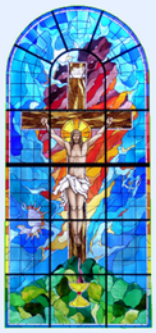

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Immaculate Conception

October 11, 2026 — **28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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Parish Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thrusday, 9 am-1 pm

Schools Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

Confession Schedule
Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridaysin Lent, 5:30pm

Adoration Chapel Hours
Daily, 5am—9pm

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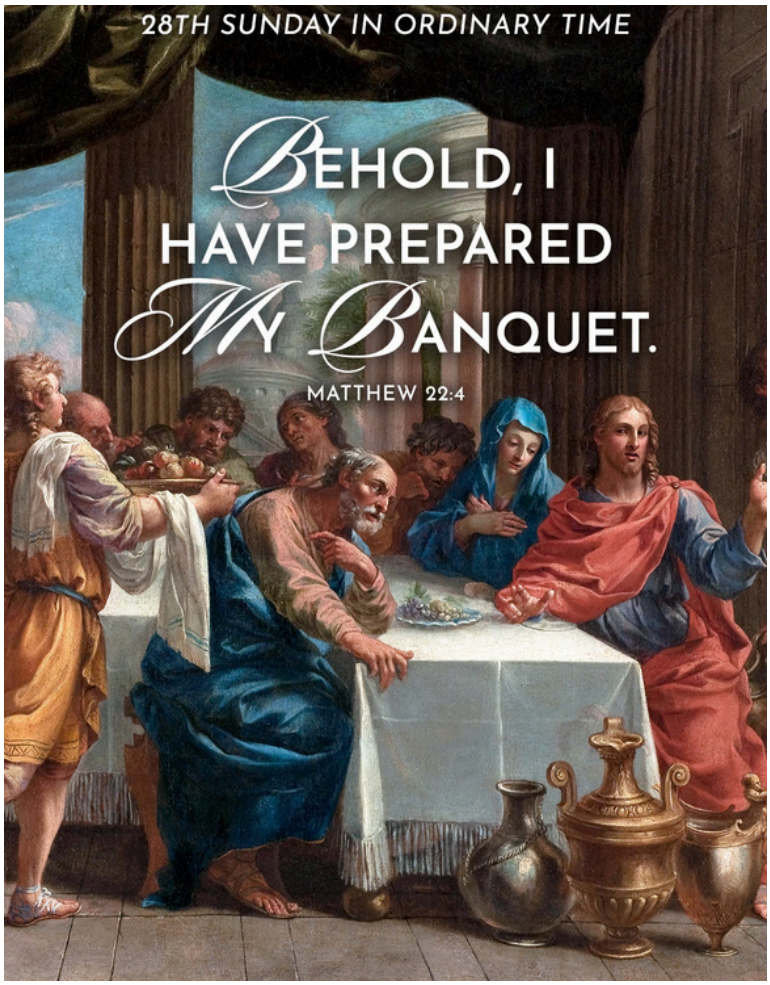
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



Holy Day Schedule (HC and ICC)
Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

sacraments

Receiving the Sacraments

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

happenings

All Catholic Schools Reunion

Join us for an unforgettable night celebrating memories, friendships, and Catholic school traditions! Enjoy dinner, music, a photo booth, drinks, and a walk down memory lane all for just $55 per person.
Get your tickets today and come celebrate the good old days while supporting Catholic education!

stewardship

Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending October 4, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$17,967.02
Second	$0.00

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending October 4, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$4,397.00
Second	$286.00

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A Word from your Administrator…

The Word this Sunday offers us the image of a banquet. The banquet is abundant with choice foods and drink. We, all of us, are invited to this Feast set before us by our God who has saved us. All that we have to do is accept the invitation. That's all. RSVP and await the day. Sounds easy but things happen. We don't like to wait and other opportunities may come our way. The Gospel parable tells us a story about those invited that later come up with excuses. The king then invites strangers to come and enjoy what was reserved for you.

