

FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
Catholic Academy Trust



Thursday 15th October 2026

We Gather



Light a candle and start with the sign of the cross.

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

Jesus said, "When two or three are gathered in my name, I am with you."



Let's pause now and take a few moments to allow Jesus's presence in our hearts.

We Listen to the Word



The Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 22: 1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent forth his servants to summon those who had been invited to the banquet, but they refused to come. ⁴ Then he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, my banquet has been prepared, my oxen and my fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."' "



⁵ "But they ignored his invitation. One went off to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷ "The king was enraged, and he sent forth his troops who destroyed those murderers and burned their city to the ground. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy of that honour. ⁹ Go forth, therefore, to the main roads and invite everyone you can find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ The servants went forth into the streets and gathered together everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to greet the guests, he noticed one man who was not properly dressed for a wedding. ¹² 'My friend,' he said to him, 'how did you gain entrance here without a wedding garment?' The man was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet and cast him outside into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We respond



As we pray together, let us think about how we respond to God's invitation in our daily lives. We remember that God invites everyone to be close to Him. No one is left out of His love.

As a family think about these questions:

- Why do you think some people ignored the invitations?
- Have we ignored God's invitation this week?
Have we been like the first guests and been too busy to notice His invitation?
- How can our family say "yes" to God this week?

Share your answers with each other.

We pray 

Loving Father,
Thank You for inviting us to Your banquet of love.
Help us to listen when You call.
Let our homes be places of love, forgiveness, and prayer.
Teach us to welcome others as you welcome us.
Help us to live as faithful followers of Jesus every day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We go forth 

How can our family say "yes" to God this week?

Choose one of the suggestions that you as a family came up with – it may be inviting someone who is lonely to join in a game, show kindness without being asked or spend time each day praying to God.

Let us show God with our thoughts and actions that we have accepted His invitation this week.

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

Amen.

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