

OCTOBER 12, 2014



# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ISAIAH 25:6-10A

PSALM 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

MATTHEW 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

## REFLECTION

Have you ever gone hungry? Even if it was just a few hours of wishing you hadn't forgotten breakfast. If you've actually gone without food for a day (or more), you know how good it feels to finally get something to eat. This week's readings are all about food! Well, food as a symbol of all the good things God gives us. And they're also about that feeling of finally being satisfied. God keeps inviting us again and again to receive not just what we need to survive but to accept the freedom God offers: freedom from sadness, death, fear, harm. In the parable of the king's banquet, the word "invite" shows up five times. The king (God) is pretty relentless when it comes to inviting people to goodness.

## ACTION

Find out what happens in your community when someone is literally without food. Where can they go for help? Then see what you can do to help—donate a bag of groceries to your local food cupboard or organize a drive at your church or school. Visit Feeding America's website [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org). Their food bank locator will help you discover resources in your area.



### **ENTERTAINING ANGELS: THE DOROTHY DAY STORY** (2000)

STARRING  
MOIRA KELLY AND  
MARTIN SHEEN

This is a biopic about the life of Dorothy Day, her conversion to Catholicism, and her mission to provide food and shelter for the poor.

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- The First Reading talks about how God will "wipe away / the tears from every face" (Isaiah 25:8). It's a pretty intimate image. In your life what have you shed the most tears over? Write about that and then invite God to comfort you and help you deal with it.
- Can you think of a time when you consciously either accepted or rejected God's invitation? What motivated you to make that choice?