

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.
He said to him , 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence.
Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'
Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:11-14

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**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

The **Gospel** is Matthew 22:1-14. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Matthew 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented

the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Saturday — 8 a.m.

Saturday — 5 p.m.

Sunday — 10 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

Reconciliation (Confession):

Friday & Saturday Confessions
9:00 a.m. — noon

Office Hours:

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10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

FATHER BART'S CORNER**My sisters and brothers:**

Let us follow the prayer of Pope Francis in celebration of the 6th Apparition of Fatima

ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT TO MARY

Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed. We celebrate in you the great works of God, who never tires of lowering himself in mercy over humanity, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother this act of entrustment that we make in faith today, before this your image, beloved to us. We are certain that each one of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you. May we allow your sweet gaze to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile.

Guard our life with your embrace; bless and strengthen every desire for good; give new life and nourishment to faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide us all on the path to holiness.

Teach us your own special love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the wounded of heart. Gather all people under your protection and give us all to your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen.

* Act of Entrustment to Mary, Virgin of Fatima, by Pope Francis at Saint Peter's Square on October 13, 2013.

**With prayers and love,
Fr. Bart, S.V.D**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, October 12

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Tuesday, October 13

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Wednesday, October 14

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

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Thursday, October 15

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Friday, October 16

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Mass: 7 a.m.

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Adoration: 8:00 a.m. — noon

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Saturday, October 17

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 8 a.m.

Mass: 8 a.m.

Mass: 5 p.m.

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Sunday, October 18

Live Stream on
our Church Website
Mass: 10 a.m.

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Vocation View

"The Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich food." Let us look only to the Lord for our salvation and peace, for the things of this world pass away.

Isaiah 25:6

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Weekly Readings

10/12— GAL 4:22-24, 26-27,
31-5.1; LK 11:29-32

10/13—GAL 5:1-6; LK 11:37-41

10/14—GAL 5:18-25; LK 11:42-46

10/15—EPH 1:1-10; LK 11:47-54

10/16—EPH 1:11-14; LK 12:1-7

10/17—EPH 1:15-23; LK 12:8-12

10/18—IS 45:1, 4-6; 1THES 1:1-5B;
MT 22:15-21

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PARISH CORNER**6th Apparition of Fatima
Miracle of the Sun**

A little later we saw the flash of light, and then Our Lady appeared on the holm oak.

"What do you want of me?"

["I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."](#)

"I have many things to ask you: the cure of some sick persons, the conversion of sinners, and other things..."

["Some yes, but not others, they must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."](#)

Looking very sad, Our Lady said:

["Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended."](#)

Then opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself.

Here, your Excellency is the reason why I cried out to the people to look at the sun. My aim was not to call their attention to the sun, because I was not even aware of their presence. I was moved to do so under the guidance of an interior impulse.

In honor of the anniversary of the 6th Apparition of Fatima we will have a one hour prayer meeting to recite the rosary and pray for the forgiveness of sins on October 13th at 7 PM in the Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**Saint Anne's Altar Society**

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O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy.

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE****Elijah, the prophets and conversion of heart**

2582 Elijah is the "father" of the prophets, "the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob."³⁰ Elijah's name, "The Lord is my God," foretells the people's cry in response to his prayer on Mount Carmel.³¹ St. James refers to Elijah in order to encourage us to pray: "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."³²

2583 After Elijah had learned mercy during his retreat at the Wadi Cherith, he teaches the widow of Zarephath to believe in The Word of God and confirms her faith by his urgent prayer: God brings the widow's child back to life.³³

The sacrifice on Mount Carmel is a decisive test for the faith of the People of God. In response to Elijah's plea, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me," the Lord's fire consumes the holocaust, at the time of the evening oblation. The Eastern liturgies repeat Elijah's plea in the Eucharistic *epiclesis*.

Finally, taking the desert road that leads to the place where the living and true God reveals himself to his people, Elijah, like Moses before him, hides "in a cleft of the rock" until the mysterious presence of God has passed by.³⁴ But only on the mountain of the Transfiguration will Moses and Elijah behold the unveiled face of him whom they sought; "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God [shines] in the face of Christ," crucified and risen.³⁵

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