

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Gospel MT 22:1-10

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."

Read the above Gospel and take some time to think about it and answer the questions

1. Have you ever been invited to a special party?
2. How did you feel when you got the invitation?
3. What did you do to prepare for the party? Decide what to wear? Buy a present?
4. Have you ever had a party?
5. How did you feel when the invitation was accepted? How did you feel when your friend couldn't come?

The most important event we will ever be invited to is to share in eternal life with God. That invitation begins with our Baptism. It is repeated every time we go to mass and receive Holy Communion. How we live our life shows if we are trying to accept or reject God's invitation.

Read over the following statements. Label each A - for Accept or R - for Reject

1. I lie, cheat and steal to get money to buy a snack. _____
2. I tell the truth even when I might get in trouble by confessing to what I did. _____
3. I obey my mom and dad and follow their directions to do my chores. _____
4. I am disrespectful to my grandmother and refuse to help her in the kitchen. _____
5. I pay attention in school and always do my homework. _____
6. I mess around with my friends at school, talk during class and never do my work. _____
7. I fight with my brother and friends and I will never forgive them. _____
8. I forgive my brother and friends and continue to share what I have with them. _____
9. I save my money to go to the store and buy another treat I don't really need. _____
10. I save my money and donate it to St. Vincent de Paul to help the poor. _____

Read this prayer over and say it aloud.

God help me to accept your invitation to love you.

I do not always do the right thing, but I am sorry for that.

Help me to know what the right thing to do is and give me the

Courage to do it so that I can become the person you want me to be. Amen