

Our Second Invitation

“I’m counting on you,” said a man to his best friend. The man had used his own good name and reputation to get a job for his friend who had been out of work. But, on the day the man was supposed to start his new job, he was late. After several days of arriving late, the man got fired from the job he had only one week: the job that his best friend had vouched for.

There are few things more disappointing than when our friends let us down. We see this in today’s Gospel reading. A certain king invited his friends to a banquet, but when all was ready his friends declined to attend. More than being disappointed, the king was downright angry! His friends, who had accepted the initial invitation to attend, now made excuses when the banquet was

about to begin. In the culture in which Jesus lived declining an invitation after first accepting it was among the gravest of insults.

Our Lord extends a similar invitation to us. He says to each of us personally, “Follow Me.” At our Baptism, our godparents accepted this invitation in our behalf. Throughout our life however, we have many opportunities to personally accept this invitation again and again. Each time we face a critical decision, each time we have a choice of good over evil, each occasion of trial or temptation, is an opportunity to accept or decline Christ’s invitation to follow Him. Unlike the guests in today’s Gospel reading, let us be among those who make right choices, not excuses.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1-14)

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Sunday – August 25, 2024

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday August 25 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Mary Ann Kuchmy from Lorraine) (For the Parish)
Wednesday August 28 9:00 a.m.	(+Mark from Family)
Thursday August 29 9:00 a.m.	Beheading of John the Baptist (+Bishop Michael Kuchmiak CSSR from a Friend)
Friday August 30 9:00 a.m.	(+Ed Wisniak from A.M. Gogniat)
Sunday September 1 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Ecclesiastical New Year (+John Fedack from Family) (For the Parish)

God Bless Ukraine as it commemorates its

33rd Independence Day

August 24, 1991

God Save Ukraine

under attack for 2.5 Years

February 24, 2022 – August 24, 2024

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Fr. George Worschak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.