

# **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 15 2017**

**Theme:**

## **Introduction**

**The picture that Isaiah the prophet paints in today's first reading is that of a huge banquet on the Lord's mountain. The great banquet is a very popular symbol in the Bible. For people in the Mid-East in those days and really for people everywhere ,a meal is a very common and a very powerful way of bringing people together. For us human beings a meal is not just a time to eat , it is a social occasion. A meal is a time to be with friends, to make a deal, to become acquainted , to make plans ,to say goodbye, and to talk. Lots of things happen at meals . We have communion breakfasts , retirement dinners, power lunches ,office parties wedding receptions, , family picnics , post game pizza parties , even after funerals , people gather to share some food. The Lord used the Passover meal, as the place for the Last Supper to be**

**the way that His Sacrifice on the cross would be made present at the end of time.**

**Lots of things happen at meals besides eating. And when friends get together it can be a time of harmony. and bonding , a time when people draw closer together such as gatherings at Thanksgiving, Christmas , birthdays and anniversaries. .A meal is a powerful human moment .That is why a meal is used so often in the Bible as a symbol of heaven . Isaiah uses the picture of a huge banquet on the Lord's mountain to illustrate God's purpose to and races torn apart by sin. Jesus uses the image of a banquet in this parable to show that now all people are invited to the kingdom of God.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**But we can accept or ignore or refuse that invitation .To refuse that invitation is to cut ourselves off from our supernatural life source God does not force salvation on us. The invitation is given ,but accepting the call is up to us . Many are called. AMEN.**