

Reflection Question of the Week

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

October 11, 2026

How can you show God that you are happy to be invited to His family?

Children

How do you respond when God invites you to something new or challenging?

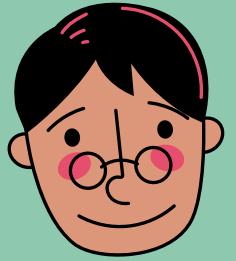
Teens

How do you respond to God's invitation to be part of His kingdom each day?

Adults

How can our family respond more openly to God's invitation to live and love as His people?

Families





The Word of God

Matthew 22:1-14

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 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."

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.

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