

In preparation for October 11, 2026:
Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Theme - You are invited, will you say yes?

Verse for reflection: "The servants went out into the street and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:1-14 (Verses 10, 14)



Adults -

1. God gives us an open invitation to join the heavenly banquet and to partake in the Eucharistic feast. What does it mean to you that God personally invites you to His feast rather than simply commanding you to come?
2. God describes his kingdom as a wedding feast because it celebrates two people brought into a deep, loving union. God wants the same type of relationship with us. How do you view your relationship with God? Are you recognizing God's continuous invitations throughout your life? How so? What are some ways he calls you into relationship with him?
3. The king repeatedly sends servants to invite more guests. What does this tell you about God's persistence and patience with us? What about God's invitation to all people? Who in your life now needs inviting?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Being too busy; putting other priorities before God; feeling unworthy.

Teens -

1. Why do you think Jesus compares God's Kingdom to a wedding feast where guests are invited? Some guests turn down the invitation because they are busy with everyday responsibilities. What good things in your life can become distractions from God? How can you recognize when your priorities need to change?
2. The king invites everyone the servants find, both bad and good. What does this reveal about God's mercy? How does it challenge the way we decide who belongs at church or in our friend groups? If your actions were your RSVP to God, what would they say right now?
3. The wedding garment reminds us that accepting God's invitation involves a changed life. What is the difference between identifying as a Christian and allowing Jesus to shape your choices?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: When we put off our relationship with God until "later" instead of allowing Him to shape our priorities, choices, and who we are becoming today.

Children -

1. Have you ever had a birthday party and one of your friends said they were too busy to come? How did that make you feel? Have you declined a birthday party of a friend because you had other plans? What seemed more important?
2. God is always inviting us to come to him. How do you respond to his invitation?
3. Does your family ever skip Mass on Sunday because you have other things to do? What kinds of activities keep you away from attending church? Do you think it makes God sad when you don't make time for him?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: : Not having God as your top priority. Getting caught up in things of the world.

