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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.

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NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

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God's Chosen Choir:

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Youth Choir:

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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CHOIR DIRECTORS:

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VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

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MASS INTENTIONS

NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE 10:00AM MASS.

SAT. 10/10/2020 5:00PM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)
Family & Friends
Jasmine N. Johnson (L) – Wanda Johnson
Rev. August Thompson (D)
Levan & Dolores D. Ledet
Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family
Earlene Duplechain (D)
The Epps Family

SUN. 10/11/2020 7:30AM

People of the Parish
SUN. 10/11/2020 10:00AM
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
Family & Friends
Alonzo Richardson (D)
Morris & Melanie Washington
Abra Charles (L) – Charles Family
Gaston Joseph, Sr. (D)
Sr. Theresa Sue Joseph, SSF

John H Murray (D) – Murray Family
Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
Wanda Dixon/Family

MON. 10/12/2020 7:00AM

Monique Clark (D) – Tywana Navy
Deacon Leonard P. Lockett (D)
Family & Friends

TUE. 10/13/2020 7:00AM

Victoria Powell (D) – Tywana Navy
Leo Prescott, Jr (D)
Wanda Johnson & Florence

WED. 10/14/2020 7:00AM

Lawrence Lewis (D) – Audrey Otis
Yvonne Mullone (D) – Sylvia Spencer

THUR. 10/15/2020 7:00AM

Agnes Williams (L)
SFX Sisters in the Spirit
Wilfred Greene (D) – Saquara Fields

FRI. 10/16/2020 7:00AM

Helen Foreman Orsot (L)
Tywana Navy
Andrew Onochie Nwokobia (D)
The Nwokobia Family



“HERE I AM, SEND ME”

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the *Society of the Propagation of the Faith*.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Mary Barriere, Bridgett Burnett, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mary Augustine Chenier, Nora Coleman, Dalton Cooper Jr., Rita Darjean, Nicole Fontenette, Barbara Forte’, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Craig Jackson, Roscoe Jones, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Betty Patrick, Felicia Paul, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Angela Stagg, Joyce Stagg, Lupe Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Louis Thomas Sr, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Sharon Zenon Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know

Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.

Army:

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Patrick Clay Jr, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

Air Force:

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday..... Closed
Tuesday.....9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday.... 9:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday..... Closed
Friday..... 9:00am to 3:00pm

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Last week we heard the story about vineyards and those who work in them. Today, the readings speak of feasts and those who are invited. Good news!

Everyone is invited to the feasts, at which, to use Saint Paul’s words, “God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” As we listen to today’s readings, let us bring to mind all that God has provided for us.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – October 11

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms 23:1-3, 4, 5-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday – October 12

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1

Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 6-7

Luke 29-32

Tuesday – October 13

Galatians 5:1-6

Psalms 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48

Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday – October 14

Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Galatians 5:18-25

Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Ephesians 1:1-10

Psalms 98:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke 11:47-54

Friday – October 16

Saint Hedwig, Religious;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Ephesians 1:11-14

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13

Luke 12:1-7

Saturday – October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalms 8:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Luke 12:8-12



Saturday CCE Classes for Pre-K thru 5th grade will start on **October 10th** and Monday Classes for 6th grade thru High School on **October 12th**. CCE Registration forms are available on the Parish Website:

www.sfxhouston.com.

Completed forms can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the Harris Center Mailbox. Any questions please call the CCE Dept at (713) 731-2775 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9:30am-3:00pm.

RCIA

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

RCIA classes begin on **Thursday, October 15th at 6:00pm** in the Harris Center. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.



KPC 138 CANCER AWARENESS

Pick up a pink ribbon and information on Cancer Awareness from the basket in the vestibule of the Church. These tokens will be available throughout the month of October.

Stewardship Reflection

“My God will supply whatever you need...” Philippians 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don’t live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it’s just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.



October is “Respect Life Month”

Please remember the many lives unjustly lost, whether through abortion, the death penalty, murder, or any other ungodly manner.

