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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

At the end of World War II, the Russian head-of-state Joseph Stalin gave an elaborate banquet to honor the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Russians arrived in their best formal wear -- military dress uniforms -- but their honored guest did not. Churchill arrived wearing his famous zipper coveralls that he had worn during the German bomb attack in London. He thought it would provide a nostalgic touch the Russians would appreciate. They did not. They were humiliated and insulted that their prominent guest-of-honor had not considered their banquet worthy of his best clothes. Weddings were such an important occasion in Palestine in Christ's days that people were expected to wear the proper clothing to show appreciation and respect for the invitation. In today's Gospel, Jesus demands, the wedding garment of righteousness from his followers.

In the first reading, Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's Mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which Yahweh is preparing for His people. The "Good News" is that it is a great feast of "*rich food and choice wines.*" But, for the children of Israel, the "bad news" is that Yahweh invites all people, including Gentiles, to the banquet. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), presents God as the Good Shepherd Who nourishes, leads, and protects His flock. In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything His followers will need to participate in the Heavenly Banquet. In today's Gospel, by telling an allegoric parable of judgment in the Temple of Jerusalem two days before his arrest, Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders of rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly Banquet given to them through God's Own Son, Himself. They have rejected the invitation by not listening to the Good News preached by Jesus and by not reforming their lives. This invitation was repeatedly extended to Israel through the prophets, including John the Baptist. But the leadership, contemporary with Jesus, rejected the reality that Jesus was the fulfillment of all prophecy, refused to accept God's invitation to righteous living given through John the Baptist and through Jesus, and planned to kill God's own Son, Jesus. Hence, God is inviting the sinners and Gentiles to His banquet, and that is why Jesus is keeping the company of sinners.

Life messages: 1) We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time, do good for everyone, and appreciate and receive God's graces in the Church: a) We received the "*wedding garment*" of sanctifying grace in Baptism; while the other Sacraments provide the additional graces, we need to retain it. b) Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled, prayerful lives, doing good for all. c) Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of word of God and through His Body and Blood offered to us as spiritual Food and Drink in Holy Communion. 2) We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and the greatest source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (Spanish)
Rosary at 12 noon
Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m., followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. in English
7:30 p.m. in Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Rich Legler, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Oct 10	5:00 p.m.	Amelia B. Loder S.I.
Sun	Oct 11	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Oct 11	12:30 p.m.	Billie Maggio+
Tue	Oct 13	12:30 p.m.	Pierre Cohen+
Thu	Oct 15	5:00 p.m.	Billie Maggio+
Fri	Oct 16	12:30 p.m.	Lucille Cook+
Sat	Oct 17	5:00 p.m.	Amelia Wong+

Parish Giving

October 4, 2026

1st Collection	\$5,106.00
2nd Collection	\$ 391.00
3rd Collection	\$ 601.00
Children's Collection	\$ 87.00

Collections

2nd Collection	Oct 11	Helpers in Ministry
		All Souls Mass Offering
2nd Collection	Oct 18	Helpers in Ministry
3rd Collection	Oct 18	Lawncare/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 80
10:00 a.m. 166 and 12:30 p.m. 125

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



When all shall fail us, then God will take care of us, and then all will not fail since we shall have God, who must be our all.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

All Souls Remembrance in November

Please begin sending the names of your deceased loved ones who you want to be included in the *All Souls Book of Remembrance*. Please use the All Souls envelopes and print legibly. Thank you.

Holy Rosary in October

Remember, October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. You are all invited to cultivate the devotion to the Holy Rosary and try to recite it every day, and if possible more than one during this month.

Altar Society Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser

The Altar Society's Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser will be held on the weekends of November 28/29 and December 5/6 after each Mass. Please help by donating good quality Christmas items and other items that would make nice Christmas gifts for the sale. Drop off your donations from October 1 through November 20: weekdays at the church office and weekends at the Gift Shop in the church. Include a suggested price for each donated item. Contact Mimi Plumb 903 316-3744 or Glenda Means 903 830-0926 with questions. We are grateful and thankful for your generosity.

Nominations Needed

Each year Prince of Peace has a Christmas gift-giving project in which parishioners purchase Christmas gifts for families who struggle financially. Gift tags will be ready the weekend before Thanksgiving for parishioners to select one or more gifts to purchase. If you or a family you know would like to participate, please contact the church office no later than October 12. Families themselves will be responsible for picking up the gifts at the church office. Only a few families can be selected.

2026 Prince of Peace KofC Citizenship Essay Contest Information

The Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace are sponsoring the 6th Annual Citizenship Essay Contest for students in grades 8 – 12 who attend Prince of Peace. The essay theme is: **"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."** The 500-750 word essay will explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. Essays must be typed and submitted to the Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace by October 15, 2026. Parents, please encourage your children in grades 8 – 12 to enter this worthy contest. Contact Knights Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292 or Steve King at 903-312-2879 with questions.

Knights of Columbus Pork Loin Sales – October 2026

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for Smoked Pork Loins after each Mass during the first (3) weekends of October. Each Pork Loin will weigh approx. 3 lbs and cost \$20. Pork Loins are available for pickup on Saturday, October 24th from 4 pm to 7 pm. All proceeds will be used for supporting Prince of Peace activities, our Youth Group, Families, and the Community!

Building Expansion

Based on the survey received from our parishioners in which most of our members felt the need of and were in favor of expanding our current community hall and adding a few classrooms, Fr. Luke had several discussions with parish councils, those experienced in construction, and the previous contractor. A final but a preliminary plan and estimates were given by the contractor. Fr. Luke is also in contact with the diocese as part of the process. He will be meeting with the diocesan building committee soon and will get back with us with the result of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for the successful completion of this important project of ours.

Men's Conference

The first annual Tyler Men's Conference is on Saturday, November 14th. The theme is *"Until Christ is formed in you."* Come join us, learn with us, be inspired with us, pray with us and share your faith with us. Registration details are on the Tyler Diocese website. The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 14th.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for September 27

Kids: a. 48
b. 110

Answered correctly by: Natalia Gutierrez, Zaya Monnen, Gabby and Josiah Gregg.

Adults: a. By building an Altar of their own
b. Yes

Answered correctly by: Theresa Cheatham, Nazaria Coralde, Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Linda and Leo Rossler, Mimi Plumb, Andrea Gustafson, and Chadwyck Hendren

Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Carolyn Barrett.

Questions for October 11 (Judges 6-10)

Kids: a. From whose power did the Lord tell Gideon to save Israel?
b. How many sons did Gideon have?

Adults: a. When Gideon put the courage of his soldiers to test, how many of them left?
b. How did Jotham escape from being killed by Abimelech?

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