Ordinary Time: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday October 15, 2023

Lead Story Headline:
The Banquet

"...the hand of God is here and will stay on this holy mountain. God will be with us forever!"
Isaiah 25:10

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"One day, Jesus told this story to the chief priests and leaders: "Once there was a king who gave a big feast for his son’s wedding. But when the servants went to get all the people who were invited, they wouldn’t come. So the king said to the servants, ‘Go and tell them that the feast is ready, and I have prepared a wonderful dinner for them. Everything is ready; come to the feast.’ "But the people who were invited didn’t care. They stayed home and took care of their farms and businesses. Some of them hurt and even killed the servants who came to tell them it was time to come. The king was angry, and he sent his soldiers to punish those people. Then he said to some other servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but the people we invited weren’t good enough to come. Go now into the towns and invite anyone you see.’ "So the servants went out and invited everyone, good people and bad people. And soon the wedding hall was filled with people."

This is the Good News of the Lord.

"Everything is ready:
come to the feast."
Matthew 22:8

What Do You Think?

1. What sacrifices are you willing to make in order to follow Jesus?

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2. When you look at Creation, what blessings from God do you see?

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By The Way:

Have you ever heard of a relic? It can be a part of a saint’s body, their clothes or something that has touched either their body or their clothes! These relics are kept very safe and are honoured by people who believe. They are kept in a safe place called a reliquary.

Activity: Who is King?

Everyone is invited into the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. To explain this idea, Jesus told the story that we read today about a king who gave a feast. Use the clues below to decide which man is the king. Then draw a crown on him!


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Brainstorm:

What do you do when you lose something that is special to you? How do you get it back? Think about how you can come back to God. Brainstorm some ways that you can build up your relationship with God - this can be through prayer, going to Church, doing good deeds, or anything else that you can think of! Can you take any ideas from the last page when you read about St. Teresa?

"This is the God for whom we have been waiting, the God who will save us. So let us be glad and rejoice in salvation."

Isaiah 25:9
Calling All Saints: Saint Teresa of Avila

October 15th is the memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila. Have you heard of her before? What do you know about her if you have? St. Teresa was a Spanish nun who devoted her life to poverty and prayer. She set up convents all over Spain, and the books and letters that she wrote for her nuns are still widely read today. The daughter of noble parents, Teresa was born in Avila, Spain. When she was a teenager, her mother died, and she decided to become a nun. The convent she joined was very easygoing and allowed frequent visitors from town. Teresa longed to live a simpler, more disciplined life. She spent many hours in deep prayer and began to have holy visions. Teresa suffered for years from poor health. When she recovered, she started a convent away from the distractions of the world. Here, Teresa and her nuns spent many hours alone with God in prayer.


"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"  
Philippians 4:13