

August 28th 2022 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time– Year C – Luke 14:1,7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.
⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)
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In this Sunday’s gospel we see Jesus going for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees where they watched Him closely. This gospel is not merely a teaching on the last judgement but what can happen when God touches us.

Who are the people in our lives who have shown us our weaknesses? At the time we may not have been pleased but today we can, as we meditate on this passage thank God because we have grown spiritually since.

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who have taught us to be humble and not always feel we deserve the place of honour.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we judge people because they live or act different to us, instead of trying to see or understand the reason they act as they do.

Help us Lord to realise that as St. Francis said “What I am before God is what I am, nothing more or nothing less.”