ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, October 11, 2026– Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mission Statement

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Anderson, SC was founded in 1943 by the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province in New York. The intention then and now is to be a welcoming family of faith where all are invited to encounter Jesus Christ, find a spiritual home, and grow together in love. Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to worship God faithfully, grow as disciples, strengthen our families, serve those in need, and share the joy and love of the Gospel with all.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of October 2026

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am (English) 12:30 pm (Español)
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 4:00 pm (English)
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00 am (English)
Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 pm (Español)
Saturday: 4:00 pm (English) 7:00 pm (Español)
Confessions: 1/2 hour before each Mass.
Holy Adoration: Thursdays after morning Mass until 10 am, Fridays 6-7 pm

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Food Pantry

Drop off any non-perishable food items in the church or parish hall bin. The following are food supplies we need to restock:

- Boxes of Stuffing
- Boxes of Scalloped Potatoes
- 1 Lb. Canned Hams

THANK YOU

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Parish Chorus Practice
Thursdays at 6:00 pm
HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com
Heather Brown

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Prayer Warriors:

We are a group of parishioners who pray for you, your family, and / or friends.

To join our faith filled ministry or to request prayer, please contact Judy Hanson at 434-944-2636

Prayer Intentions for this week:

Sharral Jensen
Renee Hvizdos
The Bateman Family
Susie McClure
Kenneth Manuel
Joe Inglima
L. C. Davis
Pennye Rose
Steve Hughes
Susan Wiker
Babies Beckett and Francesca
Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, and Mark
Kris LeCompte
Linda Firnero
Renee Reid
Randy Kolb
Lynette Casey
Lori Prine
Roy Mack
Larry Binninger
Agapita Pena Martinez

We pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Mann. May she rest in eternal peace, through the mercy of God. Amen

Weekly Collections
October 3-4, 2026
Operating: $ 8, 197
Buildings and Grounds: $ 1,192

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Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through time and support of charitable organizations
Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

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Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

Serves the growing Hispanic/Latino population by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate pastoral care, fostering their engagement and leadership in the Church, and welcoming them into the broader Catholic community. Meetings are once a month on a Thursday. Meeting dates will be announced.

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Women's Council

3rd Monday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

St. Mary of the Angels Women's Council call all Catholic women to come together to lead and serve with a united voice in matters affecting the Catholic welfare, communication, and spiritual growth. We encourage personal talents and support new membership for the benefit of all.

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Men's Club

1st Wednesday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

The Men's Club was organized as a fellowship for the men in the parish. All men in the church are welcome.

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Safe Environment:

Safe Environment/Virtus Program: St. Mary of the Angels Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." **All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir) and all parish office, Food Pantry and religious education volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete VIRTUS online training. The parish must receive clearance notification from the Diocese of Charleston prior to a volunteer beginning service.**

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Patricia Binninger, (703-403-5573), or pbinninger@charlestondiocese.org

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: Jeniffer Medina, (843) 225-8136

Diocesan Victim Assistance: Mary Nicole Cook (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122 or mcook@charlestondiocese.org

For confidential email: VAC@charlestondiocese.org

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II:II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading

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.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find."
(Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for Our Common Home

God, bless and protect this beautiful earth You have created, the place we call home.
Grow Your compassion in us, as we share our lives in this world, together.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/ Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday
Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday
Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday
Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday
Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday
Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday
Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21



Observances for the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Wednesday
St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday
St. Hedwig, Religious;
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus shares the Parable of the Wedding Feast, which tells of God's abundant generosity in opening salvation to all those who will accept it.

The King of Rejected Meals

"She was the Queen of Rejected Meals."

That's what I want it to say on my tombstone. Etched in marble, deeply, so the wind and rain of a thousand years can never erase it.

Humor, you see, masks my despair. I'm sure many of you know the feeling of sweating over a hot stove for an hour to create a dish that a small, picky eater will push away, lips curled with disgust.

We've all made a feast no one wanted to come to.

