



TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY
~IN~
ORDINARY TIME

“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.”

– Mt 22:8b-10



All are Welcome...

October 14 & 15, 2017
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S CORNER

PEACE
BEGINS
WITH A
SMILE

—St. Teresa of Kolkata

“My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?” Today’s Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the “invitation” to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn’t show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a “wedding garment” is like being properly prepared to enter God’s kingdom. Just showing up isn’t enough.

Here it’s important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest “friend.” The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It’s as if he doesn’t really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are “dressed” appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall—going to church, professing to be Christian—but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ’s teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.

Stewardship: Parishioners Answering God’s Call in Hospitality

Not long ago a parishioner was feeling faint during Mass. Her husband got up to get her some water. An usher sat next to her making sure she was okay and fanned her until her husband returned. A couple of other parishioners also checked with she and her husband to make sure she was alright and they weren’t needed to help.

Please submit your stewardship story examples to cathy.yarbrough@popcatholic.org. They may be edited for space consideration.



Prayer, Formation, & Parish Events

MASSt INTENTIONS

October 16 - October 22

Monday	8:30 am	Bob Lane	†
	6:30 pm	Lawrence Lee	†
Tuesday	8:30 am	Gregory Yeazel	†
	7:00 pm	Para la Iglesia	
Wednesday	8:15 am	Nellie Messina	†
	5:00 pm	Chris & Lena Artale	†
Thursday	8:30 am	Lena Giardina	†
Friday	8:30 am	Ben Abercrombie	S.I.
Saturday	5:00 pm	William Clements	†
Sunday	7:00 am	Jane Moore	S.I.
	8:30 am	Bob Lane	†
	1:30 pm	Para la Iglesia	
	5:00 pm	Ann Renno	†
	7:00 pm	Para la Iglesia	

Please join Bishop Baker for the following:

White Mass for all Healthcare Workers Wednesday, October 18

6:30 pm

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Chapel
1515 Twelfth Avenue S.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Red Mass for all Legal Professionals Thursday, October 19

5:30 pm

Cathedral of St. Paul

Reception to follow at Cathedral Life Center
2120 Third Avenue N.

Tickets on sale NOW for KofC Boston Butts!

Cost is \$35.

Tickets can be purchased after all Masses
with cash, check or credit card.

Pick-up times are:

Friday, October 20 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 - 11:00 am

Happenings

Childcare services are available at the POP nursery
during Sunday morning and Wednesday night programs.

Monday - October 16

Centering Prayer - 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth

Rosary & Mass - 6:00 pm - Rosary, 6:30 pm - Mass - Chapel

K of C Ladies Auxiliary - 6:30 pm - St. Jude

*Please bring a snack, one dollar and a pair of scissors to start
making no sew blankets.*

Third Sunday Choir Practice - 7:00 pm - Church

Tuesday - October 17

PraySing! - 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth

Women of Worship Bible Study - 9:30 am - St. Jude

Contact: Jill Kent, 205.913.1750

Topic: The Gospel of Mark scripture study by Marie Noonan Sabin

Adult Bible Study - 9:30 am - St. Monica

Topic: The Development of Sunni Islam

Seniors Lunch - 11:00 am - Chapel, 11:30 am - Deasy Hall

Caring Needles - 1:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

Breast Cancer Survivors - 6:30 pm - St. Elizabeth

Centering Prayer - 6:30 pm - St. Monica

Wednesday - October 18

School Mass - 8:15 am - Church

PraySing! - 9:30 am & 5:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30 pm - Deasy Hall

MS Youth Group - 5:30 pm - Deasy Hall, 6:00 pm - Cafeteria

Glorybound Youth Choir Practice - 6:00 pm - Church

Bible Study with Fr. Holloway - 6:15 pm - School Library

Topic: Acts of the Apostles

End of Life Planning Meeting - 6:30 pm - Chapel

HS Youth Group - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Youth Room

Financial Peace Class - 6:30 pm - St. Monica

RCIA - 6:30 pm - St. Jude

Topic: Sin, Salvation and the Cross of Jesus

Wellness Seminar - 6:30 pm - Deasy Hall

*Topic: Substance Abuse & the Family: Confronting the Problem &
Seeking Help - For more information, see page 5.*

