

*28th Week in Ordinary Time –
A time to GROW in faith*

Celebration of the

Word

Prayer Theme – Grace





*We begin with
the sign of the cross...*

*In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.*

AMEN

WE GATHER

**We take a moment
to welcome stillness
and silence...**

**Allow the distractions
and anxieties to fade
into the background...**

WE GATHER

Our prayer theme this week is

Grace -

- I wonder that means to you ...

The readings this Sunday remind us God welcomes everyone to His feast.

He provides comfort, strength, and hope.

We must accept His invitation with ready hearts.





**WE LISTEN TO
THE WORD OF GOD**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:1-10).

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' "

Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



WE RESPOND

**Reflect on the
Gospel today...**

The Gospel message is-

Are you ready to accept God's invitation ...?

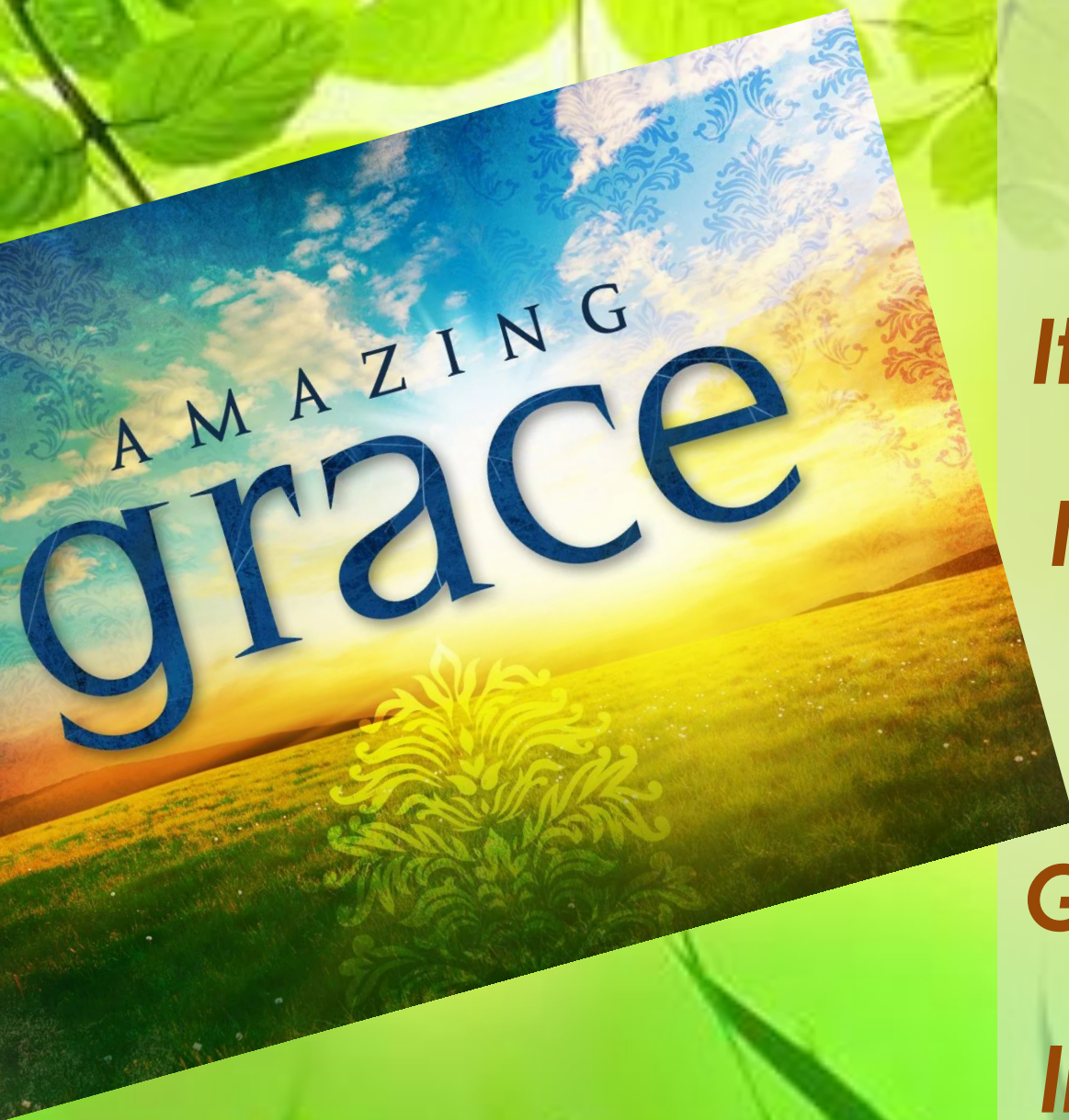
**Why is this message important
for you to hear today ...?**

The Gospel this week show God as a host who prepares a great meal.

He wants all people to come. God's care is steady and sure.

However, some people ignore the king's call. Others come in from the streets. The door is open, but guests must be ready. We are invited to say yes to God and live in a way that fits His feast.

It is a message of faith. We cannot earn our way into heaven, we must trust in God, and help others to grow in friendship with Jesus, to become their best selves. We are all called to be with God in heaven, just like all were invited to the wedding feast in Jesus' parable.



Our prayer theme this week is GRACE -

But what is Grace?

It's UNDESERVED - you can't do anything to earn it.

It's FREELY GIVEN - there is no price to pay to receive it.

It's ABUNDANT - it's everywhere! There is plenty of it for everyone and it won't ever run out.

Grace is God's free gift of His help and presence in our lives. Grace strengthens our faith by helping us to trust and rely on God rather than just our own abilities. It helps us to grow in the confidence that He is with us always, and we can do anything with Him by our side.



Pope Leo XIV tell us

'The gift of grace is entirely free, for its value exceeds all measure: it is impossible to merit or 'buy' it.'

Bishop Marcus says,

'the free gift of grace [is] given by Jesus Christ'.

**In other words, we are given this gift
no matter what - it is ours.**

We just need to trust and have faith to allow it to guide us.



Challenge:

- *Trust in God's grace in both plenty and need.*
- *Respond to His call with faith.*
- *Live in a way that shows you are ready.*

"Invite to the feast whomever you find."

(Matthew 22:9)

Let us pray ...

Heavenly Father,

**Thank You for the gift of Your grace, which strengthens us each day.
Help us to grow in faith, trusting in You even when things are difficult.**

**Fill our hearts with confidence in Your love,
knowing that with You all things are possible.**

**May Your grace guide our words, actions, and choices
as we do our best to use your grace to love and serve others.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

St Augustine, pray for us.

St Cuthbert, pray for us.

MISSION

- Love and serve through Christ -



- Welcome someone who feels left out this week.
- Remember - YOU are BLESSED and LOVED.

OUR
MISSION

We close our time of prayer
with the sign of the cross –
for the gift of peace
In the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

