

*From Father Kirby...*

**October 11, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

As we journey through Ordinary Time, we walk through Saint Matthew's Gospel. Of the four gospel books, Saint Matthew most emphasizes the Lord Jesus' role as Teacher and Law-Giver. Today, in our Gospel Reading, we hear another parable from the Lord.

Today's parable is a pressing one. We are told of the king who invites a second round of guests for a banquet. When a guest shows up and refuses to wear the proper garments, which were usually provided by the host, he is thrown out and punished. The Lord concludes by reminding us: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

In our faith, simply because we have been invited, does not mean that we will be chosen. We must enter the banquet of the Lord and "put on" his way of life. We must seek to wear the garment given to us by God's grace. Only in this way, will the invited become the chosen. How are we living? Are we wearing the garment of the Lord?

As a parish family, we continue to review contemporary social issues. So far, we've covered *Human Dignity and Life Issues, Immigration and the Common Good*, and the *LGBTQ Movement and Complementarity*. This Sunday, I'm going to cover *The Environment and Stewardship*.

Some things happening around the parish:

October is the traditional month dedicated to the Rosary. As a reminder, the Rosary is prayed here at the parish Monday – Thursday at 11:30 AM. Please come and join us, if you're able! I'm grateful to our many parish Rosarians who lead the Rosary on our behalf!

This Tuesday, October 13, Father Gahan will hear parish Confessions from 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM. This is an opportunity to go to Confession, especially to a priest who is not your Pastor. All are welcome. Father Gahan will also celebrate our daily Mass that day.

On Tuesday, I'll be in Columbia with the Bishop for the quarterly meeting of his Presbyteral Council. Please remember our Bishop in your prayers as he nears retirement this December.

This Wednesday, our weekly Bible Study continues. This past Wednesday, we spoke about [The Fallenness of Lamech in Genesis 4](#). This coming Wednesday, we'll discuss the human family from Adam to Noah in Genesis 5. All are invited to tune in via Grace Lily.

As a reminder, every Saturday of October, we have Healing Masses with the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM. All in need of the sacrament are welcome! Additional safety and sanitary precautions will be in place.

Please note our [Security/Safety Protocols for Parishioners](#) and [Church/Holy Communion Pandemic Protocols](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!