



28th Sunday Ordinary Time

15th October 2023



This Sunday's Gospel tells of a wedding feast where all are invited. It's a prospect that seems a bit distant to us in these current restricted times but Jesus tells his parable to remind us of God's love and the need to be ready.

In the parable, a guest who is underdressed for the occasion is thrown out of the feast by an angry king - a clear reminder that we need to be prepared for God's invitation to his feast.

What the parable makes clear is that the gates of the kingdom are open wide. Entry is not based on ethnicity, education, income, popularity, position, athletic ability, or attractiveness. Yet there are entry conditions to be met - we must bear its fruits. We have a particular kind of clothing to wear to the feast. In the words of Paul, we must put on, "as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility," and the like (Colossians 3:12).

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Bible Basics The New Testament continues with more of St Paul's letters to the communities he has visited.

EPHESIANS Paul writes to the church at Ephesus about how to walk in grace, peace, and love.

PHILIPPIANS An encouraging letter to the church of Philippi from Paul, telling them how to have joy in Christ.

COLOSSIANS Paul writes the church at Colossae a letter about who they are in Christ, and how to walk in Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS Paul has heard a good report on the church at Thessalonica, and encourages them to "excel still more" in faith, hope, and love.

2 THESSALONIANS Paul instructs the Thessalonians on how to stand firm until the coming of Jesus.



God of goodness and mercy,

Support us and guide us in these uncertain times. Look after our loved ones and all members of society who are finding times difficult and upsetting.

Let us work together with support, friendship and love. Amen.

"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry"

St. Pio of Pietrelcino



In addition, this week let us pray for

- ◆ All those who are hungry;
- ◆ all those around the world whose lives are being affected by cancer;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.

The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Isaiah 25