28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come."

Why? What made the king's invitation so distasteful to these guests? According to the parable, either the guests were too busy with their farms and their businesses, or else they were downright hostile to the entire idea: they "laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." What could possibly explain this resistance?

Perhaps we have a clue in the puzzling conclusion of today's Gospel. One of the second-string guests pulled in from the streets came to the feast "not dressed in a wedding garment." The man knew he was guilty, hence his silence. And the king's punishment suggests that the fellow ought to have known better.

This "wedding garment" calls to mind the preparation of our souls necessary to join in the great "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rv 19:9), that is, heaven. This man was apparently just too lazy to get ready. He presumed that having received an invitation to the banquet was enough, that nothing was required of him. Not so. He should have demonstrated his gratitude by dressing appropriately. And what of the first-string guests? Some were too busy to bother coming; others were furious that they had been invited at all. Now, where do we fit in? Are we more concerned with worldly work than with spiritual growth? Are we offended by the very suggestion that we might need to "dress up" our souls? Or are we the disinterested Christian, willing to feast but too lazy to foster his faith? Jesus gave his life to open the gates of heaven for us. Let's show our gratitude by preparing radiant, beautiful souls worthy of the heavenly wedding feast.

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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PARISH INFORMATION

Our Priests
Pastor: Rev. David R. Raymond
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Nehru Stephen Savayaria ‘Fr. Steve’
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Agustin Sebasthiyan ‘Fr. Agustin’
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Carl Joseph Gallagher

Parish of the Precious Blood Business Office Hours
Caribou Office: Presque Isle Office:
31 Thomas Ave. 6 Roberts St.
P.O. Box 625 Presque Isle, ME 04769
Caribou, ME 04736 768-3671 or 764-8644
498-2536 or 498-2537 Hours: Mon.-Thurs.
8 AM — 3 PM
8 AM - 3:30 PM. Fri. 9-12
Closed 12-1 PM for Lunch.
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Sacramental and Pastoral Care
Sacrament of Baptism
Please call the Parish Office to register by the first Friday of the month.

Sacrament of Marriage
Please call the Parish Office six months to one year in advance of the desired date of your wedding.

Sacrament of Penance
Reconciliation is available 45 mins before Mass or by appointment.

Pastoral Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
Please call the Parish Office with the name, address and telephone number of the person who is in need.

Faith Formation Classes Grades Pre K—5
Sundays ~
9:30 AM St. Denis Church Hall Fort Fairfield.
9:00 AM St. Louis Church Hall Limestone.
10:00 AM Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou.
10:00 AM St. Mary’s Faith Formation Center Presque Isle

PPB Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry
October Schedule for Jr. High and H.S Youth Ministry
Oct. 15th Jr High & HS 6pm - 7:30pm
Oct. 22nd Jr High & HS 6pm - 7:30pm
Oct. 29th No class – Journey Retreat

Parish of the Precious Blood Church Meetings
Oct. 10 PPB Buildings & Grounds
6:00 PM St. Mary’s, P.I.
Chairperson ~ Rodney Bourgoine
Tel. 455-4785
Oct. 12 PPB Cemetery Commission
5:30 PM Holy Rosary Parish Center.
Chairperson ~ Mike Tardif
Tel. 492-2614
Oct. 12 PPB Worship Commission
6:00 PM St. Mary’s, P.I.
Chairperson ~ Lynn Pelli
Tel. 551-7072
Oct. 17 H.O.P.E. Social Action
4:00 PM Holy Rosary Parish Center.
Chairperson ~ Dot Cyr
Tel. 493-7709

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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Sunday, Oct 22
Saturday, Oct 21
Friday, Oct 20:
Thursday, Oct 19:
Wednesday, Oct 18:
Monday, Oct 16:
Sunday, Oct 15
Saturday, Oct 14

11:00 AM
St. Mark ** Pamela O’Clair by John & Christine Ordway
9:00 AM
St. Mary ** Rev. Gerard Roux by Joseph A.R. Cote
10:30 AM St. Mark ** To Honor Jesus by Joseph & Connie Cote
11:00 AM St. Denis ** Winifred ‘Winnie’ Gorman by Chip & Janet Beckwith
11:00 AM St. Louis ** Gene & Connie McLaughlin by Patrick & Jean Marie St. Peter

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Deceased Parents of John Shaw by Norma Shaw
9:00 AM Our Lady ** Robert Boutot (rfs) by Terry & Cozy Hannan
9:00 AM St. Mary ** Robert Cote by Terry & Cozy Hannan
9:00 AM St. Mark ** Alfred ‘June’ Cote by Richard & Nancy Shaw