Thursday - October 19

Adoration - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm - Chapel

Friday - October 20

MOMS Group - 9:00 am - St. Jude

Contact: Stefanie Daniel, stefdanielau@yahoo.com

Topic: Book Study "Walking With Purpose" by Lisa Brenninkmeyer

Sunday - October 22

Religious Education - 9:45 - 10:45 am

Scripture in Action - 9:45 am - St. Elizabeth

Baptismal Prep - 9:45 am - St. Catherine

Adult Education Series "The Reformations" - 9:45 am - St. Monica

Topic: Wars of Religion

Confirmation Retreat - 2:30 pm - Deasy Hall

Cub Scouts Pack 326 - 3:30 pm - St. Peter's Scout Hut

High School Youth Group - 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Youth Room

Prayer, Formation, & Parish Events

Stewardship Reflection 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew again includes parables. We have been hearing the Lord share parables with us throughout our readings in recent weeks. Interestingly Matthew contains 23 parables (or teachings classified as parables), while Luke has 28. Mark has only nine, and John has none.

The first parable we hear today is called The Parable of the Wedding Feast. In this story shared by Jesus for our benefit a king is hosting a wedding feast for his son. He sends out invitations and people ignore them or choose not to respond. It may seem somewhat remarkable to us that people turn down an invitation to a royal wedding feast.

Yet, the Lord invites us to join Him on a regular basis through Holy Scripture and the Sacraments. Many ignore the invitation, and in most cases are not even aware of the fact they have received it. Those who read this are aware of the invitation. The question is "How do we respond?"

What do we do after we attend a Holy Mass? What is our reaction to the reception of Christ's incredible gift in the Eucharist? We may not make light of it like some of the people in the parable, but if we merely go our separate ways, and do not strive to be active disciples, we are basically doing the same thing as those Jesus describes in this parable. In one of his first appearances Pope Francis declared, "Go make disciples of all nations." We cannot make disciples unless we are ourselves disciples.



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Financial Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Financial Stewardship for October 7 & 8:

Building Fund \$ 11,844.00

Offertory \$ 11,482.50

Backpack \$ 170.00

Hurricane Relief: \$ 1400.00

Religious Education

Upcoming Events:

Sunday School Classes: October 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5

Confirmation Rite of Enrollment: October 15, 11:00 am Mass

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting: October 15, 9:45 am, Church

Confirmation Retreat: October 22, 2:30 - 7:00 pm

Registration for fall Sunday School, K3-GR10, is ongoing! Classes have begun! The registration form may be downloaded from the POP website, www.popcatholic.org, and returned to the Religious Education Office for processing or emailed to megan.everett@popcatholic.org. Paper copies are also available on the desk outside the Rel Ed Office. Fees may be paid by check, or via FaithDirect, www.faithdirect.net, church code AL611.

Playschool...Don't Miss Out!

This month's Bible story is "The Man Who Helped." (The Good Samaritan) We are enjoying teaching your children about our community helpers. If you are interested in our Playschool, children 6 months through 2 years old are welcome to join us! A few spots still remain open for the fall. Please contact Kara Woodard at 205.822.9125 x 15 to set up a tour or with any questions.

End of Life Planning

Parishioners are invited to join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel to provide information about our Columbarium and various other related subjects regarding the end of life. Guest speakers will discuss costs, legal issues, memorial services, etc.

Donations Needed

Catholic Social Services is in need of basic furniture items such as beds, table & chairs, sofas, washer/dryer, appliances, etc.. If you are getting rid of any of these items, please consider donating them to Catholic Social Services by contacting Al Manzella at 205.969.8947. All items need to be clean and in working condition.

Prayer, Formation, & Parish Events

Emotional/Spiritual Wellness Series at POP

This fall, we are offering a series of six emotional/spiritual wellness seminars by local professionals in Deasy Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Childcare will be available in Adventure Ark starting at 6:20 pm. Please RSVP to Kara Woodard at 205.822.9125 x 15 or email adventure.ark@popcatholic.org with: child's name, age (6m to grade 2) by the Monday preceding the seminar. Our regular Wednesday evening dinner will be available in Deasy Hall prior to each seminar.

