Family Pack >>>

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This Week's Gospel >>>

The Parable of the Wedding Feast:

God invites everyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, but not everyone accepts this invitation. However, when we do accept his invitation and belong to his Kingdom we are expected to live and love as Jesus taught us to do. "Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy; come before him with happy songs! Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, we are his flock" – Psalm 100: 1-3

How do you celebrate Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is celebrated by people of every religion and background. While not specifically religious in nature, the holiday does provide a great opportunity to include some Christian traditions and to focus on our families.

This is a great time to cultivate a sense of gratitude in our lives and in the our children.

Gratitude naturally brings God into our every thought, even when we are struggling or suffering.

As you prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, consider the following ways you might make it extra special:

1. Encourage family members

to write down the ways that God has blessed them. Younger children can draw a picture. Read these together and give thanks to God (this can be done on Thanksgiving or daily.

2. Create a "God is Good" Chain:



Gather scissors, pencils, crayons, glue and construction paper. Cut the paper in strips and ask your kids to think about the many ways that God is good. Have them write or draw these ideas on the

strips and then connect them to form a chain and hang it in a place where it will remind your family of God's goodness.

In whatever way you do choose to celebrate, we wish you a blessed and grace-filled Thanksgiving! All the Best!

Sharing God's Word >>>

Let's start with a Prayer
make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father And of the Son And of the Holy Spirit. Amen



3. Some things to think about before we read the Gospel.

Hi friends! Today, we're going to read the parable of the king who invites people to his son's wedding to share his joy but some people refuse his invitation. This story tells about God inviting us to share his joy in his Kingdom and how different people may refuse or accept with joy.

Yes, God is inviting each one of us to share his joy in his Kingdom through His Son Jesus. It doesn't matter our age or where we are coming from. What really matters is if we accept His invitation to follow Jesus with joy or if we refuse and choose to not follow His teachings about love and forgiveness as a way to live.

Let's imagine what it would look like if a king invited you to his son's wedding party? Don't you think that sounds special?

At the time Jesus was alive and even today I would say, being invited by a king for a party sounds super important! I have another question for you....If you were invited how would you react? Would you be happy? Surprised? Amazed?

Now friends, here's one more question for you... What if instead of a regular king it was God himself inviting you? This sounds even more important and amazing, doesn't it?

God's invitation to His Kingdom and follow His Son Jesus is a very important call. Unfortunately, some people decide to not accept His invitation to follow Jesus, or they do so carelessly. We all are invited by God to share his Kingdom and His Salvation through Jesus.



Do you have any ideas how you can happily accept His invitation today to live as He did – by showing kindness and love toward others?

If we all do that, it shows God we are accepting His invitation to share His Kingdom with great joy!!

So, as you can see, it is important for God how we behave with family and friends. It is very pleasing to God to see us being ready and willing to accept His invitation to follow His instructions. In this way God can share His Kingdom and His Salvation with us and that's what our Gospel reading for today (Matthew 22:1-14) will explain to us.

Okay everyone, let's get ready to listen and learn with our eyes, ears, and hearts wide open!

You will find the Parable in the PDF which accompanies this

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Gospel Reflection & Activity:

Hi again friends, good job on being attentive to today's readings! You and your parents have probably been invited to events, birthdays or dinners in the past. Right? And I believe we will all agree that when someone invites us, the polite and right thing to do is to respond and say whether or not we can come. Well things went a bit differently in this parable. How about a quick game of true or false to see what you remember?

True or False? At the beginning of the Story, the party was planned for the wedding of the King's son.

True: The King wanted to celebrate his son getting married with a great party.

True or False? The servats went out to call the invited guests and let them know that the party was ready to start, and all the guests came running

False: Each guest gave an excuse and did not come.

True or False? The King then sent his servants to go out and invite new people who came and filled the hall.

True: Since the first invited guests did not deserve to share the awesome wedding party, the King invited others to come and join him.

True or False? Everyone came richly dressed in beautiful gowns and suits ready to enjoy.

False: One man had not bothered to dress for the occasion. So he was thrown out of the party because he had not made any effort to be prepared.

This parable is really showing us that when accept Jesus' invitation to follow him and be part of the kingdom of God, we have to make certain efforts to make ourselves ready. This means we simply have to live and love like Jesus taught us, then when Jesus returns at the end of time we'll have a place and be ready to share in his party. That's why Jesus said, "Many people are invited, but few are chosen."

Wow, so let's all agree to do just that this week and always! We are all going to try to be more loving in our actions, by being kind, helpful and generous.



Praying together to Our Father

Let's now pray together a very special prayer that Jesus taught us, Our Father.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen!

Kids Korner >>>

Here is an invitation from Jesus to you and a reply for you to send to Jesus. Can you fill in your name and colour the invitation?

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Kids@Mass...

