

**FOCUS:**

***Around the table of the Lord,  
we find our deepest and truest identity.***

In every culture, food is an essential part of celebrations – from the wedding banquet to the Christmas meal. As families and friends we gather around the table, not just out of necessity, but because the time spent together there has emotional, spiritual, and human meaning. At the table, a deeper sense of unity among all is present; food unites as much as it nourishes. So we can understand why food, and the sharing of it, is so present throughout Scripture.

We see that image in today’s readings from the great banquet foretold by Isaiah with its *rich food and choice wines*, to the wedding feast in the Gospel. Even Paul hints at it by referring to being *well fed and living in abundance*. Added to this, the wonderful Psalm 23, with its table spread and its overflowing cup, gives us a glimpse of what the fullness of the Kingdom will be like – a great feast, hosted by the Lord, where everyone has a place and is gathered not just to be fed but to celebrate and find peace.

It makes sense that Jesus chooses this image to flesh out his teachings on the Kingdom. It would clearly have resonated with his audience, even if some, like the chief priest and elders, failed to understand it fully.

Like many, they failed to understand that while God invites all to his banquet, that invitation must be accepted. We respond by the way we live our lives. As the parable unfolds, some responses are clearly indifferent, but others seem to resent the intrusion of the invitation, and even respond with violence and hostility. Little do they know that by rejecting the invitation, they are also rejecting the King.

But the King does not give up. Why? Because, as Isaiah tells us, God generously wants all to share in his eternal banquet.

But is that the same as saying that all will be there at the great event? No! Like some in the parable, there will be some in this life who will refuse the Lord’s invitation. Consumed by this world and its busyness, and concerned with earthly treasures, they lose sight of what is eternal.

How have we responded to that invitation? By gathering on this day, we recommit to our acceptance of it. Around the table of the Lord we find our deepest and truest identity, and the grace we receive encourages and strengthens us in our lifelong preparation for our attendance at the heavenly wedding feast. Here, today, we get a foretaste of that great and glorious banquet. May it strengthen our faith in the promise that awaits us.

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**MASS ATTENDANCE** – It is vital that we stay within the guidelines of the state regarding places of worship.

- \*\* You must wear a mask.
- \*\* Remain 6 feet apart (social distancing)
- \*\* No physical contact outside your household.

**The 10:30am Mass will be live-streamed on our website and FB page.**



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT – October 3 & 4, 2020**

**WEEKLY GOAL TO MEET ANNUAL NEEDS: \$6,500.00**

Weekly Collection -	\$4,822.00
Building Fund -	\$215.00

**Oct 10th & 11th – Building Maintenance Collection** – the monthly collection to help with maintenance of our building and plant. Please place your envelope or donation in the collection basket.



**Oct 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – World Mission Sunday** – This collection is used to help promote universal solidarity of Christians recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. 91% of this collection is sent to The Society of the Propagation of the Faith and 9% of this collection is sent to Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please place your envelope or donation in the collection basket.



**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES**

*Our Father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us.*  
**Amen!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sat, 10/10** – 4:00pm – Leonce Bonvillain (B)
- Sun, 10/11** – 8:00am – Francis Barrett (DA)
- Sun, 10/11** – 10:30am – Rachel & Lula Chiasson
- Mon, 10/12** – 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
- Tue, 10/13** – 6:30am – Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents
- Wed, 10/14** – 6:30am – Stanley Hebert, Sr. (B)
- Thu, 10/15** – 6:30am – Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque
- Fri, 10/16** – 6:30am – Lilburn Leonard (DA)
- Sat, 10/17** – 4:00pm – Paul Fournier, Wayne Riche', Nellie Giroir (B)
- Sun, 10/18** – 8:00am – Dale Lirette
- Sun, 10/18** – 10:30am – Donald Burnett



The beautiful flowers on the altar were donated In Honor of Frank, Tot, & Charlie Barrett, Pat Hargon, Barrett and Hargon Families by the Barrett Family



## WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat, 10/10** – Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28  
**Sun, 10/11** – Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10  
**Mon, 10/12** – Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tue, 10/13** – Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wed, 10/14** – Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thu, 10/15** – Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54  
**Fri, 10/16** – Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7  
**Sat, 10/17** – Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12  
**Sun, 10/18** – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21



### Our Youth Formation Coordinators:

Mary Massey – Kindergarten – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Kayla Adams – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade (Confirmation Class I & II)  
**Mary will be in the office:**  
 Tuesday and Thursday from 8am – Noon.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

burn this week IN LOVING MEMORY of

- ♥ John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert by Rodrigue Family ♥ Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis by the Chafin Family
- ♥ M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Darsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hyland by Linda D. Favret ♥ Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Faucheux & Hebert Family by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥ Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers by Carol Antill ♥ Ted & Violet DeYeide Borowski, John Ford Sr., Betty Lockwood, Carin Lapeyrouse Schreiber, Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family by James & Stefanie Ford ♥ Victor & Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families by Madelyn Tedesco ♥ BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families by Virdie and Bubba Breaux ♥ Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron ♥ Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller by Ulysses & Miriam Guidry ♥ Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert by Shelia Arceneaux ♥ Ed & Dolly Richard, Lucy Porche, Louis & Lois Authement, June Fischer, Sylvia & Reed Folsie, Dot & Junel Marcel by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sat, 10/10** 4:00pm – Vigil Mass  
**Sun, 10/11** 8:00am – Mass  
 9:15am – RCIA in the Parish Office  
 10:30am – Mass  
**Mon, 10/12** 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word  
**Tue, 10/13** 6:30am – Mass  
 9:30am – Bible Study  
**Wed, 10/14** 6:30am – Mass  
**Thu, 10/15** 6:30am – Mass  
 6:00pm – K. C. Rosary  
 6:30pm – K. C. General Meeting  
**Fri, 10/16** 6:30am – Mass  
**Sat, 10/17** 4:00pm – Vigil Mass –  
*Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Mass*  
**Sun, 10/18** 8:00am – Mass  
 9:15am – RCIA in the Parish Office  
 10:30am – Mass – Catechists Mass



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> – NO YOUTH FORMATION CLASSES

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30pm – 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade (In Person)  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – 5:30pm – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (HOME FAITH FORMATION)  
 6:30pm – 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade (In Person)

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30pm – 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade (HOME FAITH FORMATION)  
 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade (In Person)

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** – 5:30pm – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (In Person)  
 6:30pm – 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade (HOME FAITH FORMATION)

Please note the schedule above is a “projected plan” and might change due to the unknowns of the pandemic. Any changes will be properly communicated to the parents. St. Anthony Church will continue to adhere with the guidelines proposed by the State, CDC and Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to ensure everyone’s health and safety. In the end, it is your decision as parents as to what is best for your children. If you wish to opt out this year from Youth Formation or Sacraments (2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades), please notify the office.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES – Couples

that signed up for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration will receive their Anniversary Certificate at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please confirm that you will attend via email, [stanthonybayoublack@htdiocese.org](mailto:stanthonybayoublack@htdiocese.org) or calling the office, 985-872-0922.



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