

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

In Rublev's icon of The Trinity, the Three Persons of the Trinity are depicted together at a table, perhaps as one might find them at a wedding feast, partaking in the loving, joyful community that is their nature. (If you're having a hard time picturing this icon, just look to the left of the altar here at St. Cronan!)

If you look a little more closely, you will see a small rectangle at the edge of the table that faces the viewer. Some believe that this rectangle was where a mirror was originally placed. We, too, are invited to this most joyful wedding feast.

This invitation is being extended to us every moment of every day. And yet, like the characters in this parable, we often find ourselves turning down the invitation and turning from God by acting in ways that separate us from one another and from our soul's one true Bridegroom.

The fact that we would turn down an invitation to sit at the most wonderful table at the most joyful celebration is mind-boggling—just as mind-boggling as the actions of the invitees in today's Gospel. And yet, more often than not, we each find ourselves not responding to this ongoing invitation—or, perhaps, like the character at the end of the story, we show up, but not fully. We don't bring our full selves.

Luckily enough for us, the feast is eternal and the invitation always waiting.

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