10/18 Substance Abuse & the Family:

Confronting the Problem & Seeking Help Stephen Taylor, MD

10/25 Aging & the Family

Randall Griffith, MD

Depression: Scientific & Spiritual Perspectives - Session Description

People abuse substances such as drugs, alcohol, and tobacco for varied and complicated reasons, but it is clear that our society pays a significant cost. Although substance abuse is as old as humanity itself, with a wider range of substances subject to abuse, such as opioids and other prescription drugs, it has become increasingly difficult to measure the terrible costs associated with drug and alcohol abuse. At the family level, having a family member with a substance abuse problem can be devastating. In this talk, Dr. Taylor, a highly experienced clinician and expert on substance abuse, will discuss some of the common issues related to substance abuse in the family, and will discuss the complex topic of treatment and intervention.

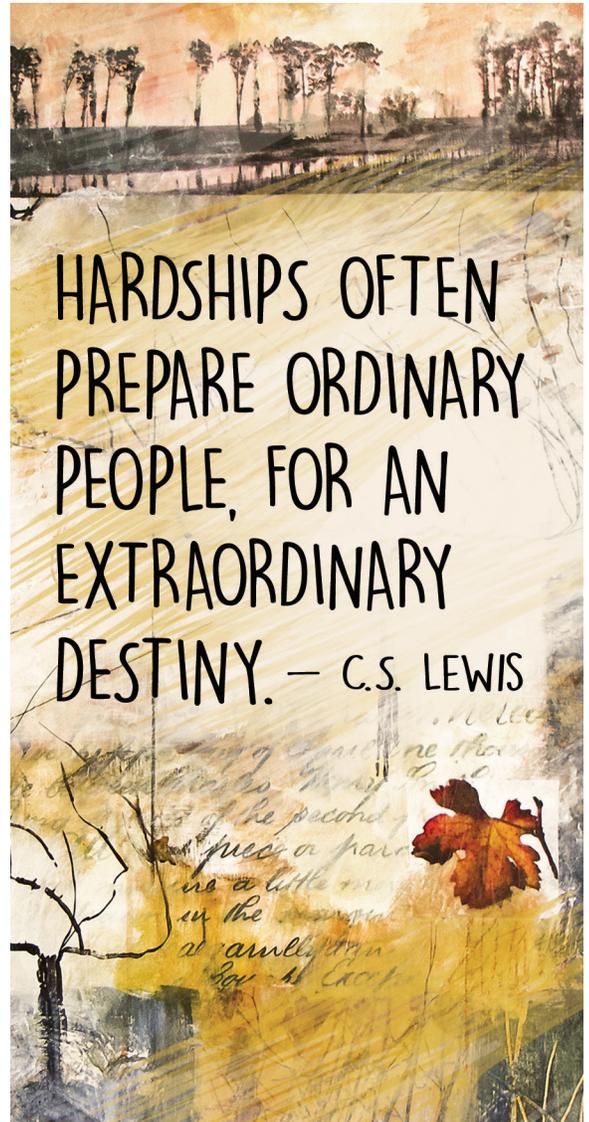


Stephen M. Taylor, M.D., M.P.H. is a board-certified general, child/adolescent, and addiction psychiatrist. He is also certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine as a specialist in Addiction Medicine, and has focused his training and expertise, both as a private practitioner and as an educator/presenter, on the specialized care of adolescents

and young adults with drug and alcohol abuse and addiction illnesses and general psychiatric disorders. Dr. Steve is also a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO), and serves in that capacity for the players, coaches and trainers of the National Basketball Association (NBA). An honors graduate of Harvard College, Dr. Steve earned his medical degree from the Howard University College of Medicine. He then returned to Harvard, where he earned a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. After completing "Triple Board" residency training in pediatrics, general psychiatry and child/adolescent psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Bronx Municipal Hospital Center in The Bronx, New York, Dr. Steve completed additional subspecialty training in the field of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Treatment at New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center.

Aging & the Family - Session description for October 25

Whether adults and their aging parents live together or many miles apart, many of us find ourselves increasingly responsible for our parents' care. Caring for aging parents has multiple effects on family life, including emotional, financial, and health effects. In this talk, geriatric specialist, neuropsychologist Randall Griffith, Ph.D. will review some of the common problems of aging, and will offer some suggestions and guidelines on how to know help is needed and how to get it.