Great job everyone! We're so glad that you joined us today and we hope to see you soon. Be good, be healthy and be safe! God bless and take care!

For Moms & Dads >>>

- Is your child nearing Sacramental age – usually age 7 or 8? We will be registering children for 1st Communion and 1st Confession Preparation throughout the month of October. If you would like more information, or need a registration form, email us: <u>info@lourdes.to</u>
- Are you receiving our Parish Weekly update? Let us put you on our flocknote list and we will keep you up to date on on all the parish news: sign up through our website: lourdes.to

Here some great faith resources to consider for your family:

- For Families: Praying the Rosary Supplement: in the following pages you will find a good resources on praying the rosary together, which includes tips for parents and activiites for kids. The full guide is available download for at https://momforallseasons.com/ new-book-the-rosary-forchildren-a-guide-and-activitybook/
- For adults: Word on Fire This amazing virtual library of faith resouces is free through the parish – sign up today: <u>https://lourdes.to/wordonfire/</u>

askfather@lourdes.to

Did you ever have a question that you wanted to ask a priest? Father John would love to hear from you. Email him with you questions and thoughts any time. Questions that might be helpful to other families will be posted in upcoming issues along with Father's answers. Stay tuned!



Coming Soon >>>

Here's what's happening at Lourdes during the month of October:

- Monday, October 12: Thanksgiving (What are you most thankful for?)
- Sunday, October 18: Livestream of Kids@Mass (https://lourdes.to/kids/)
- Sunday, October 25: Issue #3 of the Family Pack with supplement on preparing for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls (November 1 and November 2)
- Sunday, November 1: Feast of All Saints: Livestream of Kids@Mass (https://lourdes.to/kids/)
- Sunday, November 8: Issue #4 of the Family Pack with supplement on preparing for Advent.

See you next week for our next Kids@Mass episode at https://lourdes.to/kids/

Praying the Rosary Supplement

Prayers

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He arose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,

Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

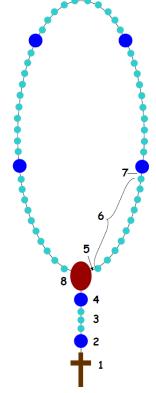
The Fatima Prayer

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy."

The Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



How to Say the Rosary

1— Say the Sign of the Cross

2— Say the Our Father 3—Say 3 Hail Marys for faith, hope and charity 4—Say the Glory Be, followed by the Fatima Prayer 5-Announce the first mystery. Say an Our Father 6—Say 10 Hail Marys 7—Say the Glory Be, followed by the Fatima Prayer

(Repeat 5-7 for each of the mysteries)

8—Say the Hail Holy Queen, followed by any other concluding prayers (like the Litany).

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

- Mondays and Saturdays
- 1— The Annunciation
- 2—The Visitation
- 3—The Birth of Jesus
- 4—The Presentation
- Sorrowful Mysteries
- Tuesdays and Fridays
- 1—The Agony in the Garden
 - 2—The Scourging at the Pillar
 - 3—The Crowning with Thorns
 - 4—The Carrying of the Cross
- 5-The Finding in the Temple 5-The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

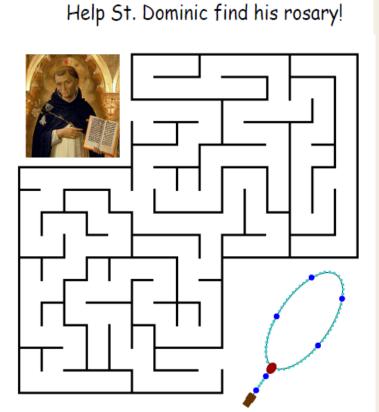
- Wednesdays and Sundays Thursdays
- 1—The Resurrection 2—The Ascension 3—The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 4—The Assumption
- 5—The Coronation

Luminous Mysteries

- 1—The Baptism of Jesus
- 2—The Wedding at Cana
- 3-The Proclamation of the
- Kingdom
- 4—The Transfiguration
- 5—The Last Supper

Praying the Rosary Supplement

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Rosary Word Search

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Word List

ANNUNCIATION	GLORIOUS
ASCENSION	INTERCESSION
ASSUMPTION	JOYFUL
BAPTISM	KINGDOM
BLESSED VIRGIN	LITANY
CRUCIFIXION	LUMINOUS
DECADE	MARY

MYSTERY PRAY RECITE ROSARY SORROWFUL ST DOMINIC VISITATION

If you and your children have enjoyed the activities in this small supplement on the Rosary, you should explore the full guide created by Ellen Mady! It's a great resource, full of information on the history of the rosary and the saints connected to it, along with activities and bible verses for each mystery of the rosary. We hightly recommendit? It is available for free download at:

<u>https://momforallseasons.com/new-book-the-rosary-for-children-a-guide-and-</u> <u>activity-book/</u>