

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Life is full of opportunities knocking at our doors waiting to be opened. It is full of chances by which we can enjoy life to the fullest. But they are not always there forever. We have to grab the opportunity while we have the time and the chance or else, we end up blaming, not others, but ourselves. Invitation is an example of opportunities knocking at our door to be opened. But instead of us getting off our feet to open the door, we complain about the noise.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the wedding feast prepared by a king for his son. Calves and fattened cattle were killed and a long list of guests is drawn up which includes the wealthiest and most respected people in the kingdom. Clearly, he wants a wedding feast that will be remembered with joy by his son and the prospective daughter-in-law. When everything is ready, the invited guests are summoned to come. But they refused to come. Instead, they pursued their own travel and work plans. The king resorted to an unheard move; he invited all kinds of people. Can you imagine a powerful leader inviting laborers, farmers, fishermen, urban poor and even beggars and others to a wedding celebration?

But there yet is another surprise. All are invited – sinners and righteous, unworthy and worthy persons but not all are allowed to stay. Jesus explains that though the Kingdom of God is open to all, accepting the invitation means accepting the responsibility and challenge of Christian discipleship. If we accept the invitation, we must put on “wedding garments,” (v. 11). The insistence of wearing wedding garments is a warning for each one of us about the future to come. So we must clothe ourselves in the garment of virtuous living or a good life. Mere membership in the church or in religious organizations and church ministries or charitable institutions does not guarantee us salvation. To own salvation, we must have a virtuous living.

There are several signs by which we may lose that invitation by God to be in His Kingdom. Like such attitudes and actions as: “I will not attend mass because I have a family celebration, to do my laundry today”; “I will not attend Mass this Sunday because I have unfinished business transaction, anyway, I'll attend next Sunday”; “I will not attend the meeting this Sunday because it's our family day or not feeling well or I'll go do the shopping, anyway Christ will understand my situation.” By saying, “Christ will understand my situation,” we are bribing God in presenting to Him our situation and yet we are given so much time and opportunities to do all those things. We hurt God.

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, October 13 9:00 a.m.

Pasquale Tigani req Tony and JoAnne Tigani
Thanksgiving req Maria Laguisma
In memory of Leo Didero req Tony and JoAnne Tigani
Birthday blessings for and intentions of Vilma Taylor
req Jun and Baby and family
Repose of soul of Joseph Anthony Italiano req Gizelle Italiano

Tuesday, October 14 9:00 p.m.

Julien Man
Brenda Paterno Bordonada req Joe and Naty DeLeon
Birthday blessings for and intentions of Alex Rimando
req Flo and Jun and family

Wednesday, October 15 9:00 a.m.

Memorial E.V. Cherian req Suja Mathew
All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo

Thursday, October 16 9:00 a.m.

Benjamin Man
For the soul of Rosabelle req Rebecca Ramos

Friday, October 17 9:00 a.m.

Khanh Thong Luyen req Pauline Nguyen
Rosabelle Delizo and all souls in purgatory req Rebecca Ramos
Hal and Lauren and family req Mom and Dad

Saturday, October 18 5:00 p.m.

Lisa and Kenneth Man
Hyacinth Philip Lewis req Norma Lewis

Sunday, October 19 10:00 a.m.

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS
Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This week the Lamp burns for:

- 1. Healing and intentions of Hendrickson Sy and Manuel Go**
Req Felisa Go
- 2. In memory of Margaret Vernon**
Req Julia Vernon



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

October 4/5, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$1,840.00
Bldg Fund Offering	394.00
Loose Offering	416.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK



“... Thus says the LORD...fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; You are mine.”

Isaiah 43:

OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!

The Church offers opportunity to parishioners to take roles in various Ministries. It is a way in which we can help Christ's mission by sharing our talents, gifts, time within our church community. At this time, we are recruiting for the following Ministries at St. Charles Garnier:

Ushers, flowers and decorating, gardening, hospitality and movie night preparation, Gift bearers, preparation of linens for sacramental use, church cleaning, Lector, parking coordination at Healing Masses.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the role and responsibility, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. You will then be contacted to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to learn what is required and the process for helping with a particular Ministry. These meetings will take place in the next few weeks. Thank you.

“Give, and it will be given to you.” Luke 6:38

JESUS IS CALLING YOU

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. “You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me.” Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

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hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/**

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving in Canada is celebrated each year on the second Monday of October. Thanksgiving has its roots in the European Harvest Festivals where people celebrated an abundant harvest and shared their food within their community. As Canada is a country of immigrants, current Thanksgiving traditions like the pumpkins, eating turkey or (harvest) parades are a mix of influences from both the Old World and the New World. Although it's agricultural origin, the theme of the Thanksgiving holiday has changed over the years. It is a day of reflection and to be thankful for an important event. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all the people.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY



October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. During this month, I invite everyone to pray your rosary. In October we have rosary being recited at St. Charles church every evening from Monday to Friday at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us in.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us!

AS YOU PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON, LET IT BE MORE THAN A TRADITION. LET IT BE A SPIRITUAL ACT, A HEARTFELT OFFERING TO GOD, AND A CELEBRATION OF HIS UNWAVERING LOVE.

