Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 11, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In many a country, the wedding feast is celebrated amid great rejoicing. Much preparation has gone ahead, and when the happy day arrives, there is a special banquet with exquisite foods and drinks, the presence of many invited guests, and everyone is in festive spirit. Yet it would be an insult to appear at the banquet improperly dressed. In fact, everyone turns out in his or her best. All this is only to be expected. A wedding is the celebration of an event that is the beginning of a new community of love, the promise of new life in a new family, the mutual agreement to leave father and mother and launch out together on a new path. The banquet is the festive symbol of this happy event.

Often times in the Scriptures, God's relation to humankind has been depicted as a marriage. The Prophet Hosea describes in a striking manner the God of love who sees after Israel his unfaithful spouse. His love is more enduring than her unfaithfulness; with great patience he endeavors to win her back to himself. The same image is taken up by the Prophet Isaiah, who has the Lord himself declare: "He who has become your husband is your Maker, his name is the Lord of hosts.... For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back". (Isaiah 54: 5-7). That the sacred writers were inspired by the Spirit of God to adopt the image of marriage to show forth the covenant-union and love of God for his People proves how highly they esteemed marriage, and how great is the love of God for little humankind.

This weekend's Gospel celebrates the wedding of God's Son with those who are called to be one with him in that closest of unions. It is a parable with allegorical overtones, for it is evident that Jesus refers to himself as the King's Son, who welcomes all who are invited by his Father to union with himself. But many are indifferent to the great plan of God for them. There are so many other attractive amusements and pleasures today, that the spiritual side of life is often set aside, neglected, rejected. Others are all taken up with business affairs and worldly pursuits, so as to have no time for God's call, no understanding of the mighty plan which would involve them in an eternal love affair with no less, than the good God himself, and his Beloved Son, Christ the Lord.

One must come to Christ's wedding feast properly prepared. To neglect proper preparation and deportment in the inner sentiments of one's heart would betray great lack of respect to the Bridegroom who, although he is the meek and humble Savior of man, yet also is the Son of the Eternal Father and Lord of the universe.

Fr. Leo Alban ***Asuncion***

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**October 13**	**N/A**
Elias Valdivia (birthday)		Lily Militar
Wed.	**October 14**	**N/A**
Miriam L. Escala †		Mariano Family
Thur.	**October 15**	**N/A**
Jim Dooley †		Trudi
Fri.	**October 16**	**N/A**
Medoro Pagni †		Trudi
Sat.	**October 17**	**4:30PM**
People of the Parish		
Sun.	**October 18**	**9:00AM**
Regina Barnes †		Bruce & Gina
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
Francis Hallekamp †		Family

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