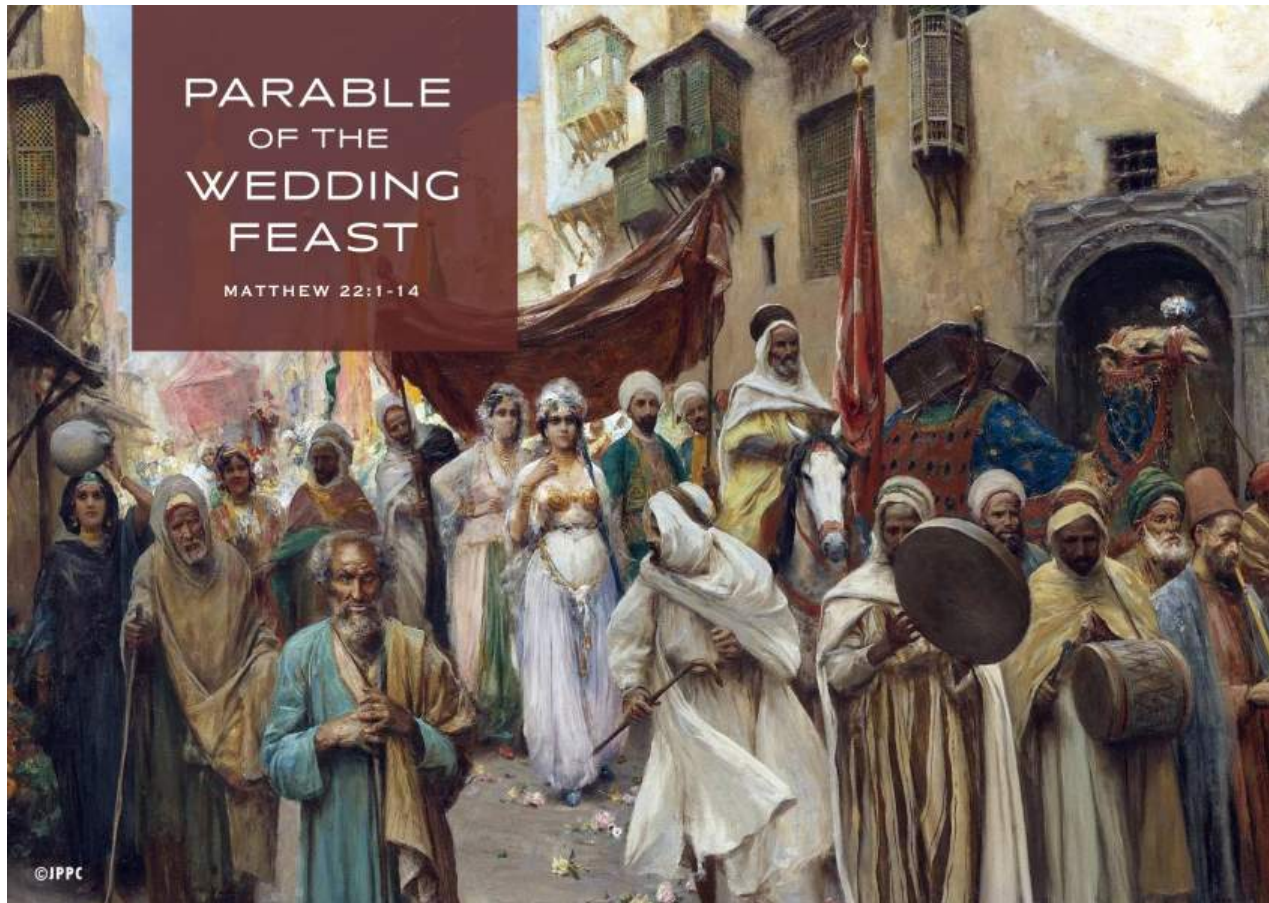


# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



**OCTOBER 15, 2023**

*Our Parish is Served by:*

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Deacon Christian Knoebel  
Deacon John White

*We invite you to celebrate with us*

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*The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.*

*Confessions*

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

1st Thursdays 7pm

or by appointment

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*Masses*

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

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Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway  
Jackson, NJ 08527



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 14**

4:00 pm Angie Gelormini (Fran DeLuca)

**Sunday, October 15**

9:00 am Donna Constantino (Patricia Durkin)

