

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

415 NE 105TH STREET MIAMI SHORES, FL 33138 | PHONE: 305-758-0539

October 11, 2026



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

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St. Rose of Lima is a welcoming and diverse community that celebrates the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. Guided by the Holy Spirit and centered in the Eucharist, we strive to bring people closer to God and to one another in the spirit of faith, service and fellowship.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 8:15am

Español: Tuesday 7:00pm

Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:50pm

Sunday: 11:15am-11:45am

Or by appointment

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 8:15am

Vigil - 5:00pm

Sunday:

8:00am

10:00am

12:00pm- Español

5:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 8:45am
to 7:00pm

Concluding with
Benediction at 7:00pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday Evenings at 7:00pm

Welcome
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

www.stroseoflimamiamishores.org
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

Closed for lunch
12:30pm-1:30pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Parochial Vicar

Rev. George Packuvettithara
Rev. Luis Perez

Business Manager
Office Coordinator
Receptionist
Music Director
Sacristan

Mrs. Michele Pinder
Mrs. Judith De Sales
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Mrs. Jennifer Paccilli
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Sr. Lily Marie, SCTJM



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Principal

Dr. Stephen Brown

Asst. to the Principal/
Registrar
Receptionist /
Volunteer Coordinator

Mrs. Tina Frechette

Mrs. Carmen Matos-Raia

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please stop by the parish to register a date for baptism. Baptism classes are required to be taken by the parents and godparents which will be held in the school conference room each month.

First Sunday at 10:00 am- 12:00pm (English)

Second Sunday at 10:00 am - 12:00pm (Spanish)

Community Baptisms are celebrated each month.

Third Sunday at 1:30 pm (English)

Fourth Sunday at 1:30 pm (Spanish)

Private Baptisms are held on Saturdays.



Nuestras clases de Preparación Bautismal para padres y padrinos será de 10:00am a 12:00pm. El primer domingo del mes la clase será en inglés; el segundo domingo del mes la clase será en español. Registros en la oficina.



SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office regarding arrangements at least 9 months in advance of the planned date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

SUNDAYS: Grades K-8th - 11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Two years of classes are required to receive the Sacraments.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

October 3-4, 2026

\$ 15,346.22

Rectory Rebuild

\$2,929.94

Thank you to our faithful parishioners for your generosity through online giving, additional support, and mailed offertory envelopes.

We are truly blessed by your kindness and support.



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then click on the blue box at the upper right corner to donate.

Safe Environment
Ambiente Seguro

Statewide (DCF) Abuse Hotline 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) Archdiocesan Abuse Hotline 1-866-802-2873 Victim Assistance Coordinator Peter Routsis-Arroyo 1-866-802-2873	Linea de Abuso de la Florida (DCF) 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) Linea Directa de la Arquidiocesis de Abuso 1-866-802-2873 Coordinador de Asistencia a la Victima Peter Routsis-Arroyo 1-866-802-2873
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It has come to our attention that individuals may be receiving texts or emails impersonating our priests asking for gift cards or travel assistance.

Please note that Fr. George or the other priests will never email or text you to ask for help.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Contact us at the office at 305-758-0539.

WEEKLY PRAYER
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face.
(Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” (Mt 22:9)



**THE POPE'S
OCTOBER
INTENTION**

**For mental health
ministry**

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Stewardship begins with gratitude. God prepares an abundance for us and invites us to receive His gifts with grateful hearts and share those blessings generously with others.

***“On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide
for all peoples a feast of rich food
and choice wines.”
ISAIAH 25:6***

Everything we have comes from God's generosity. As faithful stewards, we are called to respond with gratitude by sharing our blessings, welcoming others, and helping create a community where everyone has a place at God's table.

La mayordomía comienza con la gratitud. Dios prepara abundancia para nosotros y nos invita a recibir sus dones con corazones agradecidos y a compartir esas bendiciones generosamente con los demás.

