

OCTOBER 12, 2008 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Wedding Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

The wedding banquet was a pleasant surprise for Jesus and the disciples. A royal messenger had come out to them as they were walking on the Jerusalem road. "Stop," he had called. "Follow me, you are all invited to the royal wedding feast at the villa on the hilltop." His arm directed their vision to the white-walled buildings surrounded by narrow spears of cypress trees.

Assured that there was much to eat and drink, the disciples followed the messenger to the gates of the villa. As they drew closer they heard the music and singing. The large courtyard had been decorated with banners honoring the young prince and his bride. Tables were piled high with roasted meat and fancy dishes of vegetables, breads and dates and fruits. They began to enjoy, especially Peter who was waving his quickly emptied wine cup with his left hand while hungrily stuffing pieces of lamb in his mouth with the other hand.



Jesus noted that the food preparations for the wedding banquet greatly exceeded the number of people who were there.

"Where are all the other guests?" Jesus asked the servant who was pouring him a cup of wine. The server, speaking softly, told Jesus that the invited guests had refused to come. Some of the royal messengers sent to invite them had been driven off. A few messengers, those who failed to return, might have been killed.

By evening the royal messengers had rounded up hundreds of people who now filled the villa. The music, the food, the wine, the loud talk and laughter lasted far into the night. When Peter surfaced some hours later, his face was much redder. His wine cup was empty again. With slightly drooping eyelids, Peter gazed lovingly at Jesus. Showing him his empty cup, Peter announced: "I think they have run out of wine."

Jesus smiled back tolerantly, remembering another wedding years ago in Cana when his mother had spoken those same words to him.

That night, just before dropping off to sleep, Jesus meditated on the day's events. He suddenly realized how much this wedding banquet was like God's invitation to his people. He saw clearly how the people reject God's invitation. It was clear that those who reject God will learn too late what a tragic mistake they have made.

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This parable can teach us that the kingdom which God offers us is very much like a sumptuous wedding feast. How could we ever be too busy to attend? How could we ever send God's messengers away, refusing to even hear his word; refusing to partake in his Eucharist? Perhaps we should examine our response to God. We are invited in so many ways. Each day invites us to deepen our faith and understanding of it. Sunday Mass invites us to attend the banquet of God.

INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For October 13 to October 19, 2008

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Martha Estrella (Health)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	Teresa Madrid (Dec.)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	For us, the Parishioners
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Tobias Fraga (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Sobeida (Dec.) & Jorge Palma (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. --	Ernesto Maldonado (Dec. 1st Anniv.); For the Faithful Departed in need Prayer (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	Antonia (Dec.), Abel (Dec.) & Robert Escobedo (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. --	Mary Makuck (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. --	Celia Barragan Hernandez (Dec.); Simon Garcia (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	Segundo & Evangelina Garcia (49th Wedding Anniv.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For October 13 to October 18, 2008

Mon	Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 / Luke 11:29-32
Tues.	Galatians 5:1-6 / Luke 11:37-41
Wed.	Galatians 5:18-25 / Luke 11:42-46
Thu.	Ephesians 1:1-10 / Luke 11:47-54
Fri.	Ephesians 1:11-14 / Luke 12:1-7
Sat.	2 Timothy 4:10-17b / Luke 10:1-9

SUNDAY READINGS

October 19, 2008 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6 / 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b /
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

COLLECTIONS

For October 5, 2008

First Collection	\$6,842.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Church Interior Renovation.....	1,206.00
Children's Envelopes	15.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

FOOD NOW BEING COLLECTED FOR THOSE IN NEED. Every other month (that is, during those months when we do not have a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul) we place barrels out at the doors of the Church and collect food to help supply our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. October is one of the months when we collect food. So please consider donating non-perishable food

(boxed or canned) so that you can help our St. Vincent de Paul funds stretch further. The barrels will be out for the remainder of the month.

TODAY

**FLU SHOTS
BY THE SUTTER HEALTH
VISITING NURSES**

***In the Dobrec Room
12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.***

NEW ARTICLES

**THANKS FOR A
GREAT
WEEKEND!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your role in the success of our Festival last weekend. We would like to thank all of you who purchased tickets for our drawing, who worked at the festival, and who came by, ate and played the games. It seemed that it was our busiest festival ever, and the preliminary numbers are proving it. In terms of income, we have set

A NEW RECORD!

The “profit” from last year’s festival was \$42,043.90, and that was our most successful festival so far. This year the “gross revenue” for the festival is a whopping \$103,000.00! Considering that festival expenses are around half of our revenue, we could have a “profit” in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000 this year. Simply phenomenal! It is too early to make any other statements on the finances of the festival, as we have to wait at least a month for all of the bills and requests for reimbursement to be received. Hopefully we will be reporting the final results to you in the Bulletin during the month of November. More people are working on the accounting this year, so we hope we can get the results out sooner.

The only thing unfortunate thing that happened is that due to our phenomenal success, we were running out of everything – prizes, and especially, food. We

hope that there was still enough of everything available to satisfy you should you have come to the Festival late on Sunday.

