

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



I'M TOO BUSY. Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!



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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
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PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COME	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER

SAINTS FUN FACTS

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST • OCTOBER 15

A CATHOLIC ONLINE EDUCATIONAL SERIES FOR KIDS

THE STORY

Teresa entered the Carmelite Order and worked courageously to renew its life of prayer, simplicity, and faithful community.

FUN FACTS

Teresa was a joyful mystic, reformer, writer, and Doctor of the Church. She taught that prayer is friendship with Jesus.

YOUR FAITH MISSION

Spend five quiet minutes talking honestly with Jesus today. Listen in silence and trust that He is near.

PRAYER

Saint Teresa of Avila, pray for us. Teach us to pray with confidence, persevere through difficulties, and remain close to Jesus. Amen.

Read the story: John 15:9-17 • Philippians 4:4-9 • Psalm 46

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St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11TH OCTOBER 2026 - YEAR A

Dressing for the Feast.

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king, Jesus the bridegroom, the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in the First Reading. The Israelites are those who were first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets. For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants - His Apostles - to call not only Israelites, but all people, good and bad alike, to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad.

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ. As we sing in the Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist.

As Paul tells us in the Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever.

But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received.

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CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.25:6-10
Second Reading
Phil.4:12-14,19-20
Gospel
Mt.22:1-14

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.
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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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FRIDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
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HOLIDAY
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St. Ignatius of Antioch - Feast day October 17th

Ignatius of Antioch, (AD c.35-107), is one of the five Apostolic Fathers, the earliest authoritative group of the Church Fathers, and the third bishop of Antioch. He was reputedly a student of the Apostle John and it is reported that St. Peter himself appointed Ignatius to the See of Antioch.

A holy man who was deeply loved by the Christian faithful, Ignatius always made it his special duty to defend "orthodoxy" (right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians. In 107, during the reign of Emperor Trajan, he was sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith and was taken under guard to Rome.

During the journey, his travels took him through Asia Minor and Greece and he made good use of the time by writing seven letters of encouragement, instruction and inspiration to the Christians in those communities. We still have these letters today, a great treasure of the Church. Important topics addressed in these letters include ecclesiology, the sacraments and the role of bishops. These letters connect us to the early Church and the unbroken, clear teaching of the Apostles which was given to them directly by Jesus Christ. They also reveal the holiness of a man of God who became himself a living letter of Christ. It was Ignatius who first used the term "catholic" to describe the whole Church.

In Rome he met his martyrdom by being fed to wild beasts. The shedding his blood in the witness of holy martyrdom was the culmination of a life lived conformed to Jesus Christ. Ignatius sought to offer himself, in Christ, for the sake of the Church which he loved: *“I am dying willingly for God's sake, if only you do not prevent it. I beg you, do not do me an untimely kindness. Allow me to be eaten by the beasts, which are my way of reaching to God. I am God's wheat, and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become the pure bread of Christ.”* - Letter to the Romans

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Claudia Joseph
Iris Macauldy

DECEASED

Rose Eugene
Titus Albertie
Auguste Tommy
Augustine Sydney
Monica M. Joseph
Joseph Jn. Baptiste
Arch. Robert Rivas OP

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Gal.4:22-24,26-27,
31-5:1
Lk.11:29-32

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TUESDAY
Gal.5:1-6
Lk.11:37-41

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WEDNESDAY
Gal.5:18-25
Lk.11:42-46

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THURSDAY
Eph.1:1-10
Lk.11:47-54

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FRIDAY
Eph.1:11-14
Lk.12:1-7

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SATURDAY
Eph.1:15-23
Lk.12:8-12

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Oct 10 - 6:00 p.m.	Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6	B'day: Chiara Edward Sp. Int: The George family Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family Juliana Phillip & family
Sun Oct 11 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Edith Eudoxie Int: Elizabeth Laurent
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Mikaela Elliott Laura Stecy
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Guid: Kate Haywood
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Dc'd: Josephine Erilien
12:30 p.m.		B'day: David Popo, Collinthia Eugene Gerald Sidoine, Mary Edwin Wedd Ann: Russell & Glenda Myers
Tue Oct 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Madison Stanislaus	B'day: Sarah Monplaisir Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Wed Oct 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Pierre Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Thks: Nina Chong Healing: Virginia d'Auvergne Guid & Protec: Esmond d'Auvergne Sharon & Cuthbert Elizee
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Marlon Boxill, Celsus Mirville Viviane Mirville-Powell
Thu Oct 15 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Teresa of Avila Virgin & Doctor</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:30 p.m.		Healing: Virginia d'Auvergne Guid & Protec: Esmond d'Auvergne Thks: For Answered Prayers
Fri Oct 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Dc'd: Joannes Edmund Davidson Michaud
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Sacred Heart Confraternity Healing: Virginia d'Auvergne Guid & Protec: Esmond d'Auvergne
Sat Oct 17 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch Mass at the Shrine</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont Sr. Petronilla Banda	B'day: Gary Eugene Int: Lawrencia Matthew