***“En aquel día, el Señor del universo preparará sobre este
monte un festín con platillos suculentos para todos los
pueblos; un banquete con vinos exquisitos y manjares
sustanciosos.”
ISAÍAS 25:6***

Todo lo que tenemos proviene de la generosidad de Dios. Como fieles mayordomos de sus dones, estamos llamados a responder con gratitud compartiendo nuestras bendiciones, acogiendo a los demás y ayudando a crear una comunidad donde todos tengan un lugar en la mesa del Señor.

MASS INTENTIONS



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:15 am Joshua Toledo +

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15 am St. Rose of Lima Parishioners

7:00 pm Margarita Ocampo +
Maria Auxitiadora

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:15 am Marilyn Charles +
Sebastien Alexander Pierre
Carmelle & Gaetan Liburd

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:15 am St. Rose of Lima Parishioners

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:15 am Paulo Madeira Benaduce +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:15 am Armando Fernandez +
Hugo Francisco Lopez +

5:00 pm Galen Day +
John F. Eichenberg +
Margaret D'Costa

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 am Helen Benjamin +
Priscilla Isaguirre +
Florence Momplaisir

10:00 am Joseph Charles +
Meehan Family
Archbishop Thomas Wenski

12:00 pm Catalino Capellan +
Miriam Garcia +
Delfino Martinez +

5:00 pm Lawrence de la Rosa +
Marie & Marcel Nestor +
Victor Valencia +

Would you like to pray for a loved one who has died? Would you like a special way to thank God for his blessings? Is there a living person for whom you would like to pray? You can do all this by having them remembered at a daily or Sunday Mass. Mass intentions may be scheduled at the parish office. Mass donation is \$10 per Mass.

WELCOME TO ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC PARISH IN MIAMI SHORES

We extend a warm welcome to parishioners, friends, and supporters of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church who have come to worship here. Through the intercession of St. Rose of Lima, may the Lord send down special blessings upon all of us as we turn to him today in faith and prayer.

Parish Membership is maintained by registration in the Parish, active participation in the Sunday Eucharistic Worship, living a positive Catholic moral life, stewardship, and support of the parish. Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters to each other in Christ.

Every family in the parish is encouraged to properly register and receive numbered offertory envelopes.



LIVE THE LITURGY

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Cuando Dios extiende una invitación, no siempre respondemos con prontitud. Entonces, ¿cuál es el retraso? Examinemos nuestras vidas para ver si hay algo que retrase nuestra confirmación. Esta es una fiesta que no podemos permitirnos perder.

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World Mission Sunday October 18, 2026

Every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday.

Your generosity supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. Your offering provides hope where despair to often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

Please be generous.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

October, 2026

What We Give — and What We Receive

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday, October 18 this year, marks the 100th anniversary of this worldwide day of prayer and giving to support the activities of the Church in "mission lands". Pope Leo XIV has chosen a theme that expresses beautifully what World Mission Sunday is about:

"One in Christ, united in mission." Our unity in Christ means that we belong to one another and we share in a common mission: to bring the gospel to all nations. World Mission Sunday allows us to express an affective solidarity with those working in mission lands to spread the gospel; and the collection taken up at all Masses throughout the world also allows us to express an effective solidarity with them by helping to provide them with resources to carry out their mission. The Pontifical Mission Societies manage and distribute what is collected on World Mission Sunday on behalf of the Pope.

"One in Christ, united in mission," we are asked to support those who work in "mission fields" far from our home parishes. Today, in more than 1,100 mission territories around the world, local Churches depend upon the prayers and generosity of Catholics elsewhere. Through the World Mission Sunday collection, we help form seminarians and religious, support catechists, sustain priests and dioceses, and provide the basic resources that allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in communities across the globe.

Pope Leo XIV, who knows missionary life personally from his more than 20 years of service in Peru, reminds us in his message for this year's World Mission Sunday that the Church is called to bring God's faithful love "to all people, especially those who are most in need."

For 100 years, World Mission Sunday has given Catholics a concrete way to answer that call together.

