

October 11th 2026 28th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year A Matthew 22:1-14

²²⁻¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off - one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”.

➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.	➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week’s gospel we have the image of a king who gave a feast for his sons wedding; in other words a special kind of feast, one which celebrates the establishment of harmony. We are reminded of times within communities or in the world and in ourselves that we are invited to put an end to separateness and a beginning to oneness. We are invited also to be alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond. Have there been times in our lives when we changed for good because we responded to a special invitation to a 'banquet' where we felt accepted and loved?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for Pope Leo who is the voice of Jesus inviting us to unity of minds and hearts, not getting settled in our old ways but being open to the Invitation of the Holy Spirit in bringing the Good News of Jesus to all.

Forgive us Lord when we take your blessings for granted. We go around unconcerned and insensitive to the needs of others instead of being humble and thankful for all you do for us.

Help us Lord as your followers to be your servants bringing the Good News to our fellow men and women even though at times some will not be interested. Others will just be at the crossroads waiting for the call to your wedding feast.