

## 28<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

- I. OK – if you were invited to a banquet by a king what would make you refuse to come?
- a. Obama invited 1985 Chicago Bears to the White House
  - b. Obama invited Lady GaGa to the White House
  - c. Obama invited Prime Minister of Israel and PLO to the White house
- i. What would make you refuse to go
- 1. What if the King were PLP or FNM
  - 2. What if the King had made decisions against you
  - 3. What if the King had said bad things about you
  - 4. These people in the Gospel didn't want to go so - Excuses

We use excuses?

I have a cold – I have to visit grandma – I have to study for a test

I have to babysit – I have to work – I have to ...

*Sometimes they're legitimate – sometimes not so much*

The King in today's gospel was having a wedding feast & nobody came

So He invites e v e r y b o d y else

God made heaven and earth

Planted Adam and Eve in the garden – and they sin (reject Him)

God makes Israel His chosen people

They reject the prophets, disobey the commandments, (reject Him)

So He sends His Son – (reject Him)

So He invites e v e r y b o d y else -----

AND THEY PARTY

|Greeks & Romans  
|French & Italians  
|even Bahamians

Now then –

- II. When I read this Gospel I don't understand 1 thing – the problem of no wedding garment.

It's not his fault – he was minding his own business - pulled in from the roadside

I have lived thru my wedding

I have lived thru wedding of 3 sons.

I have lived thru wedding of 2 sisters

I know too much about choosing wedding garments – especially what color this goes with what color that.

I have a new idea - COLOR COORDINATED GUESTS.

This was exactly the custom at this time – the King provided wedding garments!

AND HE REFUSED TO WEAR IT.

We are invited to the King's banquet & Jesus provides the garment

- Salvation is a free gift - and we need to be covered → in the blood of Jesus
- That's the garment gets us into the banquet.

### II. **How have we celebrated our relationship with Jesus for 2000 years?**

- o Banquet Table – What's the meal – Body and Blood of Jesus
- o Celebrating Victory over Death

### III. “When God Comes Close” – @ Incarnation – so close he becomes us.

As we go forward – here's a new thought

Eucharist as a never-ending Bethlehem – a never-ending expression of his love.

Liturgy by liturgy – all the world over – the incarnation happens again & again

*God, becoming physically present, right here on our altar!*

This is a celebration where we come – saved – redeemed – every Sunday – covered by the blood o

That's the wedding garment freely given by Christ AND

We are invited to put it on

We are invited to the wedding feast of Christ and His Church

So we can say, like Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, “God will supply whatever I need in accord with the glorious richness of Jesus Christ”