As a young priest, like Pope Leo, I too was a missionary priest — but a missionary priest in my own "backyard". After a brief time in Haiti, I devoted almost 20 years of my ministry in South Florida to Haitian Catholics as they struggled to build new lives in this country.

One of the great lessons of my priesthood was that mission is never one-way street. Like other missionaries, I learned that I received more than I gave from the people I served. The distinction between a Church that "gives" and a Church that "receives" is never as simple as it might appear.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

Octubre, 2026

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, que este año se celebra el 18 de octubre, marca el centenario de esta jornada mundial de oración y generosidad en apoyo a las actividades de la Iglesia en las "tierras de misión". El papa León XIV ha elegido un lema que expresa bellamente el significado del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones: **"Uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión"**. Nuestra unidad en Cristo significa que nos pertenecemos los unos a los otros y que compartimos una misión en común: llevar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones nos permite expresar una solidaridad efectiva con quienes trabajan en tierras de misión para difundir el Evangelio; y la colecta que se realiza en todas las Misas alrededor del mundo nos permite también expresar una solidaridad efectiva con ellos, ayudándolos a contar con los recursos necesarios para llevar a cabo su misión. Las Obras Misionales Pontificias administran y distribuyen, en nombre del Papa, lo recaudado durante el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones.

"Uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión", nos pide apoyar a quienes trabajan en "campos de misión" lejos de nuestras parroquias. Hoy, en más de 1,100 territorios de misión alrededor del mundo entero, las Iglesias locales dependen de las oraciones y la generosidad de los católicos de otros lugares. A través de la colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, nosotros ayudamos a formar seminaristas y religiosos, apoyamos a los catequistas, sostenemos a sacerdotes y diócesis, y proporcionamos los recursos básicos que permiten a la Iglesia proclamar el Evangelio en las comunidades de todo el mundo.

El papa León XIV, quien conoce personalmente la vida misionera por sus más de 20 años de servicio en Perú, nos recuerda en su mensaje para el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones de este año que la Iglesia está llamada a llevar el amor fiel de Dios "a todas las personas, especialmente a las más necesitadas".

Durante 100 años, el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones ha ofrecido a los católicos de una manera concreta el poder responder juntos a ese llamado.

Como joven sacerdote, al igual que el papa León, yo también fui sacerdote misionero, pero un sacerdote misionero en mi propio "patio". Después de un breve tiempo en Haití, dediqué casi 20 años de mi ministerio en el sur de la Florida a los católicos haitianos mientras luchaban por construir una nueva vida en este país.

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Here in the Archdiocese of Miami, we have given generously but we have received so much more. That we are members of a "universal" Church that embraces "all nations" is visible every day. Our local Church has been immeasurably enriched by Catholics who came here from Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela and countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. They brought with them their languages, devotions, traditions but, above all, their faith.

My encounters with their resilient faith, their deep trust in God's providence that remained strong even amid tremendous hardship helped me to appreciate what it means to belong to a truly universal church.

This centennial year is particularly meaningful for the Church in the United States. On September 24th, we celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who spent 16 years as National Director of The Pontifical Mission Societies, which oversees the World Mission Sunday collection on behalf of the Pope.

Archbishop Sheen worked tirelessly to enlarge the missionary imagination of American Catholics. He wanted us to understand that the Church extends far beyond the boundaries of our own parish or country, and that the needs of Catholics half a world away concern us precisely because they are members of the same Body of Christ.

That message should resonate deeply with us in South Florida. We know from our own families and parishes that borders do not divide the Body of Christ.

In the Church, there are no strangers. There are only brothers and sisters, called together to be one in Christ, united in mission.

On October 18, I ask you to pray for missionaries and for the communities they serve. And when the World Mission Sunday collection is taken up in your parish, please give generously according to your means.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

Una de las grandes lecciones de mi sacerdocio fue que la misión nunca es un camino de una sola dirección. Como otros misioneros, aprendí que recibí más de lo que di de las personas a quienes serví. La diferencia entre una Iglesia que "da" y una Iglesia que "recibe" nunca es tan sencilla como podría parecer.