I'd like to take a moment to encourage the men of our parish to consider joining the Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council. Membership in this Catholic fraternal organization will give you an opportunity to strengthen our parish, give back to the community, the ability to grow in your faith, and get access to a top-rated insurance program. These are just some of the reasons for joining our council. Following Mass there will be Knight members in the foyer ready to speak with you about becoming a member of this wonderful organization.

Thank you, Fr. Fallon

Casting Lots for the Seamless Garment (John 19:23-4) “Admonish the Sinner”

The third spiritual work of mercy by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R.

In this article Fr. Andrew Apostoli examines the third spiritual work of mercy — to admonish the sinner — along with its different meanings and methods, starting with admonishing ourselves. Some excerpts from that article follow:

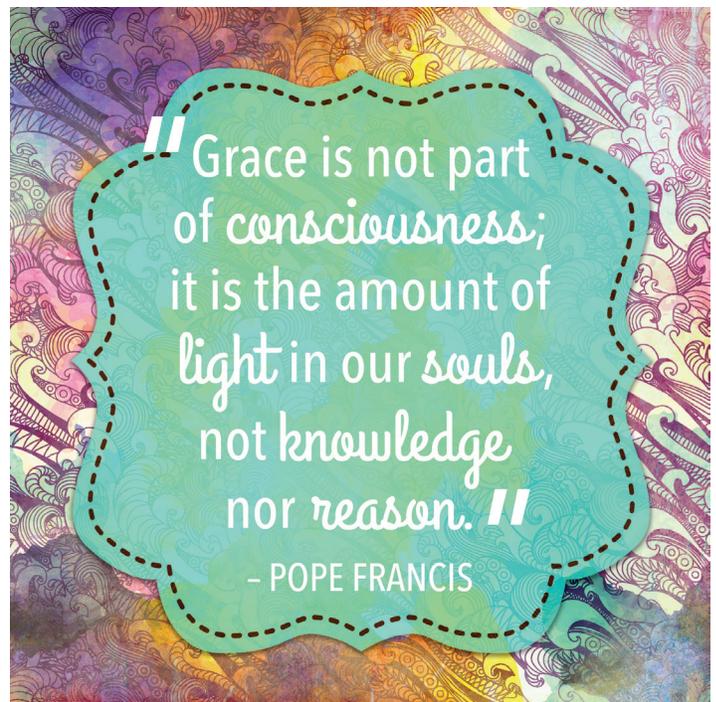
Vince Lombardi is a very famous football coach. He coached the Green Bay Packers to winning the first two Super Bowls ever played. He was also known for many sayings. One of them was the saying, “Winning isn’t the main thing, it’s the only thing!” I often paraphrase that saying: “For the Christian salvation isn’t the main thing, it’s the only thing!” Jesus Himself tells us that if we were to gain the whole world yet lose our souls in the process, in the end we have gained nothing. (cf. Lk 9:25) In fact, we will have missed the very purpose for which God created us, namely, to share eternal life with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. The greatest obstacle to our salvation is sin. Therefore, the Christian must be ready to resist sin in himself and at the same time, be willing to help others to resist sin in their own lives....

To admonish people about their sins certainly is a very delicate matter. Because of the possibility of great anger and resentment, one must always approach with care and sensitivity. There are things we can say to a certain degree, but there are other things that perhaps are not ready to be said yet. Dorothy Day used to say that Jesus came for two reasons: “He came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” If you admonish certain sinners, you will afflict them. If you admonish others, you will comfort them or at least lead them to comfort. Remember, we have already stressed that we must always proceed with compassion and a sense of humility, and never try to confront people with their sins with an attitude of, “I am better than you are,” or “I’m here to correct you.” The difficulty, as we have seen, lies in the fact that no one likes to be reminded of their sins. Jesus says in the Gospel of St. John (cf. 3:19-21) that those whose evil deeds are done in darkness, so as not to have them known, will resent the light when someone points them out. It stings their consciences, or at least hurts their pride and vanity.

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For more information, please contact Tom & Elsbeth Germanson: 205.565.3456 or alagerm@bham.rr.com.

