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who gave a wedding feast for his son..."*

Today, we celebrate the **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our gospel passage is **Matthew 22:1-14.**

In our Gospel reading this week from the book of Matthew, Jesus told another parable to the chief priests and elders. In the parable, Jesus taught that the kingdom of heaven is like "a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." Many guests refused the invitation. The one guest who came was dressed improperly and disrespected his host, the king.

Did you know that **WE** are invited? Every day of our lives, Jesus invites us to spend time with him in prayer. Through the gift of the Resurrection, God invited us to have eternal life with Him in heaven, through our faith in his son, Jesus Christ. How do we respond to God's invitation in our lives? Do we invite others around us to know and love God through our actions and words? Are we working, learning and leading our lives to prepare ourselves for the "feast" – life in heaven?

For More Fun:

- ✓ Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation! October is Respect Life month. This month, in your home or classroom, pray for the sanctity of all human life. Find some Respect Life lesson plans online at http://goo.gl/Boqi2G

- ✓ This week, "invite" someone in your family or classroom to learn more about Jesus and to pray with you. You might even create a special paper invitation for this special occasion. Welcome your invited guest and spend some time sharing your faith with them. Your guest can be mom or dad, a friend at school, your teacher or a younger sibling. Enjoy the feast!

- ✓ This week, we celebrate St. Ignatius of Antioch (10/17) and St. Luke (10/18). Learn more about the lives of the saints at Saints.SQPN.com.

- ✓ We love to hear from you! Email me at lisa@catholicmom.com to let me know where you live and where you go to Church!

I shall live in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life.