

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017



**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6;
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

“Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The prophet Isaiah invites us to share in the mountain top *“feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.”* All tears will be wiped away and there will be no more sadness, pain or death. The beautiful passage is a joyous and hopeful reminder that the Lord of Life invites us to a feast of abundant love! Our gospel shares the joy of the parable of the wedding feast for the king’s son. All are invited to the celebration, yet many refuse or are unworthy to attend. A surprising and key moment in the parable of our Lord is that one man enters without a wedding garment and is forced to leave. The special garment symbolizes the new life of the banquet of heaven and earth—God’s reign—that we are all called to live as followers of Christ. This new life is characterized by our love and service, and produces an abundance of fruit, revealing God’s reign of love, compassion, justice, and peace. And as Paul faithfully encourages us: *“My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”*

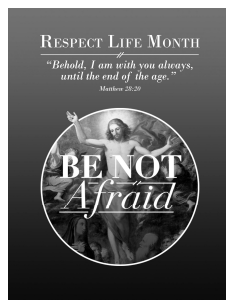
October: Respect Life Month

The Death Penalty

The essence of our identity and worth as human beings, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God and made in his image and likeness. God’s love doesn’t change; even sin cannot diminish God’s love for each person. As we are reminded in Sacred Scripture, “Can a mother forget her infant...? Even should she forget, I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15).

What is the position of the United States bishops on the death penalty?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has long opposed the use of the death penalty in our country... In 2015, the tenth anniversary year of the bishops’ Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty, a letter reaffirming the bishops’ opposition to the death penalty offered a reflection on our justice system: “Our faith tradition offers a unique perspective on crime and punishment, one grounded in mercy and healing, not punishment for its own sake. No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so. Today, we have this capability.”



Is the death penalty a Catholic pro-life matter?

Earlier in 2015, the chairmen of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development responded to a Supreme Court decision related to the death penalty: “We bishops continue to say, we cannot teach killing is wrong by killing. ...Institutionalized practices of violence against any person erode reverence for the sanctity of every human life.”

Christ came to liberate us from the cycle of violence by showing us how to love and be merciful. As reflected in his life and teaching, as well as in saints’ lives throughout history, “the antidote to violence is love, not more violence.” As the culture of death threatens to electively select who does and who does not deserve life, we must uphold that *all* human life has invaluable dignity and worth.

When we feel that sin and evil are overwhelming, we must not be afraid. Jesus Christ has already conquered sin and death, and we know that his is the ultimate victory. Let us work to defend the dignity of all human life, made in the image and likeness of God, through prayer, education, and advocacy. Be not afraid; God is with us. **[For more information, please see the U.S. Catholic Conf. of Bishops at usccb.org and Pope Francis and the death penalty at <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/10/11/pope-francis-death-penalty-contrary-gospel>.]**

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Mass Intentions October 14-20, 2017



Sat., 4:30 pm	+Jim McPharlin
Sun., 9:00 am	Victims of the Napa Fire
Sun., 11:15 am	+Giuseppe Manuguerra
Sun., 5:00 pm	Familias de la Parroquia
Wed., 7:00 am	Victims of the Napa Fire
Thu., 7:00 am	Sick of the Parish
Fri., 7:00 am	Victims of Hurricane Maria

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

Músicos - Si Ud. toca guitarra, otro instrumento, o quisiera cantar con el coro, favor de participar en nuestro coro. Los ensayos son a las 4:15 pm, cada domingo antes de la Misa.

El Mes de Octubre—El Respeto a la Vida La Pena de la Muerte

“Los obispos seguimos diciendo: no podemos enseñar que matar es malo matando... Las prácticas institucionalizadas de violencia contra cualquier persona erosionan la reverencia por la santidad de toda vida humana.”

Cristo vino para liberarnos del ciclo de violencia mostrándonos cómo amar y ser misericordioso. Según su vida y enseñanza, y la vida de los santos a lo largo de la historia, “el remedio a la violencia es amor, no más violencia”. Mientras la cultura de la muerte pueda decidir quién merece la vida y quién no, debemos sostener que *toda* vida humana tiene dignidad y valía invaluable.

Cuando sentimos que el pecado y el mal son abrumadores, no debemos temer. Jesucristo ya ha vencido el pecado y la muerte, y sabemos que la suya es la victoria última. Trabajemos para defender la dignidad de toda vida humana, hecha a la imagen y semejanza de Dios, con la oración, la educación y los actos. No temas; Dios está con nosotros.

Fence Replacement — Update

Good news — a contractor has been selected and approved by the church and the three neighbors involved with the project. Our share of the project is approximately \$21,000. We expect work will begin within two weeks, and will continue for about three weeks.

Thank you for your patience and support for this important project.

Hope's Pantry and Boutique Volunteers

If you are able to serve on Wednesday mornings, please speak with Lydia Newton or Janice Hawkins, or call the office at 831-659-2224.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For more information married couples are invited to call Mary Jo and Rich Costello at 831-200-3780 or visit online at centralcawwme.org.

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2nd Collections

This Sunday, October 15, 2017

For the victims of the Earthquakes in Mexico

Offertory Report 10/8/17

The offertory report will be available next week.

Youth Corner (Matthew 22:1-14) We all like parties! Our readings invite to the greatest party of all! The Feast of God's Love! A Feast that we experience now in our Eucharistic Banquet at Mass, in every act of loving service, and in the Heavenly Feast of God's Reign that has been prepared for us!

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am & 11:15 am

Spanish Mass: Sunday at 5 pm

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday

9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

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