

**The Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year A****Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Readings: 1) Isaiah 25:6-10a 2) Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 3) Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that we must be prepared to heed God's loving call.

In the first reading, Isaiah celebrates the generous and merciful nature of God, who blesses his people with an abundance of good gifts and saves them from sin and death.

In the second reading from Philippians, Saint Paul teaches that it is through our faith in Jesus that we draw strength.

The Gospel parable finds a king inviting guests to his son's wedding banquet, only to realize that most are not fit to join the celebration.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**God provides for our every need.**

**Let us place our petitions before him,  
trusting in his love and mercy.**

**For Pope Francis and all the clergy,  
may they reflect God's love and mercy in their  
service to all entrusted to their care.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all nations, may they be peaceful neighbors to one another.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those Baptized today.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind and body;  
may they be cared for with compassion and love.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died,  
may they through God's grace and mercy, enter the kingdom of heaven.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our faith community,  
may we be a loving sign to others,  
always pointing the way to Christ by our words and actions.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Loving Father,**

**we rejoice in your saving power.**

**Graciously hear and answer these prayers  
that we offer in the name of Jesus, your son.**