Aquí, en la Arquidiócesis de Miami, siempre hemos dado generosamente, pero hemos recibido mucho más. Que somos miembros de una Iglesia "universal" que abraza a "todas las naciones" es algo visible cada día. Nuestra Iglesia local se ha enriquecido inmensamente gracias a los católicos que llegaron aquí desde Haití, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela y países de toda Hispanoamérica y el Caribe. Trajeron consigo sus idiomas, devociones y tradiciones, pero, sobretodo, su fe.

Mis encuentros con la fe resiliente de ellos y con su profunda confianza en la providencia de Dios, que permaneció firme incluso en medio de enormes dificultades, me ayudaron a comprender mejor lo que significa pertenecer a una Iglesia verdaderamente universal.

Este año del centenario tiene un significado especial para la Iglesia en Estados Unidos. El 24 de septiembre celebramos la beatificación del arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen, quien durante 16 años fue director nacional de las Obras Misionales Pontificias, que supervisan la colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones en nombre del Papa.

El arzobispo Sheen trabajó incansablemente para ampliar la visión misionera de los católicos estadounidenses. El quería que comprendiéramos que la Iglesia se extiende mucho más allá de los límites de nuestra propia parroquia o país, y que las necesidades de los católicos que se encuentran al otro lado del mundo nos conciernen precisamente porque son miembros del mismo Cuerpo de Cristo.

Ese mensaje debería resonar profundamente entre nosotros en el sur de la Florida. Sabemos, por nuestras propias familias y parroquias, que las fronteras no dividen el Cuerpo de Cristo.

En la Iglesia no hay extraños. Solo hay hermanos y hermanas, llamados juntos a ser uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión.

El 18 de octubre, les pido que recen por los misioneros y por las comunidades a las que sirven. Y cuando se realice la colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones en su parroquia, por favor, den generosamente de acuerdo con sus posibilidades.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Thomas Wenski
Arzobispo de Miami



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MULTI CULTURAL POTLUCK 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 6 PM - 9 PM

St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium

Please email: mpinder@srlschool.com

to sign up to host a table or for further information.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Visit our parish website at www.stroseoflimamiamishores.org and click on the ParishSoft Giving button at the top right hand corner or text "GIVE" to 305.745.7781 and go directly to the ParishSoft registration page.

You can setup the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet.

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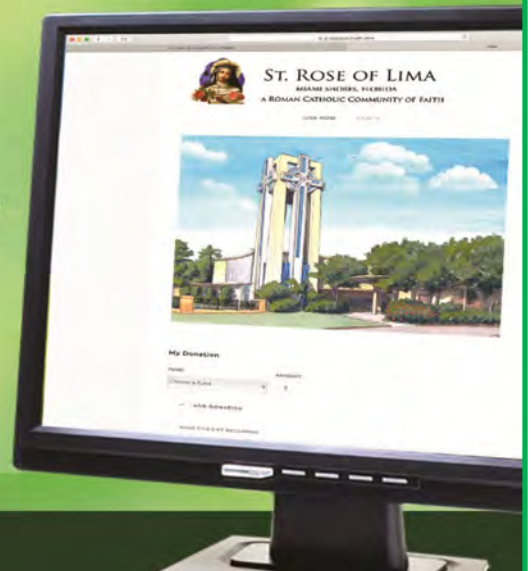
Visite nuestro sitio web www.stroseoflimamiamishores.org y en la esquina superior derecha, haga clic en el boton ParishSoft Giving o también puede enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra "GIVE" al 305.745.7781 para ir directo a la página de donaciones.

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SCAN TO DONATE



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St. Rose of Lima Council of Catholic Women

We invite the women of the Parish to come join us for our October meeting.

