitation into relationship is thrown open to all: Gentiles, sinners, the poor, those living on the streets; bad and good alike. Consider the honour of God. God invites servants to go to roads which are busy intersection points of highways – to catch the most people travelling.
[Q]: *Where are crossroads today? Do you search for and urgently invite people to Mass so 'the hall can be filled with guests' to celebrate the wedding union with God?*
- ❖ **The Wedding Garment:** The invited guest being thrown out challenges our expectations for a nice ending to the story. In the Book of Revelation, the white wedding garment is a symbol of the good deeds of the saints who persevered in faith, works of love and service. It seems that all are invited to the eternal wedding, but it is not sufficient to just turn up. To be 'chosen to enter' requires a life radically turned around to focus on good deeds.
[Q]: *Is my life showing the white garment of perseverance and good deeds?*
- ❖ **In or Out?** A judgement parable forces a crisis: it shakes the comfortable and those presuming eternal life is theirs by right.
[Q]: *How does this parable challenge / judge you? Are you 'in' or 'out'?*

EXCERPT FROM POPE LEO'S HOMILY, GIVEN DURING MASS AT LOURDES – 27 SEP 2026

It is today that we must repent. God wants us to live, to open our eyes and return to him. To repent is to leave the paths on which we lost our way, and to follow the *way of life*.

Jesus himself is quite direct in calling us to repentance. He extends our horizon beyond this earthly life, to the horizon of eternal life. For while happiness in this world is fleeting and relative, and sadly sometimes out of reach for some, true happiness is promised to everyone in hope, and this is what we should seek above all else, in all our efforts and choices. Did not the Virgin Mary say to Saint Bernadette, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the next"?

In an age and society that seek progress and material wellbeing, but can sometimes forget the horizon of eternity, Mary comes to remind us of the greatness and richness of our calling to life, to eternal life. In the face of current trends that seek to redefine the value of human life in illness, suffering and old age, ... Lourdes is blessed as a place for professing the beauty and sanctity of life, for life is welcomed here as a precious gift from God.

Eternal life is a firm and certain promise that the Lord makes to us. He has already won it for us by his death on the Cross and his Resurrection. Through the grace of baptism, he is bringing it to fulfilment in us each day. It is within our reach, but we must freely welcome it and take hold of it. The obstacle to grace and eternal life is sin, whereby we turn in upon ourselves, refusing God and shutting ourselves up in our own darkness. Our personal responsibility comes into play for God has made us free. Freedom is necessary for love, for no one can be forced to love. We must use our freedom to say yes to Christ, relying on his grace, like Mary. This is a yes that we renew until our final breath.

We hear the urgent call to conversion in the words which Mary spoke right here, "Penance! Penance! Penance!" She repeats the word three times. ... *Why?* Are we slow to understand? Do we too easily think of ourselves without sin? The Virgin asks us to do penance not only for ourselves, but also for a world that is going astray. How can our hearts not be moved by the conflicts that are spreading and destroying so many innocent lives?

Yet the evil of our time comes from the human heart. God is not responsible for it. It is human hearts that must change, beginning with our own. Penance is an act of love, carried out in solidarity with the human family. It is an act of love for God. Recognising our own faults is essential for our spiritual growth. As Saint Augustine wrote, "Do not be content with what you are, if you want to become what you are not yet" (*Disc. 169*)



CALENDAR

Monday

October 12
Weekday
Gal 4:22-24,
26-27, 31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

October 13
Weekday
Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

October 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

October 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*
Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

October 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

October 17
*St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr*
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

October 18
*Twenty-ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

PRAYER SEEKING
THE INTERCESSION OF
THE EIGHT BLESSED MARTYRS
OF THAILAND
AND THEIR CANONISATION

Almighty God, You called the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, as priest, religious and lay people, laity leading as young disciples, and as a catechist. These eight Blessed Martyrs responded faithfully to Your call, dedicating themselves to Your redemptive mission for all. For the sake of this mission and their faith in You, they followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, in sacrificing their lives.

May the example of these eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand inspire us to live our Christian faith today in the Catholic Church, ever giving witness to that faith in our daily life.

According to Your will, we pray that Your servants, the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, may be canonised. We ask this as we seek to strengthen our own faith. So, if it is Your will, bless us with their canonisation, thus giving glory to Your Name.

Through the intercession of the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, grant what we now humbly request in prayer (*take a silent moment*). **Amen.**

Leader: The eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand
Response: Pray for us

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Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed
by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:30 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : First Sunday during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday during or after
10:30am mass.**

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
: **English before 10:30 am mass.**

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center
opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

MIGUEL DULICK

The closer Jesus gets to his death, the more targeted are his parables, specifically to the “chief priests and elders.” He has no patience with their hypocrisy.

The wedding feast has a long history in the prophets and the psalms, always a glorious celebration of love and delight—God marrying the chosen people. But in today’s gospel, Jesus speaks of the feast as a massacre. When the guests refuse to attend his son’s wedding, and they even kill the messengers sent to invite them, the enraged king amasses his troops to destroy “those murderers” and burn their city to the ground. So, the chosen people are un-chosen. Then, the king tries again, this time sending the servants to “whomever [they] find.” And then comes a beautiful moment: the servants invite the “bad (literally, “evil”) and good alike,” and they fill up the hall! This echoes Jesus’ own promise of the cross: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself” (John 12:32).

There is one more twist to the story that keeps Jesus in his own uncompromising space. When the king spots a guest without a “wedding garment,” he binds him hand and foot and throws him out into the darkness. Pretty scary—but do stay with Jesus. Accept the invitation to the banquet. And let Jesus dress you in his own garment of grace. ●

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

HOLY (No. 263)

PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 387)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 390)

PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: WE COME TO YOUR FEAST (No. 938)

FINAL: SALVE REGÍNA (No. 880) PLEASE STAND

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 11 October 2026

ENTRANCE: ALL ARE WELCOME (No. 850) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

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GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Is 25:6-10a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said:

"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23: I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD



- 1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. (R)
- 2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff that give me courage. (R)
- 3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (R)
- 4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. (R)

SECOND READING: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

GOSPEL: Mt 22:12-14

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,
All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
“Be our life and joy, O God.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: OPEN MY EYES (No. 651)