Wednesday, Oct 18:
8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Marie A. Staples by Hilda Michaud
8:30 AM St. Mary ** Hilda Bosse by Family & Friends

Thursday, Oct 19:
8:30 AM St. Denis ** Adrienne Bernard (rfs) by Lance & Janelle Ziegler
6:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Health of Corinna Caldwell by John & Alverna Plourde

Friday, Oct 20:
8:30 AM St. Mary ** Walter, Floyd & Robert St. Peter by Jackie
10:30 AM Caribou Nursing Home ** Doris Chamberlain by Nora & Malcolm Taam

Saturday, Oct 21: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1012
4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Claude, Steve & Bill Stairs by Jeanneett & Family
4:00 PM St. Mary ** Sadie Allen by Her Loving Family
4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Ann Marie Sinclair by Ralph & Gwen Ferguson, Kim, Carol & Connie
5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Alphonse Boutet by Robert & Betty
6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Edna Watson by Doreen McCarthy
6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Pauline Kilcollins by Eleanor Grow

Sunday, Oct 22: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1012
9:00 AM HOLY ROSARY ** For the People
9:00 AM Our Lady ** Earleen Clark by Husband Marvin
9:00 AM St. Mary ** Fr. Claude Albert by Arleane & Family
10:30 AM St. Mark ** Pamela O’Clair by John & Christine Ordway
11:00 AM St. Denis ** Willard & Estelle Bouchard by Roger & Marcella
11:00 AM St. Louis ** Godparents Lazare & Lucy Beaulieu by Norman Johndro
2:00 PM HOLY ROSARY ** Confirmation & First Communion with Bishop Deeley

In Loving Memory of
DALE CORBIN & MICHAEL POISSON
by Sharon Corbin & Family

In Loving Memory of
CECILE BERUBE
by Loving Husband Fred & Family

In Loving Memory of
ALICE & LEMUEL McGILLAN
by Their Son Fred

In Loving Memory of
FRED J.R. McGILLAN
by His Dad Fred

In Loving Memory of
KENNETH G. MURCHISON, SR.
by the Murchison Family

In Loving Memory of
CONRAD CARON
by His Wife & Children

In Loving Memory of
RAINALD SERVAIS, SR.
by His Wife Sandra

In Loving Memory of
BARRY & PEARLE SOUCY
by Nancy, Whitney & Brandon

In Loving Memory of
GILBERT GERUERETTE
by his loving Wife & Family

In Loving Memory of
JEROME WEBSTER
15TH ANNIV.
by His Family

In Loving Memory of
NORMAN WATSON
by Wife & Children

In Loving Memory of
LINDA PAGE
by Husband Norman & Family

In Loving Memory of
HERBERT & IRENE RAMO
by Son John T. Flannery

In Loving Memory of
CLIFF MARTIN
by His Wife, Children & Their Families

In Loving Memory of
LIONEL BLANCHETTE & RAYMOND BLANCHETTE
by Doris & Children

In Loving Memory of
MARK D. LeBLANC
by Mom, Dad & Family

In Loving Memory of
LAWRENCE, HILDA & PATRICIA BOSE
by Jim & Nancy Chandler

In Loving Memory of
JEFFREY FISHER, SR. & JORDAN McEWEN
by Gene & Sharon Ellis

Prayer & Devotions

HOLY ROSARY
Thursday
7 PM Burning Bush Prayer Group
7 PM ACTS—Women No Oct. ACTS

Friday 9:00–10:00 AM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, No Benediction.

1st Friday: Mass and Adoration Nov.3
1st Saturday: 3 PM
First Saturday Devotions & Rosary
Sunday: Taizé

ST. MARY’S
Tuesday:
1 PM Prayer Group – Church basement
2:30 PM Rosary Team

Wednesday: 9 AM Rosary making
Friday: 9 AM Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.
Saturday: 2:30 PM First Saturday Devotions & Rosary

ST. DENIS
Every other Tues. 2-4 PM Rosary
Making at the K. of C. Hall.

Wednesday: 10 AM St. Denis Rectory, Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.
Thursday: 9 AM Faith Sharing
Friday: 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday: 1 PM Adoration
Sunday: 10:15 AM Rosary

ST. MARK’S
Monday: 8:00 AM Rosary when there is an 8:30 Mass.
Friday: 8:30 AM Rosary.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
Sunday: 8:15 AM Rosary before Mass
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Rosary

SACRED HEART
Wed: 10 AM Rosary
**FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**SAVE THE DATE** Sunday, November 5 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Holy Rosary Church for ‘An Afternoon With Adam’. Adam Ouellette is a young man from Frenchville who has a great passion for music of all genres. Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon of uplifting, spiritual music. Proceeds will support our Faith Formation Program. Tickets are $10 each or $30 for a family of 3 or more (In advance). Tickets at the door are $12 each or $35 for a family of 3 or more. Tickets are available at the Rectory offices in Caribou and Presque Isle and from Site Coordinators and Catechists.

