

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Word of God presents us with the beautiful image of a wedding banquet. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who prepares a magnificent feast and invites his guests to share in his joy.

The invitation is generous, but not everyone accepts it. Some are too busy with their own affairs; others simply refuse to come. Yet the king does not give up. The invitation is extended again and again, and eventually the banquet hall is filled.

This Gospel reminds us that God has prepared a place for each one of us at His table. His invitation is not something we have earned; it is a gift of grace. Every Sunday, when we gather for the Eucharist, we experience in a special way that God continues to invite us to His table—to receive His Word, His forgiveness, His grace, and ultimately Christ Himself in the Eucharist.

But the Gospel also reminds us that an invitation calls for a response. We cannot simply assume that because we have been invited, nothing is required of us. The wedding garment symbolizes the disposition of heart with which we should approach God: a heart willing to be transformed by His grace, a heart that seeks forgiveness, loves others, and strives to live according to the Gospel.

As a parish family, may we continue to be a community that welcomes God's invitation and extends that invitation to others. There are many people around us who are searching for meaning, hope, belonging, and a place where they can encounter God's love. Through our words, our example, and our service, may we help them discover that there is always a place for them at the Lord's table.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have responded to the invitation to serve our parish in our various liturgical ministries. Thank you for offering your time, your gifts, and your faith to help make our celebrations of the Eucharist and our other liturgies prayerful and beautiful. Your willingness to serve is a wonderful expression of what it means to accept God's invitation—not simply to come to the banquet, but also to help prepare the table and welcome others to it.

May God bless you and your families, and may He make our parish community a joyful reflection of His Kingdom.

Fr. Rolando