We are called to live with our eyes on The Feast in heaven. Our days provide the time and experience to image the beauty and bounty of heaven and the more we imagine, the more we are shaped and draw closer to the vision we have of heaven. Let your eyes, your vision pull you closer to Him. Rejoice and be glad for your reward awaits you!

Fr. Giamello is safely back home in the US having completed his deployment. He is taking some time with family before assuming his role as Pastor on Thursday the 15th.Please give him that time and be patient with him in the transition. I am sure he has a lot to process from the experience. A good pastor, like Fr. Giamello will listen and observe to understand and appreciate the parish. He does have a head start having been here as an associate pastor.

I did my best from a distance to support the parish staffs but every parish needs and desires a guy on the ground, a true shepherd of his people. Know of my prayers for your priests, people and the wonderful ministry of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception! Thank you to Fr. Enemuo, Fr. Padilla and Fr. Hynes for responding to the extra ministry for these months! They have given evidence of their love for the church and the people of God entrusted to them! Take the time to thank them and welcome Fr. Giamello as your pastor.

In Christ who strengthen me,

Fr. Carroll

Monday
October 12
Weekday
Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31—5:1
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday
October 13
Weekday
Gal 5:1–6
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday
October 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18–25
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday
October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Eph 1:1–10 Lk 11:47–54

Friday
October 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11–14
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday
October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Eph 1:15–23
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday
October 18
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4–6
1 Thes 1:1–5b
Mt 22:15–21

HC & ICC Clergy

Vy, Rev. Norman P. Carroll	Administrator
Rev. John Enemuo	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rommel Padilla	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

HC Clergy

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

HC Staff

Parish Office	302 674 5787
Lilie Ramos	Receptionist, ext. 110
Vivian Alvarado	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Darcee Impagliazzo	Business Manager, ext. 119
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I15
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Ashlyn Baynocky	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

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Holy Cross School

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8
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holycrossdover.org/school

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Samaritan's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Canned Kidney, Black and Pinto Beans, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, one pound bags of rice, Manwich, Cereal, Jell-O, Chicken Broth. These and small packs of meat or burger can be left in the pantry drop off door behind the rectory.

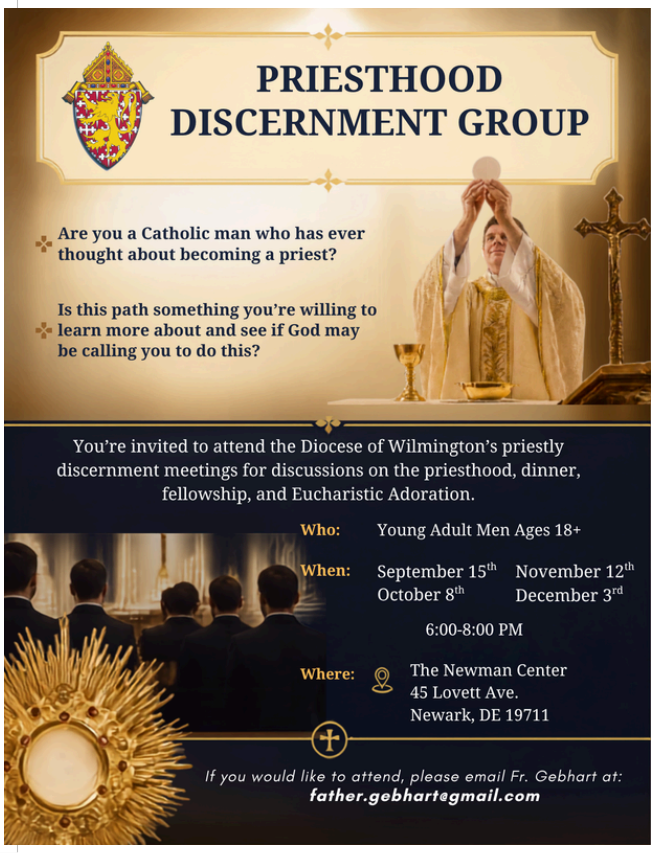
Adoration Chapel

"A Holy Hour before the blessed sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." ST. PADRE PIO