**The HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ~ After the Concert**

H.O.P.E. Social Action will host it’s first “Coffee House” after the concert in the Parish Center serving different blends of Fair Trade Coffee and various pastries to raise funds for the poor. Come savor the taste and enjoy the fellowship!

**“Making Disciples of All Children”**

We are all here on Earth to spread God’s Good News. How are we to do this? The Parish of the Precious Blood Youth Ministry is currently raising money in order to send teens to events such as EPIC, LEAD, Steubenville Conferences, and World Youth Day where they can encounter Christ in a personal way, spend time with other Catholic teens, and to come back to our Parish with new knowledge of their faith and an ability to spread the Good News with their communities. You have the opportunity to invest in and nurture their spiritual journey. Help us to invest in the “whole child” by making a donation. See donation amounts and payment form in your pew or by contacting the Parish Office at 498-2536. Thank you!

**WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY**

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith. The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out three times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of five decades with some additional prayers. The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles’ Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop. The Lord’s Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner. Then three Hail Mary’s are prayed on the next three beams (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity), followed by a Glory Be. Another Lord’s Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Marys, and concludes with a Glory Be, prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord’s Prayer. The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous). There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the word of God.

**CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE**

**St. Louis Annual Harvest Supper** hosted by the Ladies of St. Anne will be held Sun., Oct. 15th from 4-6 PM in the Church Hall.

**Knights of Columbus, Council #1870**

Caribou will be holding a fundraiser. Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner at Holy Rosary Church on Saturday, October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 with all proceeds to benefit the Parish Fuel Fund. Our meal will consist of spaghetti, roll, salad, beverage and dessert for $7.00 a plate.

There will be a **Women’s ACTS** retreat October 12-15, 2017 and a **Men’s ACTS** retreat November 16-19, 2017. Consider spending a faith-filled weekend experiencing the love of Jesus Christ. For an application or more information contact the Christian Life Center at 543-6193 or Pam Scheppele at 540-6494.

**That Man Is You** is an interactive men’s program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture. That Man Is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For more information or to register please contact: Jon Langley at 551-7833 or the Holy Rosary Parish Office at 498-2586.

**Maine Catholic Men’s Conference~ Oct. 28th**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
307 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

**Featured speakers to include:** Former NCAA Div I Coach Bishop Robert Deeley, Dr. Bill Martel, Father Steven Cartwright. Saturday, October 28th, 2017, Doors Open: 7:30 AM Conference Begins 8:30 AM and concludes with

**Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat ~ November 3—5, 2017**

Come to a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in southern Maine for those hurting after abortion. Pre-registration is needed. Registration deadline is Friday, October 27. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org for general information. To discuss attending, contact Annette Rioux at 207-774-2420 (confidential voicemail – call will be returned by evening); or e-mail her at projectrachel@portlanddiocese.org

**PARISH CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Please remove all flowers and decorations from all Parish Cemeteries by Oct. 15th. After this date items will be disposed of by the Cemetery Staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

~ Parish Cemetery Commission

**DIRECTORY OF GROUP MEETINGS:** Page 5 in our bulletin is a Directory of Group Meetings. PLEASE check to be sure your information is correct and submit your meeting dates for the coming year. Thank you and God bless!
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<td>St. Mark, Ashland</td>
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Parish Financial Stewardship

Everyday Stewardship

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the Washington Post who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

Financial Blessings

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
The Maine State Council Knights of Columbus is hosting the Holy Family Icon at all parishes of the Diocese of Portland. The Parish of the Precious Blood will be conducting Prayer Services at select churches between 25 September and 21 October.

The Prayer Service is approximately 45 minutes in length. Please come and participate.

Holy Rosary: Tuesday 17 Oct 2017 (Includes St. Catherine, St. Teresa & Sacred Heart)

St. Denis: Thursday 19 Oct 2017 (Includes St. Louis)

St. Mary: Friday 20 Oct 2017 (Includes St. Joseph, St. Mark and Our Lady of the Lake)

All prayer services begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact Bob Foley at 492-2032. Thank you for your interest in this very special event.