11:00 am Joseph & Stephanie Spiech  
(Bea & Joe Spiech)

**Monday, October 16**

9:00 am Stephanie Stanzione  
(Arcy & Tony Esposito)

**Tuesday, October 17**

9:00 am Paul Emposimato, Jr  
(Campbell Family)

**Wednesday, October 18**

9:00 am Paul Emposimato, Jr  
(Campbell Family)

**Thursday, October 19**

9:00 am Paul Emposimato, Jr  
(Campbell Family)

**Saturday, October 21**

4:00 pm Rosemarie McNab (Janet Noordzy)

**Sunday, October 22**

9:00 am Janice Holtsclaw (Fisher Family)

11:00 am Joseph & Stephanie Gingeleskie  
(Bea & Joe Spiech)

*To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.*

*The 2024 Book of Intentions is now open.  
To secure your intentions, please contact the  
Parish Office.*

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dianne Smith, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, John Jennings, Arlene Toth, Deborah MacInnes, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Sarah Thomas, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislán, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Eileen Hmielewski

*Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they can be removed.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK – OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**WOMEN OF ST. MONICA SEEK NEW MEMBERS**

**Who are the Women of St Monica?**

We are parishioners dedicated to our Catholic faith, our families, and our Church.

We are planners who meet monthly to plan future activities like fundraisers for our parish needs or for other worthy organizations.

We are adult learners about our faith, arranging for informative speakers on topics of interest. And occasionally we join in “just for fun” activities!

We invite new members to join us, and welcome you to attend our meetings held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 p.m. in "Little Church," located across the hall from the parish office.

For questions, contact Linda Thompson at 908-770-0681. We look forward to meeting you!



The 2024 Religious Calendars have arrived. They can be picked up from the tables at the church entrances. Please help yourself.



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Total \$5,947.00

*Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.*

**Catholic Appeal Update**

**Goal:** \$18,000.00

**Pledged:** \$17,200.00 (96% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$17,100.00 (95% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 92

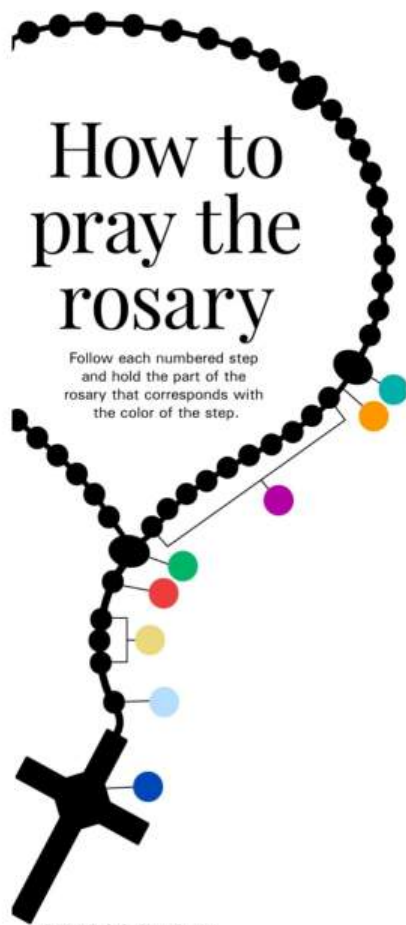
**Total Gifts:** 108

**Average Gift:** \$159.26



## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary!



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- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
- 2 Say the Our Father
- 3 Say three Hail Marys
- 4 Say the Glory Be
- 5 Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
- 6 Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
- 7 Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
- 8 Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here:  
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The repetition in the Rosary leads one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.



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BULLETIN

**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, October 14**

- October Mass Count All Masses
- 9:30 am Altar Server Training (Church)
- 12:00 pm Public Prayer Rosary (Outside)
- 1:00 pm Baptism
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 15**

- October Mass Count All Masses
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass/Blessing & Yth Mass
- 12:15 pm Set up for 1:30 wedding (Church)
- 12:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)
- 1:30 pm Wedding
- 6:30 pm Small Study Groups (Church)

**Monday, October 16**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
- 4:30 pm Religious Education
- 6:15 pm Religious Education

**Tuesday, October 17**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm RE 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent & Student Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

**Wednesday, October 18**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

**Thursday, October 19**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Men's Group (Church)

**Friday, October 20**

- 5:00 pm Wedding (Church)

