

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: ""Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Reading 2: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things 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. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, ""The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

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READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off

and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,

"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man

and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,

for you do not regard a person's status.

Tell us, then, what is your opinion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

and to God what belongs to God."

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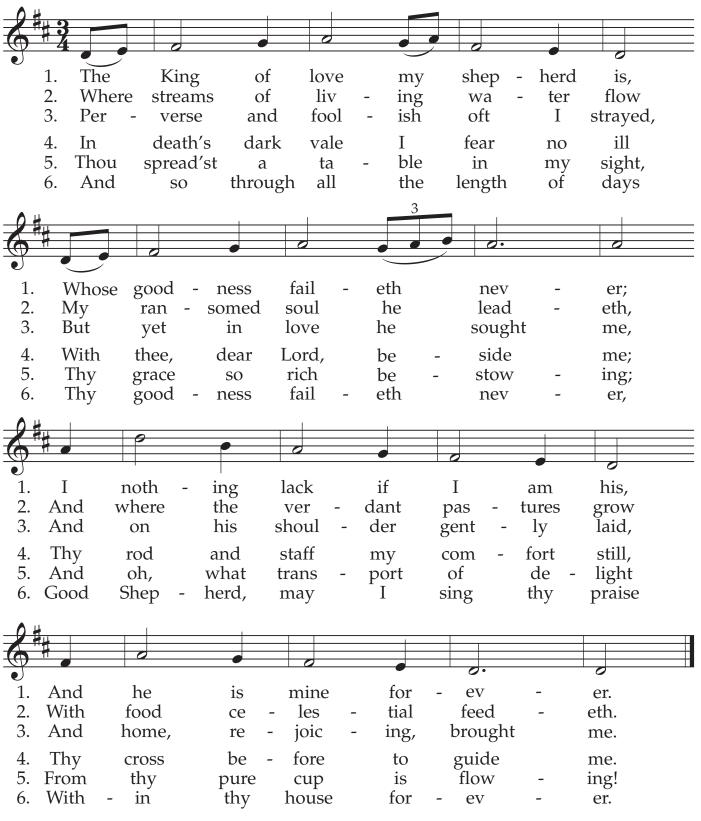


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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing 10,000 reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise un-ending 10,000 years and then forever more

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Jesus I Come

Oh how I need Your grace More than my words can say Jesus I come, Jesus I come

In all my weaknesses You are my confidence Jesus I come, Jesus I come

> I will rise stand redeemed Heaven open over me To Your name eternally Endless glory I will bring

Oh what amazing love We need Your cleansing flood Jesus I come, Jesus I come

In every broken place You are my righteousness Jesus I come, Jesus I come

> Thank You Jesus Just as I am I come Hallelujah Oh what amazing love

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Great are You, Lord

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken Great are You Lord (Repeat verse)

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise,
pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(Repeat bridge)

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As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." While they did warn us not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty," they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers' and sisters' most basic right—to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone's life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life,

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whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are "carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family—the family which by its nature is called to be the 'sanctuary of life.'"² This is the place where a person should be *most* loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. The most recent available data indicates over 2,000 children per



day die from abortion in the United States. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over 61 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.

The tragedy of abortion is also distinct in that it is currently legal to directly and intentionally take the life of an innocent human being. Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. Our highest Court does not recognize

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children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to



ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.

Archbishop Naumann is Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

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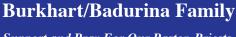


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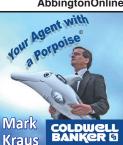
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2nd & 4th Sundays // 6pm-8pm · Begins Tonight!

Middle School Youth Group will kick off with pizza, games, prizes, prayer and more!

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SUN	10/11	THURS	10/15
6:00pm	High School Youth (Parish Center)	All Day	Community Day at TAT Ristorante
6:00pm	Middle School Youth Group (Gym)	6:30am	Men's Breakfast
		7:00pm	ADORE Night
TUES	10/13		
6:30pm	Confession	SAT	10/17
		10:00am	Confirmation (School)
WEDS	10/14	12:30pm	Confirmation (PSR)
7:00pm	Eyewitness Bible Study		

