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## *TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— OCT. 15TH, 2023* **"ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL PEOPLES"**

The parable of the wedding feast is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.



We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

## XXVIII DOMINGO ORDINARIO– OCTUBRE 15TH, 2023

### EN ESTE MONTE EL SENOR DE LOS EJÉRCITOS PROVEERÁ PARA TODOS LOS PUEBLOS

La parábola del banquete de bodas es sencilla. El rey envía a sus sirvientes a invitar a los invitados al banquete de bodas que está preparando para su hijo. Los oyentes se habrían sorprendido al saber que los primeros invitados rechazaron la invitación. ¿Quién rechazaría la invitación del rey? Sigue un segundo envío de sirvientes. Nuevamente, para gran sorpresa de los oyentes, algunos invitados ignoran la invitación. Algunos de los invitados llegan incluso a maltratar y matar a los sirvientes. El rey invoca su venganza contra estos asesinos destruyéndolos e incendiando su ciudad.

Podríamos detenernos aquí por un momento. ¿Por qué algunos invitados matarían a los sirvientes enviados para invitarlos al banquete de bodas del rey? Podría ser posible que el rey fuera un tirano, como lo demuestra la destrucción de la ciudad por parte de quienes rechazaron su invitación. Pero si seguimos esta idea, entonces la alegoría parece tratar de algo más que el reino de los cielos. Es más probable que la destrucción de la ciudad hubiera sido una imagen poderosa correspondiente a la destrucción de Jerusalén por los romanos en el año 70 d.C., que habría sido un acontecimiento importante para la audiencia de Mateo.

Ahora que los invitados son considerados indignos de asistir al banquete de bodas del rey, se envía a los sirvientes a invitar a quien puedan encontrar. Llegan los invitados, pero parece que aceptar la invitación del rey conlleva ciertas obligaciones. El invitado que no se vistió con el traje de boda adecuado es expulsado del banquete. Se nos recuerda que si bien muchos son invitados al reino de los cielos, no todos pueden cumplir con sus requisitos. Dios nos invita a su fiesta, regalándonos su salvación. Sin embargo, nos pide que nos arrepintamos de nuestros pecados.

El mensaje de Jesús en la parábola advierte contra las creencias exclusivas sobre el reino de los cielos. La parábola también enseña acerca de la humildad. Aquellos que suponen que son los invitados pueden descubrir que han rechazado la invitación, y por eso se invita a otros en su lugar. Aceptar la invitación es también aceptar sus obligaciones. Dios quiere nuestra plena conversión en completa aceptación de su misericordia.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: OCT. 16TH SAINT HEDWING

The wife of Henry, Duke of Silesia, and the mother of his six children, led a humble, austere, and most holy life amidst all the pomp of royal state. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was the keynote of her life. Her valued privilege was to supply the bread and wine for the Sacred Mysteries, and she would attend each morning as many Masses as were celebrated. After the death of her husband she retired to the Cistercian convent of Trebnitz, where she lived under obedience to her daughter Gertrude, who was abbess of the monastery, growing day by day in holiness, till God called her to himself in 1242.



I-Breviary

### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

*Lord,  
today we ask for a miracle:  
We raise up the people of  
Israel and  
Palestine to you,  
two countries that have  
been in an ongoing conflict  
for years.  
We ask that you provide  
peace in this horrible war  
and give protection and  
comfort for all those who  
have been impacted.  
We lift our prayer to you.*

*By Trudy Dowd*

### EVENT CALENDAR

**Sat. Oct 28th** (Fourth Saturday of the Month)  
**Misa en Cachagua 7:00 pm.** 18800 Carmel Valley Rd. # 21. Carmel Valley, 93924

**Wed. Nov. 1st All Saints Day** 'Holy Day of Obligation'  
12 noon English Mass  
6:30 pm Bilingual Mass

**Thu. Nov. 2nd All Souls Day. Dia de los Muertos.**  
12 noon English Mass  
6:30 pm Misa en Espanol

# SCHEDULE

## Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

## Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, in Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at 5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

## Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

## Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions October 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Sat. Vigil Oct 14th 4:30: + **Jim Luttrell**

Sun. Oct. 15th 9:00: - **For the Health of Jon Schoff**

11:15: For the - **Health of Seth Goldberg**

Wed. Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: - **For the Health of Patrick Ryan**

Thu. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: - **For the Health of Ray Ramos**

Fri. October 20<sup>th</sup>: - **For the Health of Jerry Dowd**

Sat. Vigil Oct. 21st<sup>th</sup> 4:30: - **Intentions of Crowell & Duque families**

Sunday October 22nd 9:00: + **Philip Paré**

11:15 - **For the Health of Krista Schmidthues**

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.*

# WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Sep. 30th— Oct. 1st, 2023**

General Fund and EFT: **\$2,674.62**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH*

# PARISH STAFF

## Fr. Jhonnatan Flórez Carmona

Parish Priest:

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## Gail Quinnan

Assistant to the Pastor (Volunteer)

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## Rebecca Bayless

Bookkeeper

## Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford—Carlos Flores**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz—Richard Carr**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

## Angelica Lozano

Custodian

# PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

## Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, J Concepción Jara, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

## Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

## Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon—Derwin Borling

## Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

## Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

## Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

## Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental:

A.B. Introcaso

## Social Media:

Lorraine Yglesias

## Website:

John Finn

## Lectors:

Dede Woodhead

## Ministers of the Eucharist:

Lorraine Ring

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Rosemary Ellis


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**POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ISRAELI HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS**

Pope Francis appealed for the immediate release of more than 100 hostages being held by Hamas in Gaza on Wednesday and expressed concern for the safety of Palestinian civilians living in the Gaza Strip. "I pray for those families who saw a feast day transformed into a day of mourning, and I ask that the hostages be immediately released," Pope Francis said on Oct. 11.



Some 130 Israeli hostages were taken by the militant Islamist group Hamas during its attack on Israel last weekend. The terrorist group has threatened to kill one hostage every time that Israel's military bombs civilian targets in Gaza "without warning," according to the Associated Press. Speaking to thousands of people in St. Peter's Square for his Wednesday morning audience, the pope underlined that "terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but they fuel hatred, violence, revenge, and only make both suffer."

The pope said that he has been following "what is happening in Israel and Palestine with tears and apprehension." After Hamas' attack on Israel killed 1,000 people, the Israeli government vowed retaliation and launched airstrikes on the blockaded Gaza Strip. Francis said: "It is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves, but I am very worried about the total siege in which the Palestinians live in Gaza, where there have been many innocent victims."

"The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue, and the courage of fraternity," he added. The appeal was the second time that Pope Francis has spoken publicly about the war in Israel since the surprise attack last weekend.