It strikes me that "King of Rejected Meals" is an epithet which could likewise be scrawled on the empty tomb. Don't mistake me — I'm not comparing myself to Christ! (And I'm definitely not comparing my sub-par beef-and-zucchini casserole to the Eucharist, the food of life.)

I'm just saying that a lot of evenings, when I'm clearing plates from the table, I wonder why I even bother. I wonder why I don't just give in and let the kids eat potato chips and KitKats for every meal like they want.

Why don't I? Well, mom guilt, for starters. But it's more than that, really. It's the certainty I have, underneath the resentment, that my efforts aren't in vain, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Hope springs eternal, you see. How can we Christians help but be optimistic? We have been welcomed to a feast laid for others. We find our salvation in the ultimate rejected meal, in recognizing what true nourishment looks and feels and tastes like, even — especially! — when the rest of the world does not.

Maybe one day my kids will eat grilled chicken willingly. Who knows? Miracles happen every day.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine your father invited 200 children and adults to your birthday party. He sent a limousine to pick them up, but they would not come. They tore up the car and beat up the driver. So your father sent a bus to the nearest children's home and homeless shelter. The bus took everyone to the party. Each person had a great time. How we act on earth gets us ready to go to God's party in heaven.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me to be ready for the big party in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will say, "Here I am, Lord. How may I help you?"



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VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

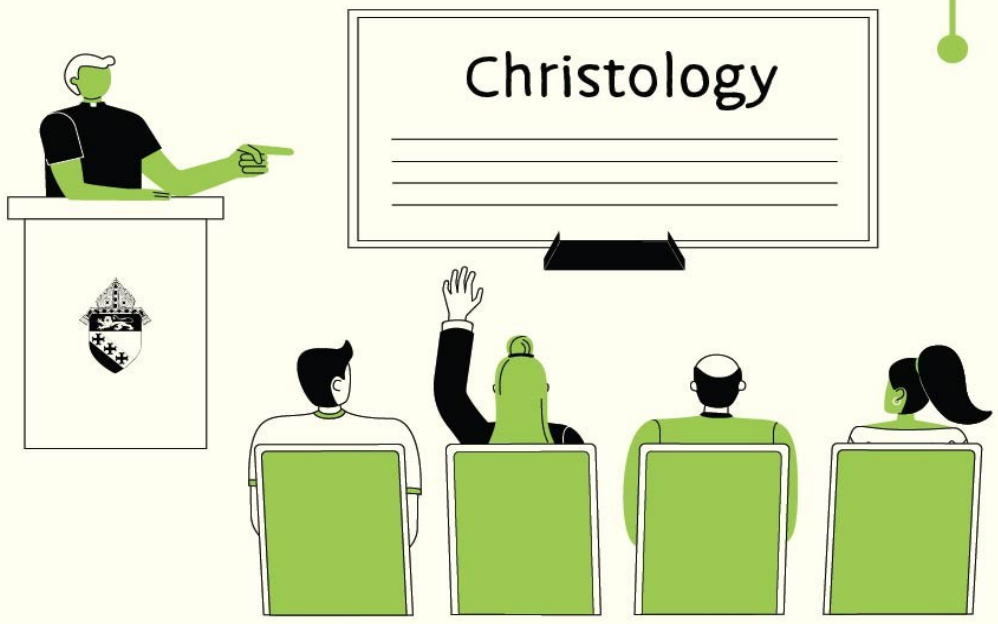
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Catechesis

Grow deeper in the knowledge of our Church's teachings.