Father Holloway blessed our pets on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in honor of St. Francis of Assisi’s feast day. Prayer cards were given out with the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and those assembled prayed it aloud. Thank you to Sandy Stewart for the reading, Cheri Poole for coordinating the event, and Patty Saffles for offering her pet portrait services.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are ill and would like to receive an anointing and/or the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

Prayer, Formation, & Parish Events



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For the second year in a row, readers of Hoover's Magazine have voted Prince of Peace Catholic School "Best of the Best." School Principal Connie Angstadt is always happy to talk to families about our preschool, elementary and middle school programs and provide a tour of the campus. The school's upcoming fall festival, October 28 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, is also a great opportunity to meet the administration, teachers and other school parents!

POP middle school students recently started a lunchtime food scrap recycling program called "Waste Reduction Wednesdays" where they save leftover food in a pail that is later delivered to Alabama Acres farm in Montevallo to feed their pigs and piglets. It's a great way for our students to embrace a stewardship way of life. (Pictured right)

Basketball and Cheer Registration is Open

Basketball and Cheer registration are now open for POP students and parish children that attend Sunday School in grades 1-8. Every year we have close to 200 participants between the two sports and it's a great way for kids to learn the sports and grow closer to their school and church friends.

Please contact Megan Massa with any questions about cheer at megan.massa80@gmail.com or Joe Kraus at joekraus759800@gmail.com or 256.503.4032 with any questions about basketball.

Alabama State Council of Auxiliary Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Scholarship

All Catholic women in Alabama are invited to apply for one of the two \$750.00 college scholarships, that will be awarded at the State Convention in April 2018. The recipients must be a practicing Catholic and a resident of Alabama. They may be a high school senior, already enrolled in college, a woman who would like to return to college or one desiring to pursue a graduate degree. Winners will be contacted upon their selection in early April and checks will be made payable to the college of the winner's choice.

To apply for the scholarship, please submit the following:

- 1) A resumé
- 2) A cover letter explaining why you desire the scholarship, your planned career and why you feel that you deserve this scholarship.
- 3) Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your parish priest.

The resumé and cover letter should be prepared by the applicant, mailed with the two letters of recommendation as a complete package and postmarked on or before November 30, 2017 to the following:

Janie Carney
Immediate Past President of ASK AL KC
1283 Skywood Drive
Mobile, AL 36693



Liturgy Schedule

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
 Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am (Nursery),
 11:00 am (Nursery), 5:00 pm
 Monday: 8:30 am, 6:30 pm
 Tuesday: 8:30 am
 Wednesday: 8:15 am, 5:00 pm
 Thursday: 8:30 am
 Friday: 8:30 am

Reconciliation *Confessions are available anytime by appointment.*

Saturdays: 4:00 pm
 Sundays: 12:30 - 1:15 pm
 Tuesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Adoration

Thursdays: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Parish Information

Fr. John Fallon, Pastor
 Fr. Gerald Holloway, Associate Pastor
 Fr. José Luis Guevara-Gomez, Associate Pastor

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Friday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
church.office@popcatholic.org

Kelly Doss, Parish Operations Manager
kelly.doss@popcatholic.org

Megan Everett, Formation Director
megan.everett@popcatholic.org

Bette Graffeo, Pastoral Care Director
bette.graffeo@popcatholic.org

Jill Spero, Stewardship Director
jill.spero@popcatholic.org

POP School (3 yr old - 8th grade)
 Connie Angstadt, Principal
 Andy Rothery, Asst. Principal
 P: 205.824.7886 F: 205.824.2093
 E: info@popcatholic.org
www.popcatholic.net

Adventure Ark Playschool (6 mo - 2 yr old)
 Kara Woodard, Director
 P: 205.822.9125 x 15 F: 205.822.9127
 E: adventure.ark@popcatholic.org

Please remember...

The Prince of Peace community would like to extend its sympathy to Cathy Bradley and family on the death of her father Jim Cosby, to Don Beebe and family on the death of his brother Philip Beebe and to Carleen Morin and family on the death of her father Carlton Dufresne, Sr.. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

La comunidad de Príncipe de Paz quiere dar sus más profundas condolencias a Cathy Bradley y a su familia por el fallecimiento de su padre Jim Cosby, a Don Beebe y a su familia por el fallecimiento de su hermano Philip Beebe y a Carleen Morin y a su familia por el fallecimiento de su padre Carlton Dufresne, Sr..
 Nuestras oraciones y pensamientos están con ustedes.

