



Who Are You Wearing?

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

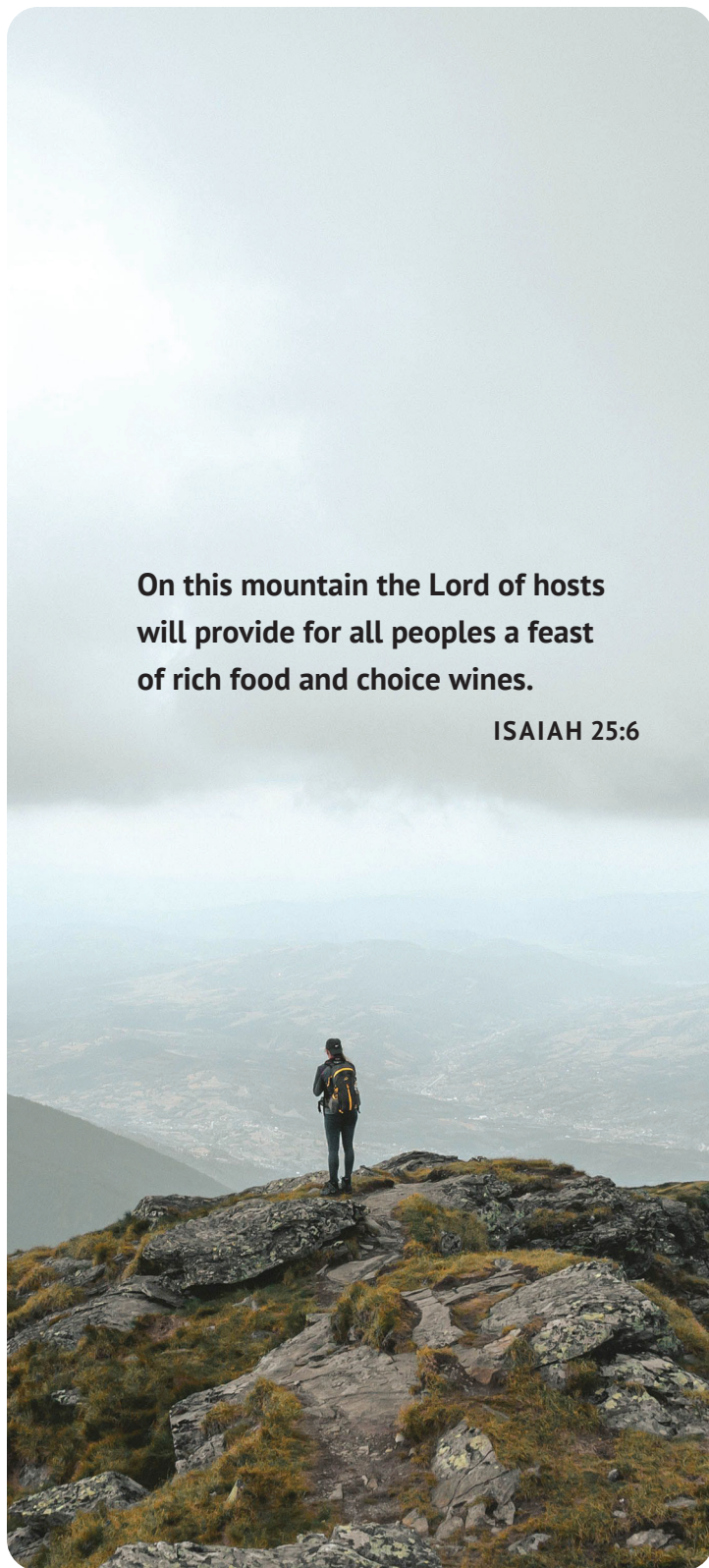
uncompromising space. When the king spots a guest without a “wedding garment,” he binds him hand and foot and throws him out into the darkness. Pretty scary—but do stay with Jesus. Accept the invitation to the banquet. And let Jesus dress you in his own garment of grace.●



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**On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples a feast
of rich food and choice wines.**

ISAIAH 25:6



Reflect

Do I show up to the banquet (the Eucharist) prepared to listen, pray, and be fed?