Saturday, October 17th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

School Cafeteria

For information email srlccw@gmail.com

JOIN OUR Book Club

LOVE READING? LOVE SHARING IDEAS?
COME CONNECT WITH FELLOW BOOK LOVERS!



OCTOBER 21 | 6:30 PM

SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

THE BOOK SELECTION FOR OCTOBER

WHISTLER
BY: ANN PATCHETT



All women of our parish family are invited to this
special event

Ladies Night Out

Mark your calendars for
Thursday, October 22nd

6:30 pm - school cafeteria

Join us for an evening filled with fellowship, laughter,
and inspiration.

It will be a beautiful time to connect, reflect, and lift one
another up in faith.

A lite supper will be served

BUNCO

Presented by St. Rose CCW

Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening?

Join us for a fun-filled Friday!

EAT - PLAY - LAUGH (a lot!)

All are welcome to join the fun for a game of luck, not skill.

6:00pm Doors Open/Food

6:30pm First Game Starts

OCTOBER 23, 2026

\$15.00 Per Person

includes games, food and drink!

FOOD ** 50/50 RAFFLE ** PRIZES

For More Information
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Looking to grow your faith and deepen
your understanding of God's Word?

COME BE A PART OF OUR BIBLE STUDY!



Brother Joseph Payne will be starting a
Bible Study here at St. Rose of Lima.
He will be covering the Catholic Epistles,
starting with the Letter of James, Peter 1 & 2,
John 1,2,3, and Jude.

OCTOBER 27 6:30PM-7:30PM
NOVEMBER 3 6:30PM-7:30PM
NOVEMBER 10 6:30PM-7:30PM

SCOUT HALL

Bring your Bible, your questions, and a heart ready to grow!



EMMAUS Women

Santa Rosa de Lima



Bake Sale

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 • 8 AM TO 2 PM



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Lunches



Desserts



Drinks



Thank you for your support!



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FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2026



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HEALTHIER KIDS STRONGER SCHOOL BRIGHTER TOMORROW

ALTAR SERVERS

Jesus calls you to serve!

Do you want to be an Altar Server?

If you have made your First Communion, you can serve.

Please complete an application form located at the church entrances and come participate in our Altar Server training.

JOIN US FOR A TRAINING MEETING

 **Saturday, October 17th**
11:00am

 **St. Rose of Lima Church**







GOSPEL MEDITATION - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!" In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, **"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5).** The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth. What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO - XXVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario— Mateo 22:1-14

Todos dependemos de los regalos que Dios nos da, y uno de ellos es el banquete que nos tiene preparado. Solo necesitamos el vestido de fiesta. Sin este, no somos dignos de entrar al banquete y disfrutar de su elegancia y distinción. ¿Dónde se encuentra ese vestido? ¿En qué tienda lo podemos comprar? Ese traje tan especial solo lo podemos encontrar en el Evangelio, diseñado con las enseñanzas de Jesús. Su corte y confección incluyen responsabilidad, justicia, bondad y paz; y, por supuesto, debemos llevarlo con alegría en los compromisos de cada día: en la familia, con los amigos y en la comunidad parroquial y del vecindario que nos rodea.

En su tiempo, Jesús fue rechazado por los sacerdotes, escribas y fariseos, pues ellos no admitían la nueva imagen del Dios misericordioso que les mostraba el Hijo de Dios. Invitar al banquete y vestir de fiesta es para todos. "La Iglesia está llamada a ir a las encrucijadas de hoy, es decir, a las periferias geográficas y existenciales de la humanidad: esos lugares marginales, esas situaciones en las que se encuentran y viven fragmentos de humanidad sin esperanza. Se trata de no apoltronarse en las formas cómodas y habituales de evangelización y testimonio de la caridad, y de abrir las puertas de nuestro corazón y de nuestras comunidades a todos, porque el Evangelio no está reservado a unos pocos elegidos... Todos son considerados por Dios dignos de su amor. Él prepara el banquete para todos" (Papa Francisco, 10-11-2020).



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