

Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a good week and everyone is well. I think often of you and your children whom we saw every week filling our church with life. Please know that if you need anything you can reach out to me.

This weekend we are celebrating the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we are praying for:

- The Church, a community committed to faith and justice.
- For the leaders of nations, called to effective action on behalf of the poor
- For people uprooted by war or natural disaster
- For St. Veronica's parishioners, called as a parish to act justly and lovingly.

The lesson plan for the students this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang based on the files I have attached.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 1
- Level Two – Chapter 1
- Level Three – Level 13
- Level Four – Chapter 1
- Level Five – Chapter 2
- Level Six – Chapter 2

I encourage you to visit our website and spend time on the prayer service with your family. Our website is www.saintveronicasdorval.ca Go to the Family Faith Education page. You can also view the duo tang masters below. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the website version. I encourage you to use the questions on the website to open a dialogue with your child. Children in Pre-K and K will also enjoy the Interactive Bible Story of the week.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

Laws for Living

Exodus 20:1-21 ♦ ACTION STORY

Commandment number one
is simple to recall:
There is only one God
Jehovah, Lord of all.

[Raise one finger]

Commandment number two
has good advice for you.
Do not serve any idols
There's just one God that's true.

[Raise two fingers]

God's name is very special
hold it in high regard.
That's commandment number three.
That isn't very hard.

[Raise three fingers]

Sunday is a special day.
Do not work, but rest.
The fourth commandment tells us
that Sunday is the best.

[Raise four fingers]

Your father and your mother
are gifts from God to you.
Commandment number five says
honor them in all you do.

[Raise five fingers]

Do not murder is number six
the commandment after five.
The special creatures God has made
must all be kept alive.

[Raise six fingers]

Be faithful to the one you love
is seven's guide for life.
This is a good commandment
for a husband and a wife.

[Raise seven fingers]

Commandment eight says do not take
what doesn't belong to you.
By keeping this commandment
you praise God in all you do.

[Raise eight fingers]

Don't bear false witness, number nine
means in everything you do
you must tell the truth about others.
It is God's law for you.

[Raise nine fingers]

There may be things that others have
that you'd like to have too.
Number ten says do not covet.
This is God's guide for you.

[Raise ten fingers]

Puzzling Parable

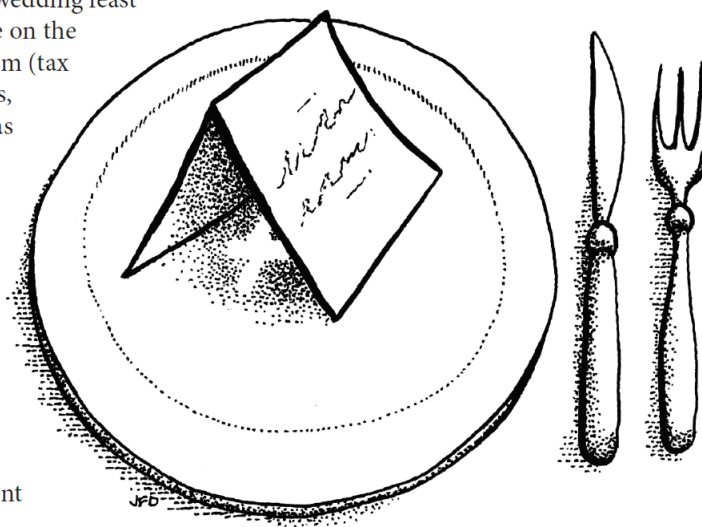
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 25:6-10 - A feast for all peoples
- Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 - Generosity
- Matthew 22:1-14 - The wedding banquet

Matthew's Gospel was written about 50 years after Jesus walked the earth, and it gives us glimpses into the issues of the early Christian community of the day. Jesus' parable of the wedding feast would have helped explain to Matthew's audience the reality that some people accepted Jesus and his message while others did not. God issued invitations to a heavenly banquet through the prophets in the Old Testament (the servants in the parable), but they ignored them. Then God sent Jesus, who again invited people to live in the Reign of God (not just in a distant afterlife, but here and now on earth). Jesus was "mistreated" and "killed" by some of the invited guests (the chief priests and Pharisees).

The reference to the enraged king sending troops, destroying the murderers, and burning their city is probably a reference to the Roman troops who burned down Jerusalem and destroyed the Jewish temple in the year 70 AD, about a decade before Matthew recorded this parable. Matthew, and other early Christians, seemed to interpret this destruction as punishment for Israel rejecting Jesus and his Good News. The ones who accepted a belated invitation to the wedding feast represented those on the margins of Judaism (tax collectors, sinners, prostitutes, etc.) as well as Gentiles. They became followers and received Jesus with joy and gratitude.

The final verses about the wedding guest without the proper garment



"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Sheepish Question:

What grace has God given me this week? What shall I do with it?

may have originally been a separate parable. The garment seems to have some symbolism that is lost to us today. We are left with the question of how someone who wasn't expecting an invitation to a wedding banquet would have the proper clothes on in the first place.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your first impression of this Gospel passage?
- 2 When have you experienced a joyous coming together of unlikely people responding to something good in life?

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