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

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Who Are You Wearing?

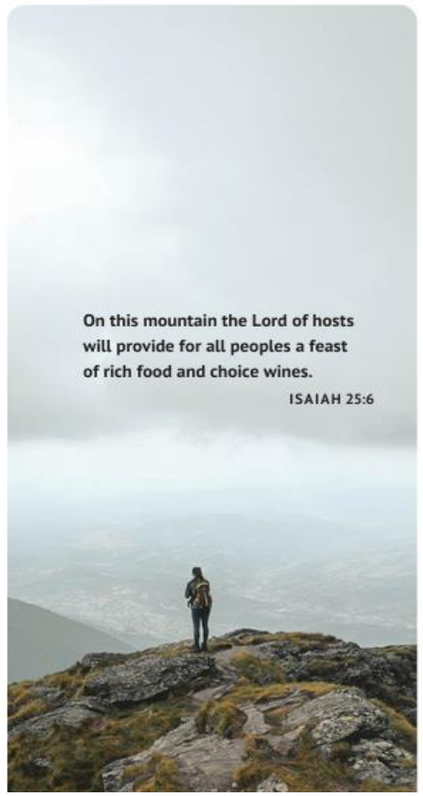
MIGUEL DULICK

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).

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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. ●



Reflect

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) October 11, 2026

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of Oct. 12, 2026

Mon.	**Oct.**	**12**	**7:00 AM**	**SJ**	**No Mass**
Tues.	**Oct.**	**13**	**7:00 AM**	**SJ**	**All Souls**
Wed.	**Oct..**	**14**	**5:30 PM**	**SA**	**Chris Neal**
Thurs.	**Oct.**	**15**	**5:30 PM**	**SB**	**Philip Tierney †**
Fri.	**Oct.**	**16**	**8:30 AM**	**SJ**	**Kendall Allison**
Sun.	**Oct..**	**18**	**8:00 AM**	**SJ**	**Jim Hickey †**
Sun.	**Oct..**	**18**	**9:30 AM**	**SA**	**People of the Parish**
Sun.	**Oct..**	**18**	**11:00 AM**	**SB**	**Confirmation Candidates**

Quotes for Today Feast Day October 15 – Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

"All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example. What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side?"



Dawson Doggett Oct 12th
Lacy Kinderknecht Oct 14th
Emmett Phelps Oct 15th
Charles Foran Oct 17th



Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Pandorf Oct 12th
Mr. & Mrs. Tanner Schacher Oct 17th

Ministry Schedule

Date Oct 18	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Hospitality	Youth	Ned & Jenny P.	Steve & Rhonda P.
Lector	Youth	John B.	Bartley B.
Server	Youth		Wyatt B. & Newt O.
EMHC	Jason & Jenny J.	Aleta & Conrad P.	Lana P. & Hannah P.
	Music: Youth		***Communion to shut ins*** Kristen B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
Sept 27, 2026
Total Collection: **$359.75**

CCD Oct 14th
Pre -5th Grade 3:45 to 5:15 PM
6-8th Grade 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Meal: Hanna

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
Sept 27, 2026
Total Collection: **$2516.00**

CCD Oct 14th
Grade School 3:45 PM to 5 PM
High School 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Thrift Store
Open Oct. 16th 9AM to 4PM

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
Sept 27, 2026
Total Collection: **$967.00**

***CCD**
Pre to 3rd Wed. 10/11 9AM - 10:45 AM
4th to 12th Wed, Oct 14th 6:30 to 7:30 PM

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"Holy Hour for Vocations"

Make your calendar Oct 21st at 5:30 PM join us for snacks and visit with the Bishop. Then plan to come to adoration at 6:30 for an increase in vocations.

October 18 – Saint Luke the Evangelist



What are Abortion Pills?

Read the full version at bit.ly/what-are-abortion-pills.

"Most abortions are no longer done by surgery in clinics, but by taking pills. In addition to ending the lives of babies, abortion pills are dangerous for the mothers who take them. They have been found to cause four times as many complications as surgical abortions.

In 2021, the FDA made the abortion pill available even without an in-person doctor visit. Being able to get abortion pills mailed to your home, or at your local pharmacy, means abortions are now happening everywhere and anywhere. This easier access to abortion pills also increases the chances of their being used by abusive partners or sex trafficking criminals against a woman's will."

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