

## **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A My dear brothers and sisters, today's Gospel is one of the most beautiful teachings where Jesus is revealing to us the value of our lives and the consequences of our free will to decide to be with God or not. As it is said in the Gospel, some of those invited declined the invitation because they were too busy with other earthly concerns. Others used their positions to kill the messengers that God had sent to them. Sometimes we are not open to receive God's words and we have strong feelings that make us want to hurt those who knock at our doors announcing this Good News because they are bothering us. We either close the doors in their face or we say something inappropriate to them. For those who accepted and will accept the invitation, a banquet is ready for them and God will recognize them according to their garments. Those garments have already been provided by the teaching of the Church. They are the fruits of the Sacraments and they are gifts that God has bestowed on us through the Holy Spirit. They are all extremely positive things such as: goodness, purity, hope, perseverance, temperance, prudence, courage, justice, fidelity, patience, self-control and so on. These virtues are all qualities that enhance human life. That means, we must acquire these virtues. The living out of the virtues is the essential requirement, of anyone who wants entrance to the Kingdom of God. The choice is ours. All of us are invited to the wedding banquet. However, we must not neglect to put on the wedding mantle of the virtues, so that we might be fully accepted into the Kingdom of Heaven, and with it all the joys He has promised.

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