

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Oct 11, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Count Your Blessings

We celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend which is a time to be more intentionally thankful for the gifts and blessings God has graciously bestowed on us. However, it is important to not relegate our gratitude to solely one weekend a year. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “the deepening of the ‘attitude of gratitude’ will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on.” Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude.

One practice that is often recommended to children is to “count your blessings.” There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year. We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

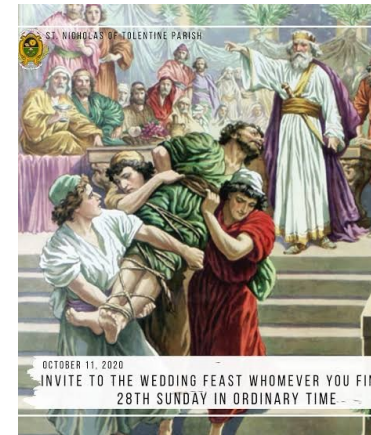
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Second Collection: Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for World Mission—Pray for the Evangelization for the whole world. **Please be prepared!**

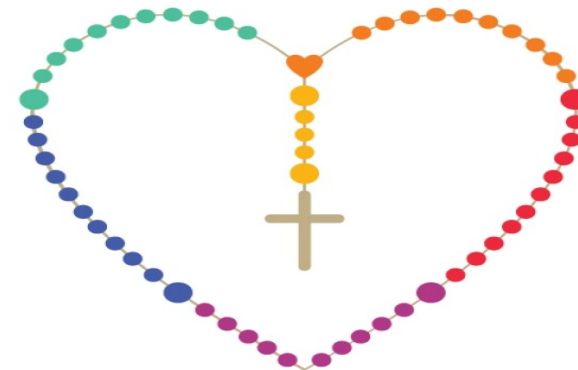
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-10:

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, '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."



October: Another month is upon us! In October we celebrate the Month of the Rosary.



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Today, Jesus presents to us the king (the Father), inviting — through his "servants" (the prophets) to the banquet of the covenant of his Son with humanity (salvation). First, He did it with Israel, “but they refused to come” (Mt 22:3). In the face of this refusal, the Father continues to insist: “I have prepared my banquet... and everything is ready; come to the feast” (Mt 22:4). But such disdain, mockery, and death of the servants lead to the sending of troops, the death of those murderers, and the burning of "their" city (cf. Mt 22:6-7): Jerusalem.

So, other "servants" (the apostles) were sent to go to the “the main roads” (Mt 22:9): “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...”, the Lord Jesus would say later in Mt 28:19 and thus we, the rest of humanity, were invited: “all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests” (Mt 22:10), meaning the Church.

Even so, the issue is not just being in the wedding hall due to the invitation, but it also has a lot to do with the dignity with which one is present (the "wedding garment," cf. Mt 22:12). St. Jerome commented on this: "The festive garments are the Lord's commandments and the works accomplished according to the Law and the Gospel, which are the garments of the new man." In other words, acts of charity that should accompany faith.

We know that Mother Teresa of Calcutta would go out every night to the streets of Calcutta to gather the dying to give them, with love, a good death: clean, well-clothed, and if possible, baptized. Once she commented, "I am not afraid of dying because when I stand before the Father, there will be so many poor people I gave Him in wedding garments who will know how to defend me." Blessed be she! Let us learn the lesson.



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Offering for Oct 04,2026

Total Sum. Collection \$4,403.00
Capital Improvement \$ 1,150.00

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.
Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 10/11: * Peter, peace for family & intention by Phuong Cao
* Dominic, Anthony, ancestors and intention by 1 person
* Blessing for Hoi Man Coi and all souls by Dien
Mon 10/12: * Thanksgiving by Theresa Truong
Tues 10/13: * Thanksgiving by Thu Ly family
Wed 10/14: * Thanksgiving by Hong Au family
* Peace for family and intention by Truong Nguyen
Thus 10/15: * * Ann Tuyet Suong by Lich Ho
* All souls and intention by 1 person
Fri 10/16: * Joseph by Dung Do
* Ann and Joseph by Thu Nguyet
Sat 10/17: * * Paul, Isave and thanksgiving by family
* Andrew, Ann, Thomas, Peter, Maria, all souls and unborn babies by Luan Bui family