You don't need a time if you cannot make a commitment. Please feel free to come in and sit with our Lord, when you can! Contact JOHN MURPHY 302-233-1779, text, or email jkm2015@verizon.net

Times Available are:

Sunday	6-7am	7-8am	5-6pm	6-7pm	8-9pm
Tuesday	6-7am	3-4pm			
Thursday	6-7am	4-5pm	8-9pm		
Friday	8-9am				
Saturday	6-7am	8-9am	12-1pm	6-7pm	
	7-8pm	8-9pm			



Annual Appeal Update:

2026 ANNUAL FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL

Church of the Holy Cross
Goal: $235,000.00
Pledges Received: $198,646.30 (84.53%)

Immaculate Conception (Marydel)
Goal: $25,625.00
Pledges Received: $23,510.41 (91.75%)

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members:

- Sally Kruper
- Linda Vanderwende

Recently Deceased

Our prayers and condolences to the families who have recently lost a loved one:

- Robert Frank Lyons

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Ziya Akayda Laurent
- Liam James Hertz
- Royal Odain Clarke
- Mila Monet Moise
- Michael James Lowles
- Ander Elian, Alexandra Janeth, Justin Yeray Cedillo-Gavarrete

Mass Intention October

5 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am Dante Coroniti

6 TUEDAY
HC 8:00 am Nicole Elliott (LI)

7 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:15 am Theodore Zak

8 THURSDAY
HC 8:00 am David J. Kaltenbough

9 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am Zullo & Rossi Families

10 SATURDAY
HC 8:00 am Sr. Shirley Ann
HC 5:00 pm Card Pastore

11 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am Grace Jara
ICC 8:30 am Matthew & Ruth Gulrich
HC 9:30 am Beau Benson
ICC 11:00 am Lois Ann Ergenzinger
HC 11:30 am Bartolina Rodriguez
ICC 1:30 pm For The People

Sanctuary Candle in Church Oct 11-17 is for the intention of Margie & Gino Galli donated by Nicole Wilson.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel Oct 11-17 is for the intention of Filomena & Ida Ranieri, donated by Carolina Ranieri.

Memorials: Please know that Sanctuary Candles, Altar flowers and Mass intentions are available if you would like to donate in Memory or Honor of someone. Just call or stop by the parish office for more information.

Become a registered parishioner today! We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you wish to register please stop by the Parish Office

faith in action

Oct 10/11, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	J. Bieker C. Bugglin	M. Casey J. Clendaniel	C. Barrett M. Caskey-Wenck
			LECTORS
			G. Murphy M. Phillips
7:30 AM	M. Thompson C. Brown	J. Davis J. Denney	T. Catipay S. Corpuz
			LECTORS
			A. Wyllie
9:30 AM	V. Pepper C. Robinson	J. Salamone R. Willey	P. Cusatis M. Ford
			LECTORS
			J. Lausten M. Lausten
11:30 AM	P. Ramirez A. Luna	T. Hernandez	K. Geronimo S. Geronimo
			LECTORS
			G. Hernandez M. Mendoza

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	B. Lawson		
			LECTORS
			B. Escalante Garcia
11:00 AM	J. Carrow		
			LECTORS
			L. Soule

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please all the Parish Office at Holy Cross. Leave your name and contact information.

As always, we can use more volunteers to become ministers to the sick and homebound. This ministry is growing daily and they so appreciate receiving Our Lord especially since they can't come to Mass. Sign up at the office if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4182 will be serving breakfast next Sunday, October 18th after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses in the Parish Hall. The proceeds will be used to support our sponsored Seminarians. Cost is $13 for a single, $25 a couple, $35 for three, or $40 for a family of four or more. Credit cards are accepted.