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th of January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Afternoon - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	1 year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m.
Filipino Mass – Saturday	17th October: 11:00 a.m.
Youth Ministry & FHC	Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Youth/Family Mass	18 th October 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	TBA
Coffee Social	Resumes in November
Second Collection	10th/11th October 2026

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
Walette Cross Stewardship Representative	Natalia Walker & Justin Tavares Religious Education - Youth Ministry
Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge - Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Table of Plenty	#761
Offertory:	Like a Shepherd	#622
Communion:	As We Gather at Your Table	#760
Recessional:	All Creatures of Our God and King	#578

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



The St. Joseph's Parish family takes this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May the loving Lord always be with you, and with your families.



Sunday – 18th October 2026

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing of the Church
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Server
Music

Walette & Zaria Cross
Annette Barclay
Annette Barclay
Joanne Smith
Liam/Seamus Stones
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Andrew Card, Eleanor Correia, Peter Farge, Mary Maybury.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, 10th October †Joan Mello

Sunday, 11th October †Iberia DeMello & Family

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 3 rd October. – 4:00 p.m.	6	54
Sunday, 4 th October – 9:00a.m.	55	492
	61	\$546

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated.
Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number:
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The 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will continue until 31st October 2026.



This is the second weekend of the month, therefore, there will be two collections: regular and maintenance.



THE FALL SUPPER will be held on Saturday, 24th October, in the Parish Centre. Available Tickets: 40 Dine-In and 70 Take-out – these **must** be picked up between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
The Dine-in supper starts at 7:00 p.m. (served)

Tickets: Adults \$40 - Children (12 and under) \$15.
Menu: Soup: Chicken, fish, pasta, vegetable stir-fry, spring rolls, cakes/cookies.
Tickets are available from Liz Card. RAFFLES (Dine-In only).



October is a Marian month, therefore, in honour of our Blessed Mother, let us try to pray the rosary every day, or at least one decade. There are some nice sites on YouTube that you can follow along with.

THE FEAST IS READY: The image, depicted at the bottom of the first column of this Sunday's bulletin, captures the beauty and abundance of God's invitation. The bright flowers, and empty plates, remind us of Isaiah's feast on the mountain, and the king's wedding banquet in Matthew's Gospel.



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 17th and 18th will be the dates for this year's World Mission Sunday collection. This collection was created in 1926, by Pope Pius XI, as a day of prayer for missions, so it is celebrating its 100th year. Envelopes should be at the back of the church.

Fr. Dandy was hoping to have a Missionary Childhood Rally on Saturday the 17th of October, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday, but unfortunately, it had to be cancelled. However, we will celebrate it, in our own small way, by moving our Family Mass to Sunday, 18th October, so the children can participate.

Preparation classes for Confirmation will start at the beginning of November. There will be two options: Miss Maura Almeida will hold classes on Mondays from 4:00pm – 5:30pm in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 2nd of November.

Mr. Anthony Donaghy will hold classes on Wednesdays from 5:00pm – 6:30pm also in St. Theresa's Hall with the first class beginning on the 4th of November. Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 16th of May 2027, at 2:00pm in St. Theresa's Cathedral.

If your child was born in 2012 or prior, they are eligible to prepare for Confirmation. Please contact the Chancery Office to register for classes at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com if you have not already been contacted by them.

Celebration Mass for Our Lady of Fatima: Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 13th of October at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church. There will also be a candlelight procession with recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome.

All Souls' Mass: A Mass for all the faithfully departed in the past year, will be celebrated on Saturday, 31st October at 11:00 a.m. in St. Theresa's Cathedral. There will be no Portuguese Mass on this day at 9:00 a.m., nor Eucharistic Adoration that usually follows the Mass.

LUNCH & MOVIE PROGRAMME - NOTE THE CHANGE:

The Lunch and Movie programme will now be held on the first Thursday of the month beginning on 5th November. It will start at 1:00 p.m., in St. Theresa's Hall.

