

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Do Not Sit in the Place of Honour

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching Him closely. When He noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.



Jesus didn't push others out of the way to get the best or first place!

Jesus treated every person justly, kindly and lovingly no matter who they were.

Jesus did not go to sit at the place marked with VIP!

Jesus is with you and in you right now!

Jesus tells another parable so that He could get His message across to the Pharisees and to us!

*'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, **"Give this person your place"**, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.'*

Have you ever felt
embarrassed after you
treated someone badly?



*But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “**Friend, move up higher**”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.*

Have you ever been surprised when you realised how much you mean to someone who loves you?

Have you ever felt proud when you realised that you made a real difference to someone because you put them before yourself?



For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

If you could really believe how important you are to God then there would be no need to PRETEND to be important!

What makes us important is that God loves us – exactly as we are!



He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.'

*Followers of Jesus give so
that their love will be paid
forward not backwards to
them!*



But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

What message is
Jesus giving to you in
this parable?



Bible Search

Read **Luke 14:1, 7-14** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Activity

- Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.



- Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!



Consider



**Do I hold grudges if I give to someone who never gives
anything back to me?
Do I let myself get bitter?**

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to believe that I am in the best seat when I am showing Gods love to others.