In closing, we would like to make a special mention of a new feature of our Festival this year, the car show. We would like to thank the members of the East Bay Chapter of the Bay Bombs Car Club for providing the car show. We feel that the car show was one of the main factors that made the Festival as successful as it was.

A LIST OF FESTIVAL WINNERS APPEARS LATER IN THIS BULLETIN.

NEW ARTICLES

(Continued)

FLEA MARKET 2.0. Even though things were busy at the Festival flea market, there are still a number of high-quality items left in the cargo container! As a result, the “flea market people” are planning a second Flea Market to clear the inventory. This flea market will take place on a Sunday after Mass in a couple of weeks. **Keep your eyes on the Bulletin in the coming weeks to learn of the date on which the flea market will take place.** We would like to thank Belinda Villarreal and her family for their hard work and dedication.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

OUR LADY’S GUILD WILL HOLD ITS HALLOWEEN SALAD BAR LUNCHEON AND BINGO on Tuesday, October 28 in the Parish Hall. The Lunch will begin at Noon. Space is limited, and tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets are \$10.00 each. For tickets and information call Barbara Hatton at (510) 489-1247. All are welcome.

EVERY PARISHIONER COUNTS. During the month of October each year, at the request of the Diocese, we count attendance at all weekend Masses. So if you see a couple of our Eucharistic Ministers or other volunteers walking the aisles of the Church during Mass and using a clicking counter deely-bob, now you know why.

RESULTS FROM FESTIVAL DRAWINGS AND CONTESTS

WINNERS IN OUR FALL FESTIVAL DRAWING

	PRIZE	WINNER	
Grand Prize	\$1,000.00 Cash	T. Rader, Union City	TIC
First Prize	\$500.00 Cash	Rodolfo Rodriguez, Union City	T
Second Prize	\$300.00 Cash	Bertha Navarro, Fremont	292
Third Prize	\$200.00 Cash	Oscarin Hernandez	712
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			696

Consolation

Prizes:

\$50.00 Gift Certificate, Tom's Flower Stop, Union City	Ms. Renee Bell, Fremont	221
\$25.00 Gift Certificate, Tom's Flower Stop, Union City	Susie Garcia, Union City	261
\$25.00 Gift Certificate, Tom's Flower Stop, Union City	Jorge Molina, Fremont	218

WINNERS IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRAWING

	PRIZE	WINNER
First Drawn Ticket	\$500.00 in Chevron Gift Cards	Patty Arias, Union City
Second Drawn Ticket	\$500.00 in Chevron Gift Cards	Marvin Durán, Union City
Third Drawn Ticket	\$500.00 in Safeway Gift Cards	Margarita Tijero, Union City

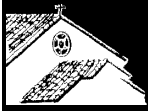
WINNERS IN THE BASEBALL SPEED PITCH CONTEST

CATEGORY	WINNER	SPEED	PRIZE
Male, 12 years and over	Angel Perez	80 mph	\$50.00
Female, 12 years and over	Marissa Perez	50 mph	\$50.00
Male, under 12 years old	Nicolas Garcia	58 mph	\$12.50
Female, under 12 years old	Taylor Peters	57 mph	\$12.00
Male or Female, under 7	Nicolas Bartolomé	49 mph	\$12.50

PRAYERS

FINALLY! *It has been some time since this has appeared in the bulletin, so we can use your help. If, in reading the names below, you have determined that someone should be added to or taken off of the list, please call our Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and let us know. In addition, if you know of anyone who is staying at home or at the hospital, let us know as well so that we can send a Minister to the Sick to visit and bring the Eucharist.*

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Susana Alcaraz, Tony Baligaya, Gladis Borges, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Alan Cady, Rebecca Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Dionesio Campos, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, Grace Continelli, Cindy Davis, Chealsy Davis, Courtney Davis, Jennie DeCosta, Marc DelBianco, Irene Drouin, Joseph Dunbar, Martha Estrella, Ed Fiala, Rita Fregoso, Frank Gallegos, Sobeida Gallegos, Gene Garcia, Deanna Graves, Emilio Gudino, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Jesús Gutierrez, Anne Guzman, Herm Henderson, Carme Hernandez, Eduardo Hernandez, Henry Hernandez, Margaret K., Mark Kamakea, Erika Lepe, Ermelinda Lopez, Francisco Lozano, Miguel Luviano, Sara Maas, Antonio Maciel, Catalina Manasala, Craig Manning, Ismael Martinez, Richard M. Martinez, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Ysidro Nieves, Mirta Orellana, Mario Perales, Luz Perez, Ehren Perkins, Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodríguez, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Letty Serrano, Clarence Souza, Nelly Stewart, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Casandra Valadez, Isabel Villarina.



This Week At O.L.R.

Tuesday, October 14

Bible Study, English, Eddie Dobrec Room, 10:00 a.m.

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study, English, Orozco Group, Office Room 206, 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy Committee Meeting, Office Room 107, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meeting, Office Room 206, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 16

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 17

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19

Second Collection for Mission Sunday