

October 14-15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-20

Matthew 22:1-14

With six weeks remaining of the 2016-2017 Liturgical Year, this weekend's Scripture selections are sort of 'Good Cop-Bad Cop'. In our Isaiah Reading, we hear of God's promise to 'wipe away the tears from every face' and that 'the Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich foods for all peoples' and 'will destroy death forever.' That is the 'Good-Cop' stuff...the 'Bad-Cop' Gospel is the story of a wedding feast to which the invited guests did not come...engendering the anger of the host...so much so that he 'sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.' Woven within these readings are CONSOLATION...the 'GOOD' will triumph...God will not be deterred in what he is endeavoring to do...and WARNING, that the invitation from God to live as Jesus has instructed ought not be ignored for to do so causes our own downfall (societally and individually.) As shared last week, God allows (through our Free Will) the paths we have set in motion to run to their natural conclusion...either good or bad, in this way 'clearing the field' for fresh beginnings. It is within these fresh beginnings that our humility, kindness, compassion and tenderness toward each other will be more fully realized. With all of this in mind...where is OUR FREE WILL leading us? What fruits of our choices, good or bad, are starting to ripen and materialize? The conclusion of another year is drawing near...something that appeared so long and ripe for change and fresh starts back in Advent of 2016 is almost exhausted and over. Have we lived wisely and with alacrity to grow nearer and near to Jesus...or have we wasted another year...of which we each only have so many?

On our Savor the Night Weekend, thank you for joining with us in both the mild chaos of leftovers from Saturday night and having to relocate entirely for the Saturday Mass. For all who added their energy, smiles, laughter, time, patience and kindness to help our 2017 Savor be a wonderful occasion...THANK YOU!!!! Next weekend we will have a Special Collection for World Mission Sunday, a way of providing assistance for all the groups that periodically tap the Diocese of Orange for emergency help. Looking ahead, November 1&2, All Saints (November 1st) and All Souls Day (November 2nd) draw near and envelopes are available at the entrances/exits so that you may enroll your own beloved dead in the November All Souls Masses. As the Indian Summer rhythms of heat & chill continue, please know that you are loved. FKB