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A Five Year Plan for the Diocese

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH
YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

OCTOBER 2026

SCRIPTURE
Read 2 Timothy 1:6-14

REFLECT:
1. In this passage, Paul reminds Timothy of the gift and calling that he been given in his ministry. In what ways has God called you to serve Him and what grace has accompanied that calling?
2. How do we live in the same kind of boldness that Paul is encouraging Timothy to have?
3. At the end of this passage, Timothy is asked to guard that which has been entrusted to him. How does this help us understand how we are to consider what has been entrusted to the Church in the "Deposit of Faith", that is, Scripture and Tradition?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Learning the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (pg. 30)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a fruit of the Second Vatican Council and a gift given to the Church by St. John Paul II. It is an important resource and reference for the faithful, especially when it comes to clarifying the Church's teachings on contemporary or controversial issues. The Catechism is a roadmap that can form our minds and consciences with the doctrinal, sacramental, moral and spiritual teachings of the Church.

We are so fortunate to have easy access to the central teachings of our faith and to have them all in one simple volume!

I encourage all believers to read and become familiar with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We need to ensure that our reading of the *Catechism* is done in the light of the sacred Scriptures and in the living Tradition of the Church. With both the Bible and the *Catechism*, we can know sacred doctrine, discern the will of God and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and give us his guidance.

REFLECT:
1. In this selection, the Bishop discusses the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. What has been your experience with the Catechism in the past and in the present?
2. What are some concrete ways to work study of the *Catechism* into everyday life?
3. Why is it important to be familiar with and understand both Scripture and Tradition? How has this nourished your own spiritual life?

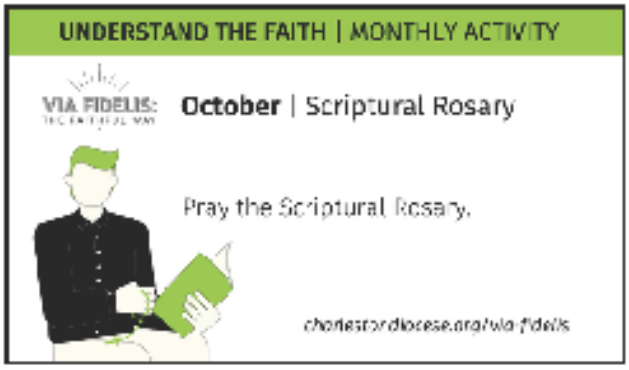


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VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

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THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1812-1829; 1840-1844

- The theological virtues come from God and are "infused" into humans as a gift of sactifying grace
- The theological virtues are directed towards God; they give one the capacity to live in relationship to the Trinity, making the meriting of eternal life possible
- The theological virtues are the pledge of the Holy Spirit's presence and action in human faculties
- The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, and, therefore, the theological virtues are the foundation of Christian morality
- Faith is the theological virtue which disposes one to believe God and all he has revealed as well as all that the Church presents to us to be believed
- Faith is rooted in the fact the God is Truth itself
- In faith, one commits the whole self to God
- In faith, one strives to know and do God's will
- Hope is the theological virtue that disposes one towards the desire for heaven and eternal life with God
- Hope is the trust in the promises of Christ rather than trust in one's own strength
- Christian hope fulfills the hopes of God's people in the promises of the Old Testament
- The Christian hopes for "final endurance" and the Church prays, in hope, for the salvation of all humanity
- Charity is the theological virtue that disposes one to love God above all things and one's neighbor as oneself for the sake of this love of God
- Charity is the new commandment given by Jesus (Jn 13:34)
- Charity animates and inspires the practice of all the virtues
- Charity perfects our human ability to love by supernatural divine love



Feasts & Solemnities

OCTOBER 1: *ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*
St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most beloved saints because of her simple, yet profound spirituality. At 15, when Thérèse expressed the desire to enter the convent like her older sisters, she was told to come back when she was 21. The priest-director told her that only the bishop could make an exception. To his surprise, she actually made her petition to the bishop, who granted her request.

OCTOBER 3: *THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS*
This celebration of the Guardian Angels commemorates that God entrusts each and every one of us to the care of one of his angels. It reminds us of the depth of God's love, not only for humanity in general, but for each of us individually. This individualized care is reflected in Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel preceding the parable of the lost sheep: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (18:10).