Holy Cross High School Invites You! - Holy Cross High School warmly welcomes families to our Open House on Sunday, October 18, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Come discover our faith-filled, academically excellent community. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet our dedicated faculty, tour the campus, and see how our mission inspires students to learn, lead, and succeed. Families who pre-register at hchs.org will be entered to win a $100 gift card. For more information, please contact Christina Klaus, Director of Admissions, at 302-213-1720 or cmklaus@hchs.org.

MARRIED COUPLES
"Live your best life in love" in Fall 2026: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Delaware Marriage Encounter Weekend will be: **November 6th- 8th at Rehoboth Beach**. For more information visit: https://wwme-delmar.org/applyWeekend.php

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PARROQUIA DE LA SANTA CRUZ

Jesús te Invita a que pases una hora con El: Capilla de Adoración Eucarística: «Ven y pase una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Para anotarse llame a la oficina parroquial.

La Virgen Peregrina: La Virgen Peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.

Conviértete en feligrés registrado hoy! Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

Memoriales: Por favor, tengan en cuenta que velas del Santuario, flores del altar y las intenciones de la misa están disponibles si deseas donar en memoria o honor a alguien. Solo llama o pása por la oficina parroquial para más información.

Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información comuníquese con: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302-674-5787 ext 122

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PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

- **Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical:** Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción.
- **Todos están invitados** todos los Jueves a la Santa Misa a las 6pm. A las 7pm Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y Confesiones.
- **Conviértete en feligrés registrado hoy!** Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

¡Que el Señor guíe sus pasos esta semana!

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Religious Ed at Holy Cross

Registration for the 2026-27 Religious Education School Year is now open. Click on the QR Code to go to the website:

Adult Religious Education Classes

2026-27
Class – Beginning on September 8th

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

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Youth Ministry

Registration for Confirmation Preparation 2027: May be found on the church website under Confirmation 2027

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you interested inlearning more about the Catholic faith? Have you received some, but not all, of the Sacraments Initiation? If so, you are invited to explore the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). OCIA is the process through which adults learn about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Classes meet every Sunday, 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Matthew/Mark room in the Parish Office, Building C, Early Learning Center, 2nd floor (back by the playground). Walk-in's are welcome! For further information, contact Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org, or call (302) 674-5787. 122.

Religious Education at ICC

SRE: Religious education classes for the children began on Sunday, September 20th.

Religious Education- In need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year. OCIA, Confirmation Prep, substitutes and assistants for several grades.

We have classes from September -May. Training and formation provided. Please decern whether this is your way of giving back to the Church community. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org

Immaculate Conception:
Sacraments:
1st Reconciliation: If you have not attended one of the two parent meetings, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to set up an appointment.
Classes for 1st Reconciliation begin on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please be prompt.

Confirmation: If you have not attended one of the two parent meetings, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to set up an appointment.
Classes begin on Sunday, October 11th.

OCIA is ayearlong process which leads an adult person toward Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation or full communion with the Catholic Church. Interested individuals seeking to enter the Church or individuals interested in serving on a team of individuals should contact **Alicia Poppiti, DRE at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org**

Crusaders, this week you will be hearing about all the wonderful things happening at Holy Cross through the lens of Amanda Holzinger, our Kindergarten teacher! We hope you enjoy reading about our school-wide events as well as the special moments and learning taking place in our classroom.

What a beautiful and busy week we had at Holy Cross! It is such a blessing to watch our students grow, not only academically, but also in their faith and love for Jesus.

This week brought school picture day! Our Kindergarteners were especially excited to take their very first school picture in their school uniforms. They arrived looking extra sharp, with fresh uniforms, new haircuts, and those pearly white smiles ready for the camera! It was hard not to smile when we saw how grown-up they looked. These pictures will be a wonderful reminder of their first year at Holy Cross.

