



## Yes or No?

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**C**onfronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not

go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God. ●

### Reflect

***When has going where you'd rather not go enriched your life?***

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

MATTHEW 22:2







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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, October 15th - 5th thru 8th grade  
Sunday, October 22nd - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class

We are still looking for **volunteers** to be either a **teacher or helper**.  
If interested please call Michelle Bickett 815-751-2656 or email  
holytrinitycherry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 16, 2023**

Monday	10/16	6:00 pm	HT	† Traveling Monstrance
Tuesday	10/17	9:00 am	STM	† Cecelia McCormick
Wednesday	10/18	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass - Assembly Days
Thursday	10/19	9:00 am	HT	† Wayne Pinter
Friday	10/20	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 21-22, 2023**

Saturday	10/21	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† John Balma
Sunday	10/22	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For The Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Skeffington Cassidy Family
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† No Mass

# The Real Presence of Jesus Christ In The Eucharist - A Proven Fact

The greatest treasure in the Catholic Church is, without question, the Holy Eucharist - in which Jesus Christ humbly assumes the appearance of bread. Whether retained in simple chapels or grand basilicas, the Eucharist remains a sign of the Heavenly Father's unwillingness to be physically separated from His children.

His children, on the other hand, have not always appreciated this presence and, as painful as it is to consider, many have abused the gift by receiving it unworthily, by doubting the Real Presence of God in the sacred Host, or by treating the Sacrament with indifference. For these reasons the Savior has seen fit at times to prove His presence by performing Eucharistic miracles of various kinds.

The Catholic Church teaches a dogma called "transubstantiation," this means that while the appearances of bread and wine remain, the substance is changed (through the power of God) completely to the body and blood of Christ. It is a teaching based on scripture and tradition and has remained unchanged in its essence since Apostolic times.

However, the Church has recognized that on occasion, **God intervenes in a more visible way and can change even the appearances of the bread and wine into his body and blood.** Or God may miraculously preserve a consecrated host for an extended amount of time, past what is natural for bread.

Even though the Church does not base her teaching on these miracles, but on Christ's word, when God chooses to do such miracles there is usually a flowering of belief in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ. After many careful scientific studies on these miracles, the following facts have been attested by both the Catholic Church and the scientific world: it had been determined that the analyzed substance was real flesh and blood containing human DNA; that the flesh is heart tissue which contains arterioles, veins, and nerve fibers. The blood type (in unison with all other approved Eucharistic miracles) was discovered to be type AB.

*(All the above is a compilation of a Eucharistic book by Joan Carroll Cruz; Aleteia.org)*



## October 2023 Mass Count

It's that time of the year for the annual Mass counts to be taken on October 21st -22nd.

## Growing Disciples Parish Meetings

We will hold parish meetings on Wednesday, October 18th - 6:30pm at HT and Thursday, October 19th - 6:30pm at SP.

## World Mission Sunday Collection

World Mission Sunday is the weekend of October 21st-22nd and we will be taking up a second collection for it. Please take an envelope from the back of the church for this collection.

## HT & SP Cemetery Cleanup

Fall cemetery cleanup has started. Please remove any summer decorations that you would like to keep. Thank you.

## Visiting Priest

Fr. Thaddeus will be on vacation the weekend of October 21st -22nd.

Fr. Adrian Ichaka, a priest from Tanzania, Africa, will celebrate the weekend Masses as a Missionary on behalf of his home diocese in Tanzania. Please give Fr. Adrian a warm welcome and make him feel at home.

## A Reminder For Eucharistic Ministers

All Eucharistic Ministers are kindly reminded that, when they distribute Communion, they have the option of wearing a glove or not. If they choose not to wear a glove, then they are required to purify their fingers by dipping them into the cup of water and dry them with the purificator provided on the small table. **Please do not use hand sanitizer.**

## LATEST OFFERING'S

### OCT 8TH WEEKEND

HT - \$1,240.00  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS \$5  
SP - \$ 363.00  
STM - \$ 843.01



## CONFESSIONS

NO CONFESSIONS ON  
SAT. OCT 21ST



# Dear Padre,

***My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?***

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 16 Weekday Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32	October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41	October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9	October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54	October 20 Weekday Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7	October 21 Weekday Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12	October 22 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!"....He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners.***

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