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5th Prize.\$300.00 Macy’s Card

Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 20 for \$100.00. Each household is asked to sell at least 2 books.

Drawing: October 18, 2020 after the 10:00am Mass.

Winner Need Not Be Present

Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Living with Christ

Living with Christ Daily Mass Missalettes are available for purchase in the vestibule of the church after all weekday and weekend Masses or the Parish Office during regular business hours. The cost is \$2.00.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on October 3rd & 4th was **233**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **431**. Please join us on Facebook, or bring a friend and come worship with us in the church. You must wear a mask to attend all services in the church.



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October 18, 2020
 St. Francis Xavier

Food will be served at 12:30pm in carry-out containers for eat in or take out. Sign up online from the Parish Website or on Facebook.



Oops: Happy Birthday Wishes to **Eric Henderson**, celebrating a birthday on October 21st.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Cycle A)

October 11, 2020

“For I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content.”
Philippians 4:11



Are you a Thermometer or Thermostat Christian?

The Apostle Paul is speaking to the Church in Philippi. He is teaching certain behaviors that he wanted to be pervasive through-out the Church. He says in Philippians 4, *"Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to live in humble circumstances; and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry of living in abundance and of being in need."* Paul is trying to develop specific mind-sets in the early Church. Though this is **NOT** an exhaustive list, I will present three things that Paul is trying to inject into the DNA of the infant Church.

1. Let your life be an example of how to follow Christ. St. Paul wanted the early Christians to follow his example, as he modeled Christ. In Philippians 3:17 Paul boldly says, *"Brethren, join in following my example...as you have us for a pattern."* Another translation says (in the same verse) *"Brethren, join in imitating me...as you have an example in us."* Paul is saying, look at our lifestyles (he and the other missionaries with him); because it was a very good indicator of how to follow and live for Christ. Living for Christ was not theoretical to Paul, but **practical**. The greatest gift you and I can give our family is to be a good example of Christ.

2. Learn contentment. The Apostle Paul says *"...I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content."* Phil. 4:11. Another translation says, *"...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."* The New Testament was originally written in Greek. The Greek definition of **content** in this verse means *"sufficient in oneself"* (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words 1966). In other words, if I have **little**--that's sufficient or enough for me. If I have **abundance**--that is also sufficient or enough.

Learning contentment, is a key to avoiding grumbling and complaining about the circumstances in life. The Apostle Paul tells us in his Epistle, *"Do all things without grumbling or questioning that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."* Phil. 2:14-15. Do you want to be a light for Christ? Stop complaining and shine!

3. Be consistent in your walk for Christ. Notice the words in Phil 4, *"...whatever state"*. Paul is saying regardless of the (outside) circumstances: hungry, fullness, poverty, riches, shelter, no-shelter, peace, turmoil-**I am the same**. One of the hallmarks of a mature Christian is **consistency** in their journey with Christ. Are you a thermometer or a thermostat Christian? Let me illustrate. **Thermometers** measure temperature. If it's 95 degrees, that thermometer goes up to 95 degrees. Many Christians are like thermometers. If I curse you; you curse me back. If I yell at you, you yell at me back. The higher you go, the higher I go. If I don't have this or that, I am sad. If I have abundance, then I am happy and friendly! Other Christians are like **thermostats**; regardless of the outside environment-they are going to choose how they will behave. They realize that their behavior is a choice. They regulate themselves despite prevailing circumstances.

Let us pray. Dear Lord, help us to be good models for Christ, so others can follow You. Teach us contentment regardless of the situation. May our steps be consistent, knowing that You will fully supply whatever we need according to the glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Amen!

◇◇ Dcn. Jenkins

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER – OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONFIRMATION

Presider: Most Rev. Edmond Carmody, DD

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Confirmandi:**

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- Larry Neil Carwell III
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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION

October 3, 2020

Most Rev. Edmond Carmody, DD – Bishop Emeritus of San Antonio presided over the Blessing of the Prayer Garden



“For many are invited, but ...