OCTOBER 4: *ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI*
St. Francis' feast day is technically classified as a "memorial" and is not observed liturgically this year because it falls on a Sunday. Yet, this year marks the 800th anniversary of his death (Oct. 3, 1226). In response, Pope Leo XIV has asked us all to focus on imitating St. Francis' example of holiness and peace, proclaiming a special jubilee year to commemorate the occasion.

OCTOBER 7: *OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY*
This feast day was originally called "Our Lady of Victory" by St. Pius V, as it commemorated the victory of a Catholic coalition over the Ottoman Turks at the naval battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. Because this victory was attributed to the intercession of Mary through praying the rosary, in 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to "Our Lady of the Rosary."

OCTOBER 15: *ST. TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*
St. Teresa of Avila (Santa Teresa de Jesús) is beloved as a spiritual writer and reformer of the Carmelites. Her mystical writings give clear glimpses into the intimacy with which God loves, and to the beauty of being united to him. In 1970, St. Teresa and St. Catherine of Siena were together named the first female "doctors of the Church" for making significant contributions to the Christian life and the understanding of the faith.

OCTOBER 19: *STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS*
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and their companions, were the first matyrs in the Americas to be recognized officially by the Church. These Jesuit missionaries served in Quebec and ministered to the Huron people. They were martyred over a period of a few years by the Iroquois, who were frequently at war with the Huron. The missionaries' enthusiasm for the Gospel and love for those they served in the Huron people are an example of Christ's love for his Church.

OCTOBER 28: *STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES*
These two apostles whom we commemorate share an interesting commonality: they both have the same name as other apostles. To distinguish him from Simon (who Christ renamed St. Peter), St. Simon is sometimes referred to as the "zealot" in Scripture, which points to a possible prior connection with a first century Jewish movement for independence from the Romans. St. Jude's name is often shortened to Jude in English to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot. St. Jude is called Thaddeus in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, while Luke calls him Jude (Judas). John refers to him once as "Judas, not the Iscariot" (Jn 14:22).

STATEWIDE


96 parishes


20 missions


32 schools


30 seminarians


109 diocesan priests


16 campus ministries


85 youth ministry programs


246 permanent deacons


8 Catholic Charities of SC locations

GIFT PLANS TO CONSIDER

(Based on 10-month pledge)

Daily Sacrifice	Monthly Sacrifice	Total Gift
$32.68	$1,000	$10,000
$16.34	$500	$5,000
$8.17	$250	$2,500
$3.00	$150	$1,500
$2.50	$75	$750
$1.67	$50	$500
83¢	$25	$250

NOTE: A 10% down payment is encouraged but not required.

His Garden Society

His Garden Society offers a special way to join the Bishop as he leads the flock. Members of His Garden Society take a leadership role in supporting the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina with an annual gift of $1,500 or more, or with a recurring monthly gift.

HIS GARDEN SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS

St. Francis Circle	Any monthly recurring gifts
Camellia Circle	$1,500 - $4,499
Magnolia Circle	$5,000 - $9,999
Azalea Circle	$10,000+

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

- A ONE-TIME GIFT
- A PLEDGE that is payable over 10 months
- An AUTOMATICALLY RECURRING GIFT that continues until you elect otherwise *(must be fulfilled electronically).*

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FATHER/SON RETREAT

OCTOBER 16-17

FEATURING THE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES PROGRAM



Comenzando el Sabado 17 de Octubre:

Estaremos ofreciendo la Santa Misa en Español los sabados a las 7:00 pm.

