

Sunday, October 11, 2020
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p>First Reading- Isaiah 25:6-10a</p> <p>The Lord will provide richly for his people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What image or picture does this passage create in your mind?</i> - <i>Which of these promises means the most to you?</i> - <i>What are the “webs” over all nations today that God should destroy?</i> - <i>How do you envision heaven?</i> - <i>What will make it heavenly?</i> <p>The readings show God bestowing gifts on us without measure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Do you “measure” when you give?</i> 	<p>Responsorial Psalm-Psalm 23:1-6</p> <p>The Lord is our shepherd.</p> <p>In today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today’s psalm, the Lord’s goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How has the Lord been good to you?</i> - <i>How have you been good to others?</i>
<p>Second Reading- Philippians 4:12-14,19-20</p> <p>Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs. Paul speaks about living with abundance and with very little.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What has been your experience in life?</i> - <i>Have you had an experience of both abundance and very little?</i> - <i>When difficulties arise in daily life do you remember Paul’s words, “I can do all things in him who strengthens me”?</i> 	<p>Gospel Reading- Matthew 22:1-14</p> <p>Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast as a symbol for God’s salvation. Jesus’ listeners would have been familiar. The image of a banquet is one of the most common images used in the Bible to describe the Kingdom of God or heaven. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>To what has God invited you?</i> - <i>How well are you responding to God’s invitation?</i> - <i>What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation?</i> - <i>What would be the evidence of our conversion to God’s salvation?</i> - <i>Do you believe everyone is invited to have a place in God’s Kingdom?</i> - <i>What do you think constitutes a refusal or ‘no’ to Jesus’ invitation?</i> <p>Everyday Jesus invites us to follow Him and to participate in the outpouring of God’s everlasting love. We only have to say yes to the invitation and show up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How can you show up and let God know you are saying yes to Jesus’ call to life in the Spirit?</i>