**Saturday, October 21**

- 12:00 pm Baptism (Church)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 22**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)
- 6:30 pm Small Study Groups (Church)

**Monday, October 23**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
- 5:30 pm Religious Education
- 6:15 pm Religious Education

**Tuesday, October 24**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Religious Education
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

**Wednesday, October 25**

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (Church)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Little Church)

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN TOMS RIVER PRESENTS

*"Left to Tell"*

The Miraculous Story of  
Immaculee Ilibagiza,  
a Rwandan Genocide Survivor

St. Joseph's Church, Toms River is proud to present guest speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan Genocide Survivor. Immaculee lost most of her family during the 1994 Rwandan Genocide however, she was left to tell how faith and forgiveness can heal hearts and change the world.

The New York Times best-selling author of *"Left to Tell"* will share her witness to the life-saving power of faith and praying the Rosary during the 91 days she, along with seven other women, were huddled in a bathroom while killers lurked outside the door.

Immaculee's visit is part of the Church's Special Marian Devotion to Our Lady of Kibeho which will culminate in praying the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary followed by celebration of the Eucharist, on November 28.

Cost for the event is \$12.00 per person.

Mail or drop off your payment to:  
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685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

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Friday,  
November 3rd  
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Tickets will be on sale the weekend of October 21 & 22 after all Masses, as well as in the Parish Office, or online at [stjosephstomsriver.org](http://stjosephstomsriver.org).



Grief has no timeline

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH IN JACKSON PRESENTS

**A Bereavement Retreat**

Have you lost a loved one and are dreading the upcoming holiday season? Have you considered a bereavement group but

don't feel comfortable? **You are NOT alone.**

Join our morning retreat on All Souls Day, Thurs., **November 2 from 9-12pm**, after the Mass of Remembrance in Morello Hall at St. Aloysius Church, 935 Bennetts Mills Rd., Jackson.

At this retreat, we will explore what bereavement is and how to navigate through its 7 stages. The retreat is for anyone who has lost a loved one, no matter how long ago.

The presenter is Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC. A light breakfast will be available and a FREE WILL OFFERING will be accepted to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House. Call Pat Mulholland at the parish office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204 or email:

[parishoffice@saintaloyusonline.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintaloyusonline.org)

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCT. 21-22**

Tens of thousands of missionary women and men, priests, religious and laity, rely on our prayers every day, not only on World Mission Sunday.

These missionaries are building churches, educating children, and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror, and despair. With our daily prayer and our generous donation on World Mission Sunday, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family, and heart.

This year's message from Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," is inspired by our Lord's encounter with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus found in the Gospel of Luke (24:13- 35). In choosing this theme, Pope Francis has reaffirmed that World Mission Sunday is a privileged opportunity for us to foster missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels.

Were your eyes opened and is "your heart on fire" after encountering Jesus in the Eucharist? Will you take the risk of faith to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation?

*Monsignor Kieran Harrington*  
National Director

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



World Mission Sunday 2023  
October 22nd

Were not our hearts burning within us?  
Luke 24:13-35

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**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY**

Baptism is the source of new life in Christ and for that baptismal grace to unfold, the parent's help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother*, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized on the road of Christian life.

Candidates for the sacrament of confirmation, as for baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor*. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate (but not required) that the confirmation sponsor be one of the baptism godparents. CCC 1254, 1311

Before either sacrament is celebrated, all godparents and sponsors are required to submit to St. Monica's parish office a **Certificate of Eligibility**. This form can be obtained from the godparent's or sponsor's parish. To receive the form, the person must:

- ⇒ Be an active Catholic, registered and attending Mass in their Catholic parish for at least 6 months
- ⇒ Be at least 16 years of age
- ⇒ Have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- ⇒ If married, have a valid marriage within the Catholic Church

If you are asked to be a baptism godparent or confirmation sponsor and you meet all the guidelines above, please call the parish office as soon as possible to obtain your **Certificate of Eligibility**. When in doubt, call the parish office for help at:

732-928-0279

## Announcements On The Eucharistic Revival

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought:** “With the Eucharist the intimacy becomes total; the embrace between God and man reaches its apex.”

— Pope St. John Paul II, General audience, Oct. 11, 2000

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought:** “Bring to your encounter with Jesus, hidden in the Eucharist, all the enthusiasm of your age, all your hopes, all your desire to love.”

