

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BANQUET
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HUMBLER
 INABILITY
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 LEADING
 LUNCH
 NEIGHBORS
 OBSERVING
 PARABLE
 PHARISEES
 PLACE

PLACES
 POSITION
 RESURRECTION
 SABBATH
 WEDDING

Catechizing Corner!

Today's gospel is a hypothetical wedding feast to which the lawyers and the Pharisees were invited. Jesus had observed their behavior at a Sabbath meal and told his parable to address such behavior. The parable presents two situations. In the first hypothetical situation the invited guest presumes to take an elevated place at the table. As a result of his presumption he is humiliated and loses face. He is sent to the lowest place at the table. The risk in choosing a place of honor lies in the possibility that a higher ranking dignitary might come along and bump the lower ranking person out of his or her exalted place to the lowest place at the table. In this highly shame-based culture, the situation presented would cause untold misery for the guest. He would want to avoid such an embarrassment at all cost.

The second situation is the guest who is honored by the host and other guests because he assumed the lowest place at the table on his own initiative. "Guests who take the lowest place are apt to be called to a higher place by their host." "My friend, come up higher..." (v. 10) lets the reader in on a special intimacy between the host and this guest. "To be greeted as friend and invited higher suggests a special intimacy and, more than that, equality with the host" Those who rush into the place of honor are shamed, while those who are called to the place of honor are exalted. The Christian attitude is not to be imbued with prideful self-importance.

The next piece of this pericope is not a parable, but an exhortation to Jesus' host, an important Pharisee. No longer is there any hypothetical ruse. Jesus openly tells his host not to invite the exalted, but to go out and gather in the poor, the lame, the cripples-the low-class and those who have no chance of reciprocating the kindness. There is to be no expectation of earthly reward. The reward will be given in heaven, the land of the just.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,
 Cycle C, Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

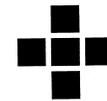
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Faith Sharing
 Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic
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 connecting faith with life and reaching
 out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

On a **sabbath**, Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a **parable** to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more **distinguished** guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed

with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the **esteem** of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the **lame**, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Glossary

In the Jewish religion, the **sabbath** is the seventh day of the week. It is a day of rest in honor of the Lord. The sabbath is Saturday. Sunday in our day in honor of the Lord Jesus who rose from the dead. A **parable** is a story that teaches a lesson.

A more **distinguished** person is someone who is more important or popular.

To have someone's **esteem** means that they really like you and are impressed with you. It means honor and respect.

The **lame** are people who are very weak or unable to walk.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Choose one

Who is on your "invitation list"? Who are the people you reach out to and serve?

Jesus' story teaches us how to live. How can you put other people first this week?

Name a time at school when you helped someone and put their needs before yours?

Thanks to the bookstore staff and volunteers for supplying this weeks reflection questions.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,
every good thing comes from you.
Fill our hearts with love for you,
increase our faith,
and by your constant care protect
the good you have given us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

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