

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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## Catechizing Corner!

Matthew writes his message to the church with three parables: the two sons, the vinedressers, and today the parable of the wedding feast, He knows well the temptations lurking in every Christian community. So that we do not lose sight of what is really important, he wants us to know without question that God's reign is a reign of surprises and that there is absolutely no room for complacency. Diligent watchfulness is necessary if we are not to fall prey to the illusion that we know what God will do, how God will act, and whom God will choose. God chooses whom we least expect. The Communion Rite Antiphon reminds us of that. God expects us to be humble, faithful and repentant servants. The liturgy of these past weeks resounds with the theme of God's forgiveness and reconciliation.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,*

*Cycle A Paulist Press*



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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

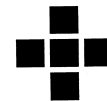
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God  
Matthew 22:1-14

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Closing Prayer



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## 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 Matthew 22:1-14

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his

### Gospel Glossary

**Elders** are wise and experienced leaders.

A **parable** is a story that teaches a lesson.

**To dispatch** means to send out.

**Wailing** is loud crying

farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord



## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Children:** Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

**Teen:** Each week we are invited to participate in mass. When you are there do you participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind and spirit?

**Adult:** How could the church help one to be: "fully active and consciously participate?" in ones faith?

**Family:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who would be

## Closing Prayer

Lord, our help and guide,  
make your love the  
foundation of our lives. May  
our love for you express itself  
in our eagerness to do good  
for others. We ask this, as we  
ask all things, through Christ  
our Lord,  
Amen

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