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS

FALL FESTIVAL

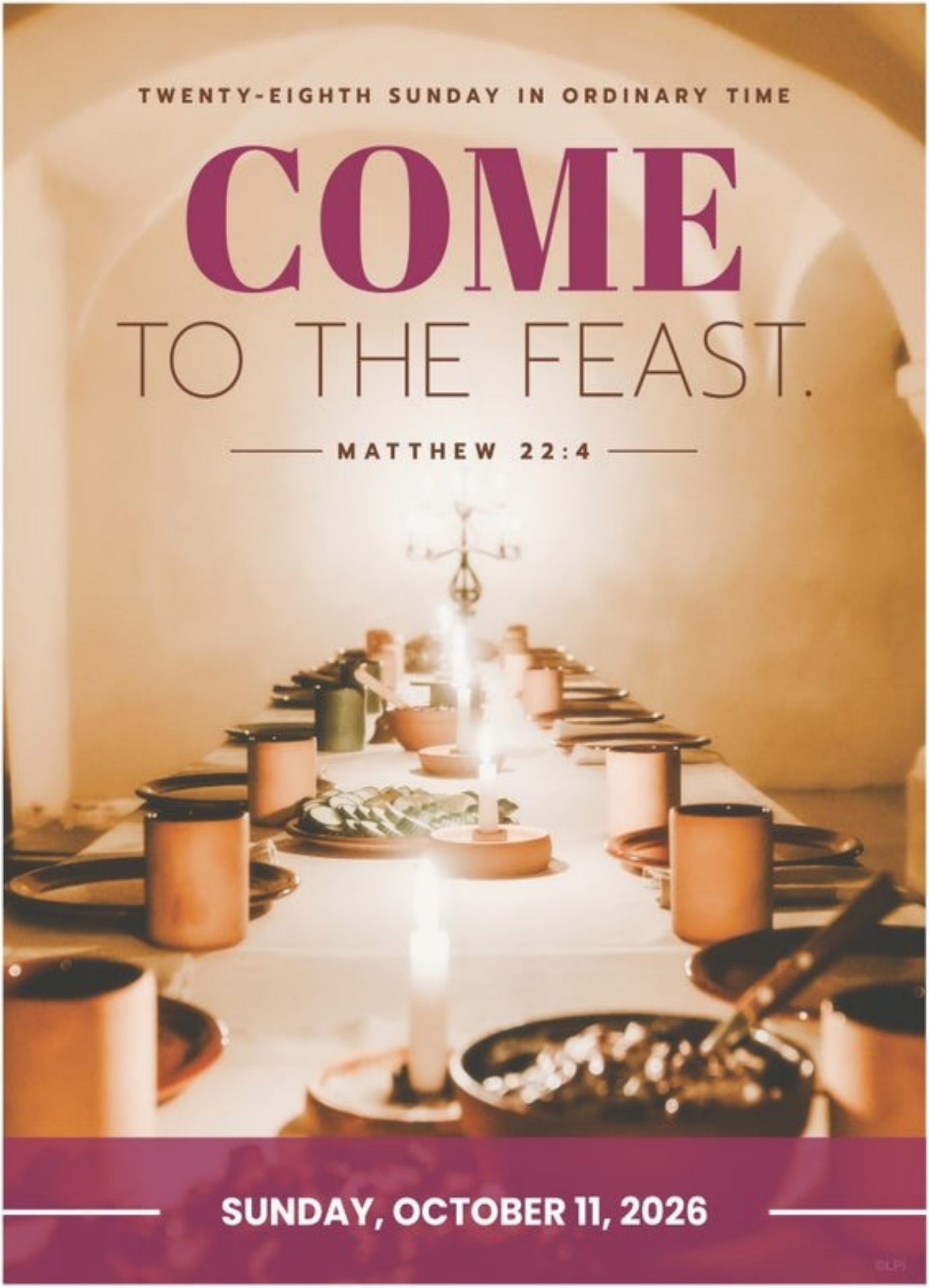
Falling leaves, rising faith filled spirits,
it's Fall Festival time

POTLUCK
MUSIC, GAMES, AND PRIZES FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
11:00 AM -2:00 PM
PARISH PROMISE LAND
(LOWER LEVEL PARKING LOT)

PLEASE R.S.V.P USING QR CODE OR SIGN UP SHEET IN THE PARISH NARTHEX




TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
COME
TO THE FEAST.
MATTHEW 22:4
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026