



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).

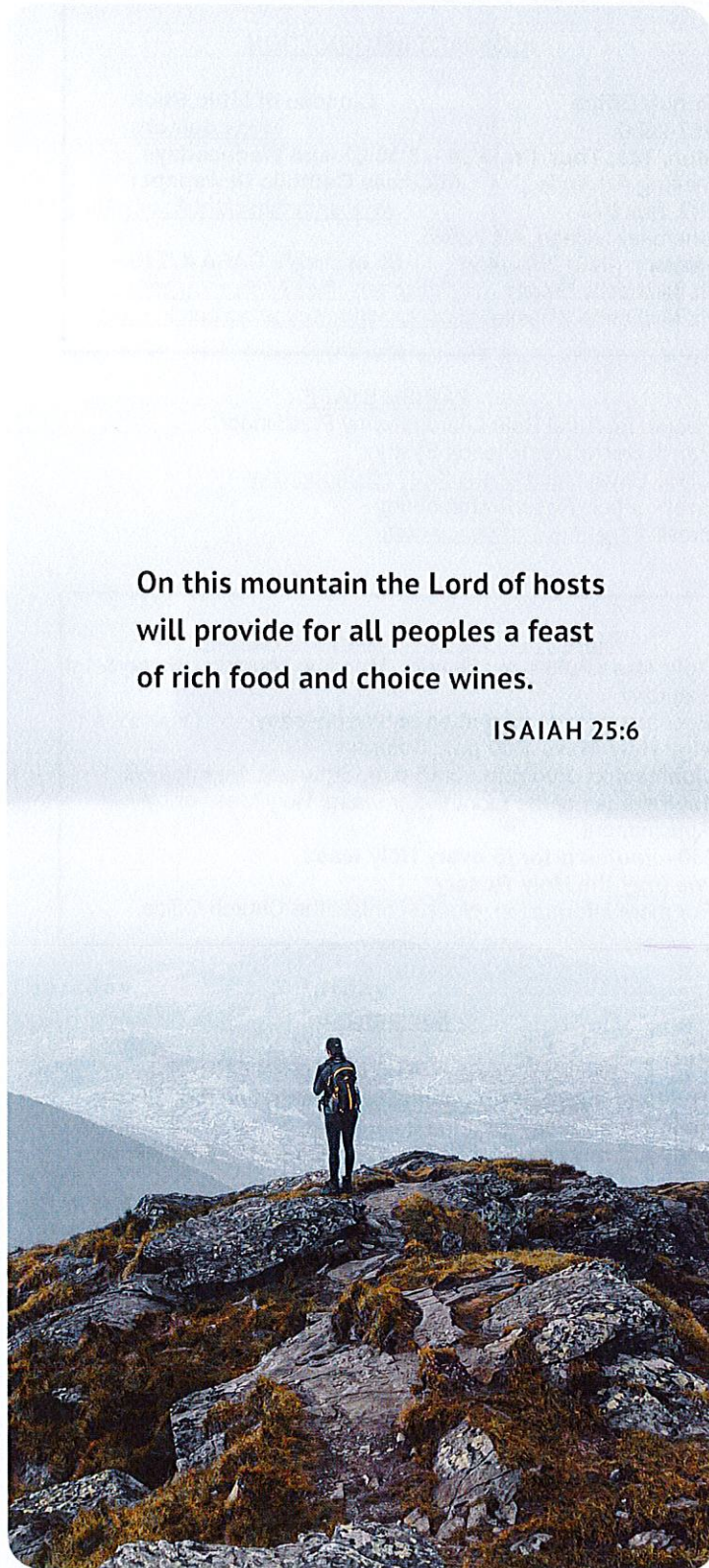


LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

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. ●

**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?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST I

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

Saturday / October 10th – Weekday

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Joy Christie DiCresce

by: Jacinta DiCresce

*Rosary Rally in front of church at noon

**2nd Collection- Maintenance Fund

Sunday/ October 11th – Twenty-eighth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mike Bystry †

by: Rhonda Bystry

**2nd Collection – Maintenance Fund

*Knights Big Breakfast after Holy Mass

*The Rosary at 5 pm

Monday/ October 12th – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Adalyn Grace Ivy

by: Dean Beardslee

**KC meeting The Rosary at 5pm meeting at 5:30pm

*St. Mary's card party 1 pm to 4 pm @ Horseshoe Bend

Tuesday/ October 13th – Weekday

No Holy Mass

Wednesday/October 14th –St. Callistus 1st, Pope

6 p.m. Holy Mass : E.F. Verdel †

by : Roger and Betsy Edmonds

Thursday/ October 15th – St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Alison Kocz

by: Mary Kocz

*Bingo doors open at 4:30 pm games at 6 pm

Friday/ October 16th – St. Harwig and St. Margaret Alacoque

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mildred Verdel †

by: Roger and Betsy Edmonds

Saturday / October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Bernard and Evelyn Gagne † and

Lee and Mary Stuck †

by: Michael and Kathy Gagne

**2nd Collection- Respect Human Life

Sunday/ October 18th – Twenty-ninth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mike Bystry †

by: Rhonda Bystry

**2nd Collection- Respect Human Life

*The Rosary at 5 pm

Thought
for the week

God Bless You All

28th Sun- A

Mt. 22:1-14.