October is also a very special month in our Catholic faith because it is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. On October 7, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. In Kindergarten, we have been learning what a rosary is and how we use it to pray. We talked about how, during each decade, we reflect on a Mystery of the rosary and how a Mystery is a special story from the lives of Jesus and His Blessed Mother, Mary. Our students are learning that the Rosary is a beautiful way to honor Mary and ask for her intercession. We remind our little ones that we can turn to Mary and ask her to pray for us anytime and anywhere!

Thursday brought our school-wide vision screenings, helping ensure our students are seeing as clearly as possible so they can learn and grow each day. We are so grateful for our wonderful school nurse, Mrs. Kolakowski, who helps organize these important screenings.

Thursday was also a half day, followed by Parent-Teacher Conferences, with conferences continuing throughout Friday. Our teachers appreciated your prayers as we entered each meeting, asking God to guide our conversations as we shared each child's academic successes, growing skills, needs, and any areas where additional support may be helpful. We are so thankful for the partnership between our school and our families!

Looking ahead, we are blessed with a restful day off on Monday, October 12, the Feast of St. Carlo Acutis. On Tuesday, Kindergarten is thrilled to take our first field trip of the year to a fun farm! After learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin, its different parts, and even dissecting a pumpkin, our students will get to experience the pumpkin farm firsthand. Please keep our Kindergarteners, teachers, and chaperones in your prayers as we travel!

Wednesday will bring a special New Student Breakfast for all of our new students. We pray this will be a wonderful opportunity for our newest Crusaders to meet classmates, make friends, and share in the experience of adjusting to a new school.

What a wonderful reminder that our school year is filled with opportunities to learn, grow, pray, and walk together in faith. May God continue to bless our Holy Cross students, families, teachers, staff, and parish community!

Thank you for partnering with us and staying connected to our school community. We deeply appreciate your support and pray that God’s abundant blessings be upon you and your families this week.

God Bless,

Mrs. Holziner, K1 Teacher

Mrs. O'Mara, Principal

Podría sonar demasiado extraño este evangelio porque, ¿cómo es posible que alguien rechace la invitación a una boda donde habrá vino, música y buen ambiente? Al menos hoy día son pocos los que rechazarían esta oferta tan especial. Pero es claro que esta parábola Cristo nos la dibujó así para que comprendiésemos que todos estamos invitados a participar del gran banquete que celebrará en el cielo. Sólo nos hace falta cumplir un requisito que el evangelio lo pone como algo externo pero que en realidad en las bodas se le da demasiada importancia y es el vestido. Es necesario e indispensable entrar con el ajuar apropiado al gran banquete que Cristo nos invitará, este ajuar es la vida de gracia. Por eso expulsaron de la boda al hombre que no llevaba el traje apropiado, porque no estaba en vida de gracia. Y la gracia, como la llama santo Tomás de Aquino, es "nitior animae" es decir, esplendor del alma, presencia de Dios en nuestra alma. Es claro que Jesús no puede habitar en un lugar en donde no tiene amigos, y tampoco nosotros nos deberíamos atrever a presentarnos a la boda que Él organiza cuando no le tenemos por amigo. Esto es la vida de gracia, conservar su amistad y por tanto rechazar enérgicamente todo lo que pudiese ofenderle: revistas indecentes, películas deshonestas, compañías perjudiciales, ofensas a nuestros padres o hermanos, críticas etc. Es difícil conservar esta amistad con Cristo, pero si realmente lo tenemos por amigo no nos atreveremos a ofenderle, sino que al contrario nos esforzaremos por ser cada día mejores amigos de Él.