Print the letters inside the bubble shapes.

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few

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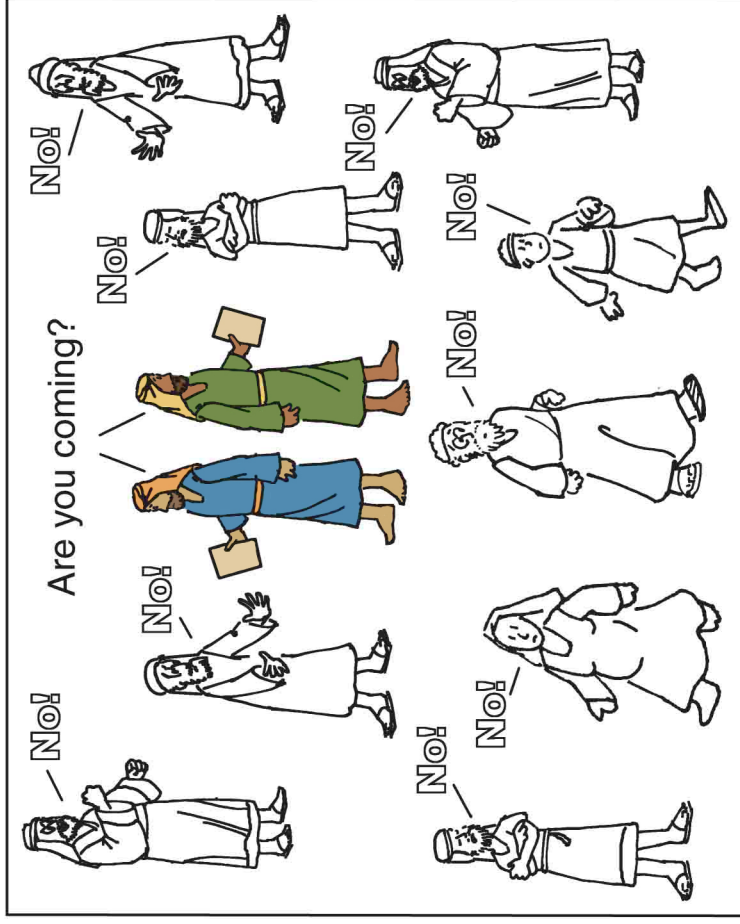
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The Wedding Banquet

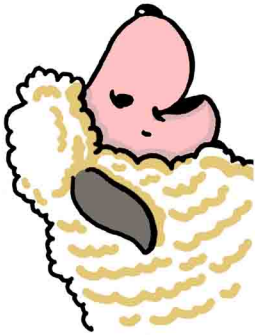
Jesus told about a king who prepared a wedding meal for his son. Those invited refused to come.

