

EXPLORE

WEEKLY



STORY ABOUT A WEDDING FEAST

Jesus used stories to tell other things to the people. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. The king invited some people to the feast. When the feast was ready, the king sent his servants to tell the people to come. But they refused to come to the feast.

"Then the king sent other servants. He said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited that my feast is ready. I have killed my best bulls and calves for the dinner. Everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'

"But the people refused to listen to the servants. They went to do other things. One went to work in his field, and another went to his business. Some of the other people grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them. The king was very angry. He sent his army to kill the people who had killed his servants. And the army burned their city.

"After that, the king said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready. I invited those people, but they were not worthy to come. So go to the street corners and invite everyone you see. Tell them to come to my feast.' So the servants went into the streets. They gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"Then the king came in to see all the guests. He saw a man there who was not dressed in the right clothes for a wedding. The king said, 'Friend, how were you allowed to come in here? You are not wearing the right clothes for a wedding.' But the man said nothing. So the king told some servants, 'Tie this man's hands and feet. Throw him out into the darkness. In that place, people will cry and grind their teeth with pain.'

"Yes, many are invited. But only a few are chosen."

based on Matthew 22:1-14

LET US PRAY

Loving Father, knowing that you are always listening, in the silence of our hearts and minds, we come to you with our own unspoken prayers... *(spend some time talking with God)*. Amen

PONDER...

What three things could you do this week to help someone else?



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REFLECTION

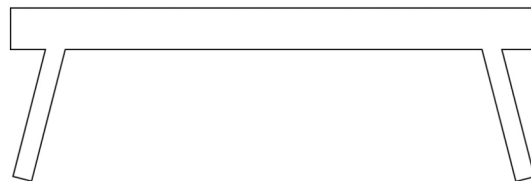
In today's parable, Jesus offers us a vision of the Church: 'So the servants went into the streets. They gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.' - think about it this way; the wedding hall is the Church and the guests are us, the followers of Jesus.

The Church is supposed to be a community of people who are imperfect, weak, anxious, doubtful, troubled - Such people gather together to support each other, to grow together spiritually, either to find a way out of their troubled lives or to find a way forward. It's like helping each other to make the essential spiritual outfit in readiness for dressing appropriately for the occasion when the time finally comes to enter heaven. Can we do this as a community? Yes, we can! The first step in the right direction is hard; you must challenge your attitude as a good Christian. Think about and reflect on your own weaknesses and shortcomings and then try to become less judgmental, more sympathetic and more understanding of others.

Will you take up that challenge? The final line in today's gospel is this: 'Yes, many are invited. But only a few are chosen.'

A BANQUET FOR JESUS

Imagine that you are asked to organise a banquet for Jesus. What food and drinks would you have? What games would you play? What would your decorations look like? In the space below draw your banquet:



SOLVE ME!

Like the King, God
invited
18 2 18 10 21 4 13 18
to his Kingdom.

Solve the sums to find the code and discover who is invited.

$$e \ 10 + 8 =$$

$$y \ 14 + 7 =$$

$$n \ 6 + 7 =$$

$$v \ 5 - 3 =$$

$$r \ 20 - 10 =$$

$$o \ 8 - 4 =$$

TRUE OR FALSE

Decide which statements are true and which are false. For any that are false, can you make them true?

1. When the servants went out the first time, everyone came to the wedding?
2. The second time, most people when to work, the others came to the wedding?
3. The people were angry and killed the King?
4. The King told the servants to go to the street corners and invite everyone they see?
5. Only the bad people came?
6. One guest wasn't wearing the right clothes so the King threw him out?

FAMILY TIME - BEAD ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary. Try to make this bead rosary as a fun activity, then pray a decade as a family.

You will need:

Pipe Cleaners
Pony Beads
Scissors

1. Cut a pipe cleaner in half. String 10 beads onto the pipe cleaner - 10 Hail Mary's.
2. Right after the first and last bead, twist the two ends of the pipe cleaner together making a circle of beads with a long tail.
3. With the two tails together, string on one more bead as the Our Father.
4. Cut off one of the two tails and twist it around the other tail piece to form a cross.

Use the picture to help.



FUN FACT

Have you ever wonder what the dishes on the altar are called?

The plate is called a **paten** and is used to hold the Body of Christ (bread).

The goblet is called a **chalice** and is used to hold the Blood of Christ (wine).