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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 142

Read: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Gospel Summary

Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Invite someone you know who has been away from the Church for a while, maybe a family member, a neighbor, co-worker or classmate to come to Mass with you this weekend (or sometime soon). Help them remember the joy of receiving Eucharist at the Lord's table by reaching out to them in love free from judgment.

Discussion Starters

1. I remember a time I received an invitation and did not go. Later I learned something about the event and regretted my decision because...
2. Once I was really hurt when someone refused my invitation...
3. I know that sometimes I am like the first people invited to the wedding celebration. I makes excuses to God when I...