— Pope St. John Paul II, *Mane nobiscum Domine*, Oct. 7, 2004

### Small Groups Initiative

*The Eucharistic Revival sessions for “Jesus & the Eucharist” continues Sun., Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in our church, and will continue for five more weeks. You do not need to attend every session, but it is suggested that you attend as many sessions as you can. Each session is full of theological content, powerful talks, and unique and timely messages from bishops across the country.*

*Join us!*



## Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING  
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING  
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!**

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what’s happening in this unprecedented national movement!

[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



## **What does the Church mean by “Synod” and Why are we Praying for it?**

Traditionally, from apostolic times to our own, Synods have been gatherings of bishops to advise and assist the Pope on matters of importance. Synods do not have teaching authority like an Ecumenical Council does (think Vatican II), and yet are important deliberative bodies.

Pope Francis opened the Synod agenda to the whole Church through meetings held over the past two years at parish, diocesan, and national levels. Our Bishop, David O’Connell, CM has said that Pope Francis wishes to develop a Church that listens more and talks less, and this is the central aim of this current Synod on Synodality.

The Holy Father reminded the whole Church recently that the Synod is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Our role is to pray for the success of the Synod, that the participants allow themselves to be open to the urging of the Holy Spirit. We will know the results in the Fall of 2024 when the Pope issues his Apostolic Letter accepting or rejecting the advice given to him.



### **PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ENGLISH**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts.  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful.  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance  
lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity so that we  
may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work  
in every place and time, in the  
communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.





**The Eucharist - St Monica****Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am

Holy Days As Noted

Reconciliation -Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm  
 -1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm  
 -or by appt.

**Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction**

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with Confessions

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**Baptisms**

Celebrated outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the parish office to register.

**Visits to the Sick and Homebound**

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

**Knights of Columbus Council #11529**

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**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

**Bereavement Ministry**

Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Grief Support**

For those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or [dcjohnw@gmail.com](mailto:dcjohnw@gmail.com)

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For those seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

**Youth Group**

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.saintmonica.com](http://www.saintmonica.com). Please contact the parish office for further information.

**Adult Faith Formation Core Team**

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

**Marriages**

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey requests a one year period of preparation for marriage in the church. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**Religious Education**


Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in ongoing Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or [stmonicaccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicaccd@yahoo.com)

**Legion of Mary**

Members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick and assisting with pastoral needs.

**Women of St Monica**

Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community and conduct fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

## Reflections for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 15, 2023

### THE WEDDING FEAST

Who doesn't love a party—especially when someone else is footing the bill? Well, in today's Gospel we hear about several people who turned down an invitation to a banquet. And not just any old banquet, but a feast put on by the king! These people even went so far as to kill the servants who invited them. Finally, the king gave up on his chosen guests and opened the banquet to anyone who wanted to come.

While we might think this is an interesting story, it would have been more than that to Jesus's audience. He was speaking to his enemies, the priests and elders. As he told this story, they couldn't help but relate the king to God...and perhaps their own actions to those guests who refused to enter the banquet. This story must have struck them where it hurt, so to speak, if they realized that they, as the leaders of the Jews, might not be responding fully to their King, God. Little wonder that they began to call for Jesus's death—to get him off their backs.

But we aren't completely off the hook. We, too, have been called to the new banquet of the King—the one in which everyone is invited through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This new banquet is the family gathering of all the people of God, and it finds its fullest expression in the Mass. God wants us all to join him at this banquet table, but sometimes, like the guests in the parable, we make excuses and find other things to do. If we truly believe that God is the King who invites us, then we should come quickly and joyfully to attend the feast that is the Mass each Sunday.

### PRAYER

Imagine that you have just received an invitation to come to the feast of the King. His servant has personally invited you, saying that everything is ready. What do you do? Do you drop everything and come to the banquet, or do you keep tending to your business? Do you feel upset that going to the celebration interferes with your plans, so you ignore the invitation? Now think of the invitation to the banquet as being Sunday Mass. How do you feel about attending Mass? Do you go joyfully, or do you think of it merely as an obligation? Or do you sometimes not go at all?

### RESOLUTION

Before you attend Mass this Sunday, stop for a moment at the back of the church and make sure that you are coming with enthusiasm and joy. Let go of all your worldly worries and enter the sanctuary as if you are going to the King's banquet. [formed.org](https://formed.org)

Join a Study Group  
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