"My friend,
how is it that
you came in here
without a 🧵🧵🧵🧵
wedding garment?"

"For
All of You
Who were
Baptized
Into Christ
Have Clothed
Yourselves
With Christ".
Gal.3:27 🙏🙏🙏

- Mt.22:12

**Am I wearing the
wedding Garment?**



At the
Baptism
the Priest
tells
these Words

"See in this
white garment the outward sign of
Your Christian Dignity.
With your family and friends to help you
by word and example, bring that dignity
unstained into the everlasting life of
heaven".



🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



Collection Report

October 3rd and 4th, 2026

Main Collection \$3762.61

Thank you for your sacrificial giving !

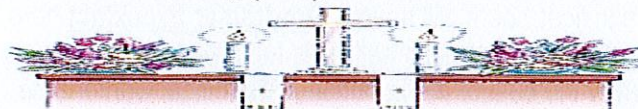
Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

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God Bless the Donors and their
Intentions.

**Altar Flowers and Tabernacle
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provided by:
Michael and Kathy Gagne in
honor of their 56th Wedding
Anniversary.**

October Rosary
We will be having The Rosary at 5 pm
every Sunday in the month of October
here at St. Michael's.
Bring your Rosary and join us.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our Youth Ministry Program will begin on Wednesday, October 7, after the 6 p.m. Mass. We will follow last year's protocol of a meal and then teaching. If anyone in the parish would like to prepare a meal this year while classes are held, please let either Greta Ishmael or Lori Templet know. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Monica Prayer Group

Meets every 1st Thursday of every month after 9 am Holy Mass in the church library. Please come join them to pray for our children and families.

Food Pantry

Thank you to all who contributed to the October resupply it helps those in our parish community when they are in need. We received 237 items.

Magnificat Fundraiser

Sunday November 1st, after the 9 am Holy Mass the Magnificat Team will have a **Fundraiser Breakfast** here at St. Michael's parish hall. This fundraiser will help to defray the cost of the Intentional Magnificat Conference that is held every year. The expense of going is quite costly. Anyone wishing to donate their favorite breakfast food to help us will be greatly appreciated. Please, let Lori Templet know by emailing Itemplet2507@yahoo or you can text **ph#225-7107-0238** if you plan to provide a dish. **Thank you for your generosity !**

World Mission Sunday

The 2nd collection on October 24th and 25th will be the special collection mandated by canon law and taken up in every parish throughout the world. These funds support the Pope's missionary efforts throughout the world. This weekend is also to cultivate a missionary spirit amongst all the baptized in our diocese.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Jim Wege, Isabelle Wiest, Michael and Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Ray McHugh, Tim Starken, Marcella Birkhead, Jean Marie Henricks, Michael Reddick, Colleen Royal, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Joseph Huff, Maryann Barber, Jackie LeBeau, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Toni Travline and Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home:
Ruth Klinge, KayLynn Rodenbeck, Timothy Huff and Chuck Wolff.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday !

October 11th – Matt Winston
October 12th – Shawn Kirsch
October 13th – Eddie Ishmael
October 13th – Mary Mayhall
October 13th – Desiree Montoya Rachankun
October 14th – Linda Elmore
October 16th – Lorraine Murray
October 18th – Brady Bates



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary !

♡ **Mike and Kathy Gagne** ♡
56 years

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Social and Potluck Meeting
2nd Monday of the month
Rosary 5:00 p.m. Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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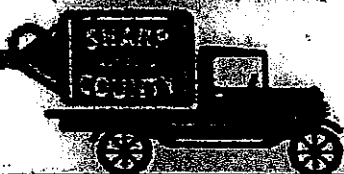
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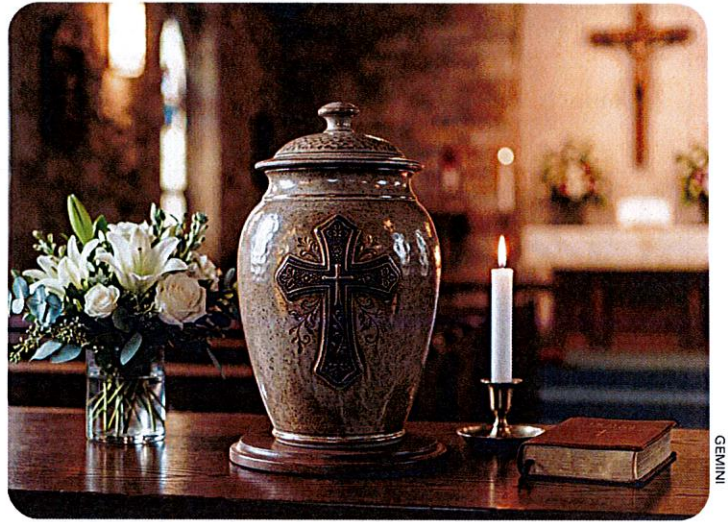
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Dear Padre,

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