El Señor nos dice hoy, que el Reino de los Cielos es como una gran invitación, una gran invitación de amor, una invitación a participar de un gran casamiento, de unas bodas multitudinarias: de las bodas del Hijo de Dios con la humanidad, contigo y conmigo. Por eso envió Dios Padre a su Hijo, para establecer una alianza de amor con toda la humanidad. Nunca olvidemos que Jesús no vino a condenar. Vino a salvar, vino a invitar. Porque nadie va a él si no es a través del Padre y si no es atraído por el Padre. Por eso Dios Padre utiliza servidores para invitar, para invitarte a ti y a mí y a todos los hombres de todos los tiempos y a tantos dispersados por el mundo; invitarnos a una gran fiesta. La fiesta empieza acá. Como dice una canción: “La fiesta del Reino empieza acá en la tierra y terminará un día en el cielo”. "Todo está a punto", dice la Palabra de hoy. Jesús ya vino, ya está entre nosotros. No hay que esperar más. Y el banquete empieza en nuestra vida, en la de cada uno de nosotros, cuando conocemos profundamente a Jesús, cuando lo amamos, cuando empezamos a descubrirlo en nuestra familia, en nuestro trabajo, ahora mientras estamos preparándonos para salir de casa, en el estudio, en la oración, en los pobres, no nos olvidemos de los pobres, en la Misa que es el momento por excelencia donde celebramos el gran banquete, que algún día culminará en la Vida eterna. La invitación es a disfrutar, amando como él ama y por eso es una gran fiesta. Y él nos invita, pero lamentablemente muchos no quieren escuchar ni aceptar esa invitación. Y entonces la verdad, que es lo que pasa, es que se lo pierden. Es más, lo que se pierden, que el mal que hacen. ¡No nos perdamos semejante invitación! Porque nos podemos pasar la vida sin amar, sin participar de estas bodas de Dios con los hombres, por pasarnos el día pensando en nuestras cosas, solo en nosotros, y dejar pasar mil oportunidades de invitaciones que el Señor nos hace para estar junto con él y con tantos hermanos.

Aquí se quiere resaltar la gratuidad de Dios. Donde al final invita a todos a la fiesta, buenos y malos. Y nadie queda afuera. Esto nos muestra cómo es el corazón de Dios. En el corazón de Dios hay lugar para todos, santos y pecadores, buenos y malos, nadie queda excluido. Hay algo que llama la atención en esta parábola. Uno que va a la boda sin el traje de fiesta. El rey lo hecha de la fiesta. No vino a la fiesta con vestido de boda. Por eso, no basta con entrar en la fiesta. No se puede entrar de cualquier manera, hay que estar bien vestido. Es una imagen. ¿Qué significa que entró sin el vestido de fiesta? Si a una fiesta se pide ir de saco y corbata, cuando alguien aparezca con remera, vaqueros y ojotas, seguro que no te dejarán pasar. Hay que ser equilibrado. Si uno va a una fiesta lo importante es ir con ganas de compartir y ser respetuoso con los demás. Si uno va desentonando, con ropas extravagantes para ser el centro, y no tiene deseos de compartir, es un desubicado. El vestido de fiesta es la alegría y las ganas de compartir en comunión con los demás. Se requiere una actitud coherente con la invitación. Teníamos un compañero que siempre se quería hacer notar y se ponía en el centro de la atención. Le pusimos de apodo “farolito”. El que quiere ir a una fiesta, ser el centro, comerse todo y tomar bien sin compartir la alegría con los otros, es mejor que no lo dejen pasar. El que no va con buena sintonía de llevar alegría y compartir con los otros, arruina la fiesta. El traje de fiesta es como el distintivo del cristiano, que es la caridad y la alegría. Algunos dicen que el traje de fiesta es estar en gracia. Pero también entran pecadores, sin estar en gracia, y son recibidos por Dios. No es eso. Somos pecadores pero se nos pide que compartamos con alegría y generosidad, y no ser egoístas quedándonos en un rincón sin trasmitir alegría o buenas ondas, y encima llenándonos la panza de cosas ricas como un glotón egoísta. Pecadores sí, pero individualistas y egoístas, no. Dios quiere que todos compartamos la fiesta, pero muchas veces somos nosotros los que nos autoexcluimos al no presentarse con el vestido de fiesta, que es el vestido del amor, de la alegría, de la fe. Debemos ir con mucha fe a la fiesta de la vida, Dios nos espera para llenarnos de gracia y de gozo.

Sinceramente.
Fr. Padilla.