Prayer List - Lista de Oraciones

Please pray for all of our sick and recovering loved ones. If you would like to add or remove someone to/from the prayer list, please contact the parish office at 205.822.9125 or email bulletin@popcatholic.org. Names will remain on the list for 3 months unless notified. To be part of the parish prayer chain, email prayer-chain@popcatholic.org.

Lisa Woof	Norman Messina	Paulette Asher	José Luis Guevara, Sr.
Graham Woof	Curtis Austin	Lee Guess	Ashley Birk
Ashley Birk	Pat Anderson	Richard Crocker	Rhonda Courington
Rita Marie Angoco	Robert Reilly	Amy Judge	Jackson Newton Family
Virginia Guarino	Jane Reilly	Angela Judge	Danielle Wells
Charles Pardi	Coleman Montero	Ryan Stoll	Joe Wells
Linda Carnaggio	Anthony Romano	Robin Dockery	Patricia Muldowney
Claudia Charme	Karen Gentile	George Gustin	Carmella Pistone
Jim Close	Ray Carney	Joe Zegarelli, Sr.	Ronnie Loseman
Delores Scallan	Shirley Carroll	Jane Moore	Clara Bragg
Melissa Sypeck	Sam Cunningham	Costanzo LaRussa	Marie Gerson
Virginia Lorino	Mary Davis	Priscilla Graven	George Holloway
Bob Huckestein	Webb Adams	Joe Zito	David Fernandez
Robin Dockery	Debbie Rice	Annie Marie Hodge	Garry Abbott

Military & First Responders Prayer List

Please pray for all of our loved ones who are currently serving in the United States Military or as a First Responder. If you would like to add or remove someone to/from this list, please contact parish office with the name and branch/division at 205.882.9125 or email bulletin@popcatholic.org.

Jared Fitzgerald, USMC	Bradley Hallmark, USAF	Bernard F. Ceravolo IV, USAF
Joseph Byrd, ARNG	Matthew Russell, USMC	Eugene Elking, USAF
Craig Hollis, USAF	Aaron Torczynski, USAF	Adam Wagner, USN
John Okon, USN	Austin C. Daniel, USN	Bradley Bricker, USA
Jessica Stephens, USN	Charles L. Kidd II, USA	Spencer Lindsay, USA
Matt Stephens, USN	Patrick C. Kidd, USA	Norman Gerson, FIRE/PM
Mark Okon, USN	Joseph Lujano, USN	Adam Bertella, USMC
Laurin Okon, USN	Eduardo Reyes, USNG	Jarod S. Bryant, USMC
Harold Eddy, USA	Chris Silko, USAF	Trey Trapolino, POLICE
Francisco Rodriguez, USMC	Anthony Roth, USAF	Lee Halford, USA
Duffy Towey, POLICE	Justin Roberts, POLICE	Dinah Byrd, ARNG
Joey Gable, USAF	Nicholas Tylka, USA	Lee Halford, USA
Amy Williams, USN	Ryan Menasco, USMC	
Philip West, USA	Dennis Wigge, POLICE	

We are a Stewardship Parish

The four pillars of stewardship:

Prayer, Formation, Service and Hospitality help parishioners witness, experience and live the stewardship way of life. These four pillars support the parish community and we are all called through our baptismal promises to contribute our time, talent and treasure to them.



Oficina Hispana

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Padre José Luis Guevara

Lunes: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Martes: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Miércoles: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Leslie Sarabia

Lunes - Jueves 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Viernes: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Misas en Español

Domingos: 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Martes: 7:00 pm

Confesiones

Domingos: 12:30 - 1:15 pm

Martes: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Jueves: Solo con cita

Adoración al Santísimo

Jueves: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Vigilia cada primer Viernes del Mes:

7:00 pm - 12:00 am

Hermandad del Señor de los Milagros de Alabama USA les hace llegar una invitación especial a cada uno de ustedes; a la Celebración de la Misa, Procesión y convivio en honor de La Sagrada Imagen del Señor de los Milagros.

Día: Sábado, 21 de Octubre

Hora: 6:30pm

Lugar: Príncipe de Paz

Que la bendición del Señor de los Milagros les acompañe siempre a cada uno de ustedes. Los esperamos!

Todos son bienvenidos...

