



15 October 2023

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



Introduction:

Dear friends, in Christ Jesus, God fulfils all our needs, as lavishly as only God can. All of us, no matter how unworthy we may be, are invited to the Wedding Feast of His Son. We have only to respond to his invitation to come, and enter.

First Reading: Is 25: 6-10a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant:

Let us now ask God to make us worthy to partake of this banquet with clean hearts and clear conscience as we place all our petitions before him, we pray...

R/ Lord, graciously hear us.

1. We pray for Francis our Pope, the bishops, the Clergy and the Religious, that they may continue to feed the flock entrusted to their care with God's Word and inspire them to heroic discipleship. R/
2. We pray for all our children who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion, that through the Catechesis, they may grow in genuine desire to be in union with Jesus. R/
3. We pray for our world stricken with War and Violence, the Hamas war in Israel, war between Russia & Ukraine and violence in Manipur and other areas of our country and our world, that they may receive the Peace wrought by Jesus through his Passion, Death & Resurrection. R/
4. We pray that all of us, strengthened by the Eucharistic banquet may share the message of God's love and concern with all who are lonely, depressed and frustrated in their life. R/
5. We pray for those who are deprived of the Eucharistic banquet due to sickness, old age or unavailability of a priest or persecutions, that they may be granted necessary graces to sustain their faith in the Lord. R/

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for nourishing us at the table of the Word. As we look forward to be fed by you at the table of the Eucharist, help us to yearn for this spiritual nourishment, so that we may one day be worthy of enjoying the eternal banquet with you in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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