

# *People Progress*

## **Sunday Community**

**15 Oct 2023**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Elizabeth Whelan**

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Welcome, Fr Ron!

**Reflection:** prepared by Bill and Lindsay

Last summer, our daughter was married and had a big wedding celebration in the BC forest wilderness. Everyone contributed to the preparations. Nobody was cast out for wearing the wrong clothes, and the party was a true celebration of love, family and community.

In today's readings, by comparing heaven to a wedding banquet, Jesus is reminding us that the afterlife with God is a place of joy and celebration. It is a vision that should give us hope in difficult times. Despite the hardships of our daily lives, let us choose to clothe ourselves in gratitude instead of fear, knowing that God is preparing a place for us at the table. (C. Savoie, *Living with Christ*)

"We need to remember the good news of Jesus, sending a message out to the highways and the byways, inviting everybody who's willing to come to the banquet.

Do we want to be a part of the wedding feast to which all are invited? The only people who don't get in on the party are those who don't want to come—so I guess we have to ask ourselves, Do we want to come? How do we prepare?" (Richard Rohr, 2017)

Part of preparation for our salvation is taking care of the earth, as Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudatum Deum*. "Praise God for all his creatures and assume responsibility before the cry of the earth"

The following Thanksgiving address was used by the six nations of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) to open and close major gatherings or meetings. The prayer was also sometimes used individually at the beginning or end of the day.

"We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as people. Now our minds are one. We are all thankful to our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life."

We pray for peace, understanding and reconciliation in the many places in our world today and for all people experiencing the loss, pain and fear brought by war and unrest.

## Readings:

Today: Isaiah 25.6-10 Psalm 23 Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22. 1-14

Oct 22: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6 Psalm 96 I Thessalonians 1.1-5 Matthew 22.15-21

## The Liturgy schedule:

Date	Planner(s)	Priest
Oct 15	Lindsay & Bill Watson	Fr. Ron MacDonell
Oct 22	Sharon McCarthy	Fr Jack Costello
Oct 29	John & Mary MacMillan	Fr. Ron MacDonell
Nov 5	Rita Shaughnessy	Fr Jack Costello
Nov 12	Maryanne S-J & Roberto J	Fr Jack Costello
Nov 19	Pat Smiley	Fr. Prakash Lohale

This schedule, as always, is flexible. Planners, feel free to switch if you cannot do a liturgy on the scheduled date. Just be sure to tell the People Progress Reporter, so that we all know. Also, please notify PP early in the week (by the Tuesday before) if you cannot do a reflection.

## People Progress Schedule

Oct: Elizabeth Whelan [erwhelan@icloud.com](mailto:erwhelan@icloud.com)

Nov: John MacMillan

Dec: Maryanne S-J and Roberto J

Jan: Mary Lou Jorgensen-Bacher

Please send your submissions to the People Progress Reporter by Thursday evening. People Progress welcomes new reporters. Thanks, Elizabeth.

## *Announcements:*

• **From Brian Halferty:** (Updated) September 10th began our annual year of Sunday Community liturgies, which will continue right through to the end of June 2024.

**NOTE** that we are scheduling ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH as a Hybrid Liturgy, to be celebrated in-person at the school, Msgr Fraser Annex, but with a Zoom connection for those who are farther away or unable to attend in person.

- **Egg cartons:** Please continue to save your empty egg cartons for Elizabeth Stocking. She welcomes cartons and flats. You can deliver them to Elizabeth Whelan's house, and Elizabeth Stocking will pick them up. She thanks everyone who has contributed them.

### **October Birthdays. Happy Birthday to**

1 John Corrado	7 Marjie Calla
2 Matthew Dunbar	18 Molly Sutkaitis
2 Ann Murphy	18 Roswita Zgraja
2 Barbara Podgorski	19 Tedd Dillon
5 Kate Jackson	19 Dwyer Sullivan
5 Sylvia Skrepichuk	23 Adam Branston

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Re-printed weekly for reference:

### **Duties of liturgy planners for virtual masses:**

Early in the week before the liturgy:

- Call or email the priest to confirm Sunday's liturgy (contact info provided).
- Prepare or find a Reflection and send it to the People Progress reporter by Thursday. Please notify the People Progress reporter early in the week if you cannot do a Reflection.
- Select readers for the 1st and 2nd readings. Check with Sylvia Skrepichuk re: psalm

On the Sunday of the virtual mass:

- Greet the group (Ask newcomers to introduce themselves)
- Give a brief introduction to the liturgy.
- Read your passage or be prepared to do a reading (if a volunteer is unable to log-in)
- Thank everyone who 'attended' and those who helped (at Announcements)