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

On Monday, 12th of October, marks the 20th anniversary of the passing of St. Carlo Acutis as well as his liturgical commemoration.

Carlo Acutis was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. Born in London and raised in Milan, he developed an

early interest in computers and video games, teaching himself programming and web design and assisting his parish and school with digital projects. Active in parish life, he served as a catechist and helped inspire several people to convert to Catholicism. He later collected information about Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. He was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukaemia and died at the age of fifteen on the 12th of October 2006. Since his death, his body has been buried in Assisi, and his exhibitions on Eucharistic miracles have travelled worldwide.

In 2020, he was beatified and then canonised in 2025. Carlo Acutis is the first millennial to become a Catholic saint and has been referred to as the "patron saint of the Internet" and "God's influencer".

On Monday, 12th of October, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Anthony's Church in Warwick, the fifth (and last) community celebration of the Plenary Indulgence in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi will take place. There will be confessions at 6:30 p.m., for those who would like to receive this Sacrament.

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis' Plenary Indulgence will end on the 10th of January 2027.

May your Sunday be restful and your week be good!
Bishop Wes

GOD'S INVITATION TO THE FEAST

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God invites everyone to share in His joy. The readings speak of abundance, welcome, and being ready to take part in what God offers. Like a great feast, His love is open to all, but we must come prepared to receive it.

Isaiah tells of a feast on a mountain where sorrow and death are gone. God gathers all nations and wipes away tears. It is a picture of hope and comfort. This connects with the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of a wedding banquet that welcomes anyone willing to come.

Paul, in the second reading, teaches that strength and peace come from trusting Christ in every situation. Whether we have plenty or little, God provides what we need. The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God's care never fails. He calls each of us to accept His invitation and live with thankful hearts.

God invites everyone to His feast, but not all accept. Some ignore the call, while others show up unprepared. The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people to respond with faith and readiness. It is a call to trust in God's care, prepare their hearts, and live according to His ways.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for calling us to be with you. Help us to recognize your invitation and accept it with open hearts. Give us the strength to trust in you and live in a way that honours your love. Keep us faithful and ready for the feast you have prepared. Amen.

Source: Young Catholics

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- ♥ God invites everyone
- ♥ The feast is ready
- ♥ Trust Christ in every circumstance
- ♥ Come with a ready heart

KEY SCRIPTURE



“Invite to the feast whomever you find.”
(Matthew 22:9)

THE READINGS

- First Reading — Isaiah 25:6-10a: God prepares a feast for all
- Psalm — Psalm 23: The Lord cares for us
- Second Reading — Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20: Christ gives us strength
- Gospel — Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10: Accept God's invitation



THEMES TO KNOW

- ★ God's generosity
- ★ Invitation to salvation
- ★ Trust in every circumstance
- ★ Readiness and faithful living

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- ♥ Welcome those who feel left out
- ♥ Trust God in good and hard times
- ♥ Say yes to God's invitation
- ♥ Show faith through your choices

TRY THIS



Invite someone to join you this week.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ? How is God inviting me?
- ? What keeps me from saying yes?
- ? Who can I welcome?



Dear Padre,

In the Creed, we say we believe in the resurrection of the body. So, why is it all right to be cremated?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly states what many find confusing: “It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life?” (CCC 996). The *Catechism* goes on to address several questions: “What is rising? Who will rise? How? When?” (CCC 997–1001). In essence, “Christ ‘will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,’ into a ‘spiritual body’” (CCC 999). The disposition or condition of the physical body at death will not affect the spiritual body that is raised. Cremation, decomposition, mutilation or dismemberment by violence, or the donation of one’s body to science—deemed “a noble and meritorious act...to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (CCC 2296)—does not prevent the resurrection of our glorified body. It is only when the act of cremation appears to be a public denial of faith in the resurrection or the sacredness of the body that the practice is forbidden. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the face of...the tragic situations of injustice, violence, and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive, and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world and bring to others the light of the gospel through our commitment to peace, justice, and solidarity.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 15, 2026

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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