Octubre 14 & 15, 2017

28° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

ESQUINA DEL PADRE

El evangelista Mateo nos muestra a Jesús desarrollando su ministerio en Jerusalén. La tensión entre Jesús y sus adversarios es muy notoria, hasta llegar a ser imposible. Su destino se cumplirá dentro de poco, la Pasión es inminente, ya está próxima. Las parábolas nos lo han mostrado estos tres domingos. Hoy, si notamos, la primera lectura del profeta Isaías va unida al Evangelio con referencia al banquete preparado para los invitados, la universalidad de la invitación es muy clara. Dios en el banquete desea crear amistad e intimidad con sus invitados. Por eso el profeta proclama: "El arrancará en este monte el velo que cubre el rostro de todos los pueblos, el paño que oscurece a todas las naciones" (Is 25, 7).

En la parábola de los invitados al banquete, Jesús tenía en su corazón todas estas imágenes de la bondad de su Padre y de lo que éstas significaban. La misericordia y el amor de Dios a su Hijo y a los que le siguen es la causa de que se prepara la ocasión de celebrar. Existe una última observación para los nuevos invitados y es el llamado personal y el traje de fiesta. No se vale asistir a una invitación sin preparar el vestido. Eso se sabe de sobra, a la fiesta se lleva vestido nuevo. Dicho de otra manera, hay que cumplir con las condiciones de la invitación, y hacerlo con dignidad. En este caso sencillamente es la conversión desde el fondo del corazón. La Eucaristía es la preparación al banquete del Reino. La invitación es participar con nuestra fe y amor y dar frutos abundantes. ¿Lo haremos? ¿Tenemos vestido nuevo para la invitación?





QUINCEAÑERAS Y BODAS

Para reservar una misa es recomendable de registrarse en la oficina con 6 meses de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina para los requisitos.

PRESENTACIONES

Presentaciones se hacen durante la misa de los domingos o junto con la celebración de los bautizos. No se reserva misa especial. Llamar a la oficina para anotar a su hijo o hija.

ACONTECIMIENTOS

Lunes - Octubre 15

Practica de Baile Folclórico - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Salon Deasy Hall

Miercoles - Octubre 18

Grupo Juvenil Hispano (14 - 18 años) - 6:00 pm

Contactar a Tania Alvarez para información: talvarez@bsc.edu.

Platicas Pre-Matrimoniales - 7:00 pm - Salon Santa Elizabeth

Sabado - Octubre 21

Celebracion del Señor de los Milagros - 4:00 pm - Deasy Hall

Misa del Señor de los Milagros - 6:30 pm

Reflexión

28º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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El Evangelio de hoy del Libro de Mateo incluye nuevamente parábolas. Hemos escuchado al Señor compartiendo parábolas con nosotros a lo largo de nuestras lecturas en las últimas semanas. Curiosamente Mateo contiene 23 parábolas (o enseñanzas clasificadas como parábolas), mientras que Lucas tiene 28. Marcos tiene sólo nueve, y Juan no tiene ninguno.

La primera parábola que oímos hoy se llama La Parábola de la Fiesta de la Boda. En esta historia compartida por Jesús para nuestro beneficio, un rey está celebrando un banquete de bodas para su hijo. Él envía invitaciones y la gente las ignora o decide no responder. Puede parecer algo sorprendente para nosotros que la gente rechazar una invitación a un banquete de boda.

Sin embargo, el Señor nos invita a unirnos a Él de manera regular a través de la Sagrada Escritura y los Sacramentos. Muchos ignoran la invitación, y en la mayoría de los casos ni siquiera son conscientes del hecho de que lo han recibido. Los que leen esto son conscientes de la invitación. La pregunta es “¿Cómo respondemos?”

¿Qué hacemos después de asistir a una Santa Misa? ¿Cuál es nuestra reacción ante la recepción del increíble don de Cristo en la Eucaristía? A la mejor no le damos importancia como algunos de los personajes de la parábola, pero si nos limitamos a ir por caminos separados, y no tratamos de ser discípulos activos, entonces estamos haciendo lo mismo que los que Jesús describe en esta parábola. En una de sus primeras apariciones, el Papa Francisco declaró: “Ve a hacer discípulos de todas las naciones”. No podemos hacer discípulos a menos que seamos discípulos.



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