Circle and count the word No!. How many? _____



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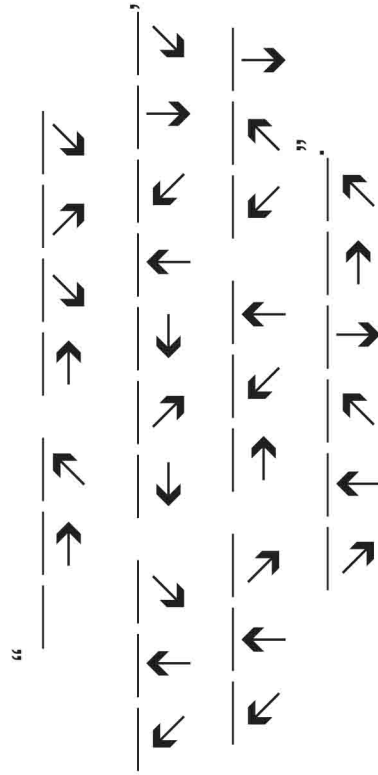
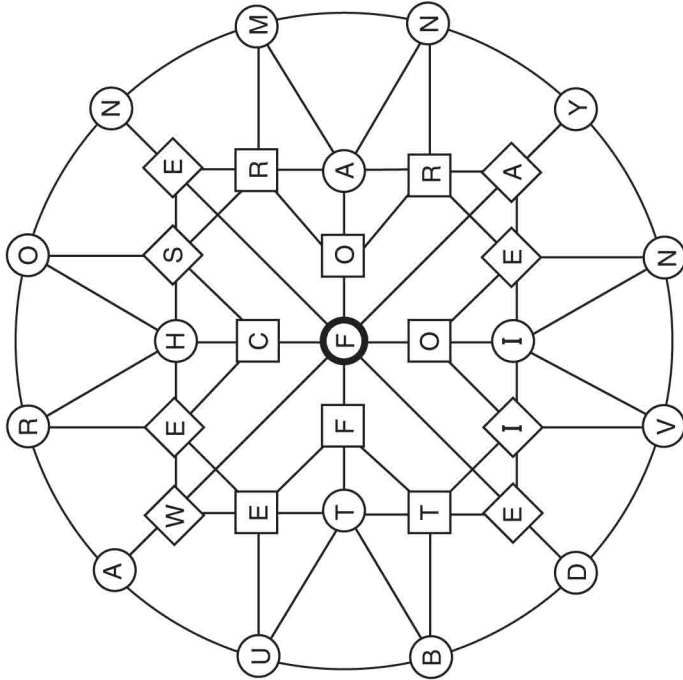
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The king told the attendants to tie the man up and throw him outside. What does this parable mean?

Start at the center.

Then follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



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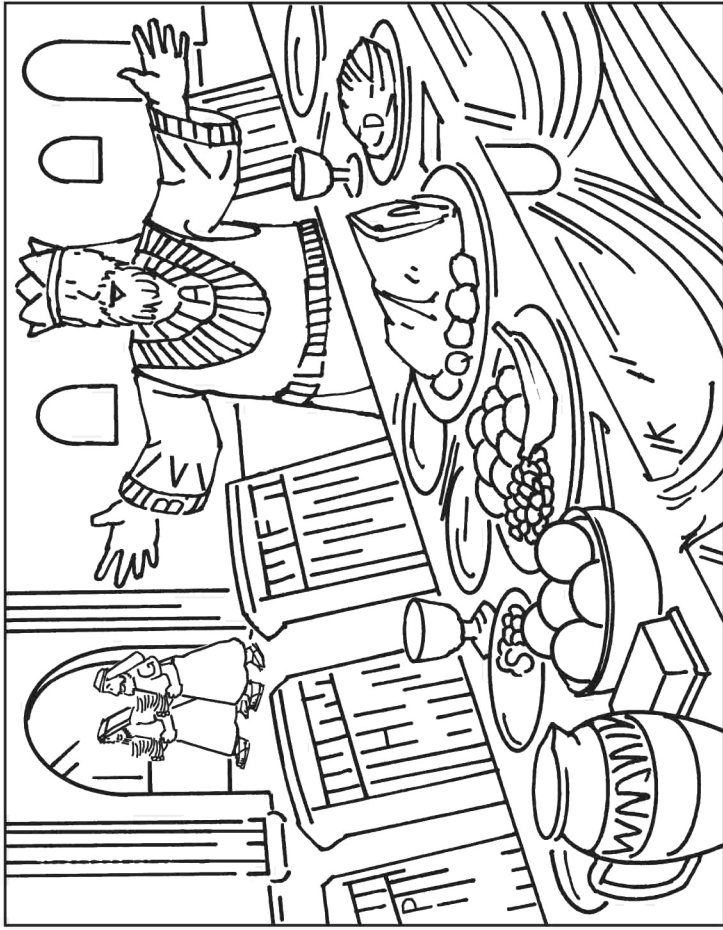
October 11, 2020 • Matthew 22:1-14

The Wedding Banquet

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables. What did He say?

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture below.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son."



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