Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. *— Philippians 4:13*

R.S.V.P. *Most people can't invite the whole class to their child's birthday party, so choices have to be made. Some classmates will receive invitations while others won't. Most parents caution their children not to discuss the plans at school or around those not invited in order to avoid hurt feelings. Word gets out anyway. What do the uninvited do? Sometimes they sulk, sabotage, cry, or complain. Once in awhile they get creative and all the uninvited head to one of their backyards and have a great time of it themselves. Even when we're feeling left out, God always invites us. There's always a "backyard" to go to with God.*

Comment

The theme this Sunday revolves around banquets and celebrations. In Isaiah we learn that all people will be invited to the banquet—not just the chosen ones. The term banquet doesn't do justice to the celebration that is planned. When we think of the joy and merriment found at the best party we've ever been to, we still only have a glimpse of the day God has planned. It will be the end of all the hurt, suffering, and sadness we have known. The celebration is in honor of salvation, the victory over death.

Paul tells the Philippians that he knows suffering and want, but he especially knows the graciousness of their community. He assures them of their place at the banquet where their every need will be satisfied.

Matthew reports one of Jesus' parables about a banquet and continues the theme that we are all invited to God's eternal feast. The first group to be invited, however, is apathetic and shrugs off the invitation. Provoked by their indifference, God will invite a second group—anyone who wants to come!

Reflection

But if you come, you must follow the rules, including the dress code. In the parable, one person from the second group came to the feast not wearing the traditional wedding garment. He remained silent when questioned, but he could have made any excuse: he didn't have much notice; he came, after all, when the original ones didn't; how important is it, really?

We accepted God's invitation to be part of the family celebration. Perhaps our parents accepted it for us at our baptism, but we have sacramentally or prayerfully confirmed that acceptance. In the garments of our baptism we have R.S.V.P.'d to the conditions of the banquet and want to be a part of this victorious celebration.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Doestoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing.

Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God's love.

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Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of October to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include**:
Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

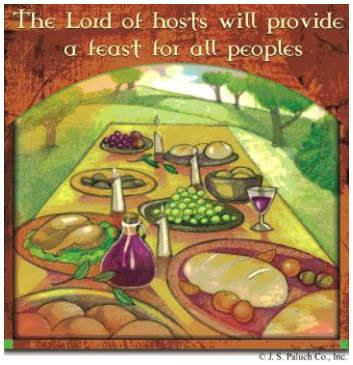
You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de octubre para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.



Saturday, October 10th -
5:00PM-IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Sunday, October 11th –
8:00AM – IHM +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Christopher Cardoza; +Rodrigo DeLoera
11:00AM - +Martina Herrera; +Grace Melendez; +Manuel y Petra Aguilar; en acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de David Diaz

Tuesday, October 13th 9:00 AM-HF
+Noe Saenz

Wednesday, October 14th 6:00PM - IHM
Communion Service

Thursday, October 15th
No Mass

Friday, October 16th 9:00 AM-HF
In thanksgiving for Nancy Montealvo's birthday

Saturday, October 17th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Daniel Grimaldo; +Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe Morales; In thanksgiving for Jerika Madrigal's birthday

Sunday, October 18th –
8:00AM – IHM Por Grupo Misionero; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Francisco Medellin, Odilia Arredondo, Claudia Aguayo, Nicolas y Celia Rubio; Gabriela y Fidencio Carlos
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

COLLECTION DATA October 3/4, 2026

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3737.00
LOOSE PLATE……1590.22
CCD……940.35
TOTAL COLLECTION……$6267.57

"Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

October 17 – Parish Council October 24 - Cursillo

•**JAMAICA 2026** was a huge success! Report on the back page.

October Month of the Rosary

WELCOME & THANK YOU BISHOP SIS
for coming to celebrate the Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly confirmed students! May the Lord continue to bless them.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are: donated by "Parents of the Confirmation Class." **Thank you! ¡Gracias!**

FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS - for parents of First Communion students 2nd and upper grades -- this Sunday, October 11th, and next Sunday, October 18th at 9:35am @IHM Hall. Attendance is **MANDATORY.**
Sr. Tita

ADVANCED STUDY OF THE FAITH – led by Fr. Josh, on Saturday, October 17th, at 10:00am at Holy Family Hall.

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027
Sunday classes - Pre-K to 6th Grade; 9:30-10:40am
Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA – Classes have started. If you are needing Sacraments or would like to learn more about the faith, you may still sign up to attend. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

WEDNESDAY – Communion Service on Wednesday followed by Adoration until 8:0pm at IHM.

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

ULTREYA MEETINGS
Sunday, October 11th - 6:00pm (***English)***
Monday, October 12th - 7:00pm ***(Spanish)***
at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit
http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12 Lk 10:1-9
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

ACTION

What I began by reading I must finish by acting.
—Henry David Thoreau

JAMAICA INCOME AND EXPENSES

	2026	2025	2024
Jamaica Income:			
Raffle Ticket Sales Collected	$ 53,080.00	$ 43,130.00	$ 43,240.00
(Raffle tickets sold 5308; 4313; 4324)			
Food & Games Tickets Sold	16,210.00	16,959.97	15,496.13
Silent Auction Funds Collected	2,410.00	750.00	2,160.00
Store Sales	450.00	-	-
Sponsor Donations - for prizes	16,100.00	12,600.00	6,850.00
Sponsor Donations - for expenses	4,700.00	4,270.00	7,597.00
Less Credit Card Fees	(265.69)	-	-
Total Jamaica Income	$ 92,684.31	$ 77,709.97	$ 75,343.13
Jamaica Expenses:			
Raffle Ticket Prizes	$ 14,536.13	$ 14,536.95	$ 7,755.76
Entertainment	6,000.00	6,400.00	4,300.00
Security	300.00	200.00	-
Games	1,838.52	1,736.79	1,630.83
Supplies and Advertising	875.02	709.93	785.59
Food Supplies	2,034.27	2,680.27	1,601.58
Total Jamaica Expenses	$ 25,583.94	$ 26,263.94	$ 16,073.76
Net Jamaica Profit	$ 67,100.37	$ 51,446.03	$ 59,269.37