

From The Pastor's Desk



Brothers and sisters, some thoughts from today's scriptures:

Today's scriptures speak to us about a king who prepared a wedding banquet. We hear at the last verse of today's Gospel: "*Many are invited, but few are chosen.*" After reading over this passage, I consulted the *Catholic Study Bible*, and I decided to look at the context of the passage to understand that last line. In the few verses before, we hear about the king inviting the guests but finding that many do not come. In fact in verse 8 we hear: "*The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come.*" And then in the few verses just before verse 14, we hear that there will be "*wailing and grinding of teeth.*" In looking at the footnote in this Bible we read that the Christian who lacks the wedding garment of good deeds will suffer the same fate as those Jews who have rejected Jesus. Understanding this context helps us to make more sense of this passage. Perhaps that is what God is asking us to look at this week: What is your "wedding garment" of good deeds? There are many different deeds which can make up our one individual garment. There is so much good to be done. Let's do it!

Saint Agnes Medal

I am happy to announce that Al Jung, a parish volunteer who has been one of Catherine's and Deacon Bob's right hand in the food pantry is being awarded the Saint Agnes medal representing Saint Rosalie's parish by Bishop John Barres. Al has been such a joy in welcoming those in need of food and other services, assisting Catherine on the front lines, welcoming strangers as Christ to our parish and our community. There is no task too complicated that Al cannot do. Al does many things under the radar such as picking up bread from Panera Bread and other tasks helping to provide sustenance to those who truly need it. Al identified a woman who came initially for food but he realized something more was going on. She actually needed much more help and because of Al's sensitivity and compassion, we were able to get the appropriate resources to help. Please congratulate Al when you see him for a job well done!

The Power of Prayer

We continue to pray for all victims and survivors of the horrific senseless tragedy in Las Vegas. One thing we can do is pray. Prayer is a way of deepening our relationship with our God who loves us all in a way we cannot ever fathom. As people of hope we pray that good will overcome evil. As Catholic Christians we know there is evil in our world but ultimately good will overcome it. Jesus Christ was victorious over sin and death. We know that after Good Friday, there was the Resurrection.

Disaster Relief

Again thanks for your continued help for our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean and throughout our country suffering from natural disasters. Thank you for all you do!

God Bless you all – The wonderful People of God of St Rosalie's,

Father Ed