

## Eighth Sunday – Ordinary Time – Year B

Let's have all the children come up here

Anybody here gone to a wedding lately? (OR I've had 2 sons get married ...)  
What was it like – all dressed up, everybody happy, huge party afterwards

At time of Jesus, this was what they did for a wedding

Bridegroom was met at the city gates

They'd have a huge celebration

They wouldn't go on a honeymoon – they stayed home

Closest friends were called "Children of the bride chamber"

A week of solid partying – a week!

Rabbinical rule "All in attendance are relieved of religious observances that would lessen their joy" (Fasting)

- This is what being a Christian should be like  
An attitude towards life of JOY
- As Christians, we are surrounded by JOY
- Now let me show you something
  - Marriage is a sacrament
  - Over the altar we have these windows
    - Baptism – 3 rings
    - Penance – keys to heaven
    - Confirmation – holy spirit & spear
    - Eucharist
    - Holy Orders – shepherd's staff
    - Matrimony – rings tied together
    - Sacrament of Sick – candles as light of Christ
      - Sacraments cover us from birth to death
      - From Birth to Death – joy
      - Like Joy of Christ with disciples
      - Like Joy of Bride and Groom at Wedding
      - And you don't fast at a wedding
    - Our whole Church is like this
      - 1<sup>st</sup> window – creation
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> window – purple man
      - last window – end of time
        - why is the man purple? SIN – Lent
        - Jesus said the bridegroom will be taken away
        - Already Jesus is pointing to the cross
        - Jesus came to save us from sin