

August 21, 2008  
Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

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**Memorial of St. Pius X**

Ezekiel 36:23-28

Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Matthew 22:1-14

*Many are invited, but few are chosen.*

There is something a bit disconcerting about this gospel passage, especially this line. It suggests that we might not measure up to what is expected of us. When I think that what I give may not be enough, it makes me aware of how much I want to be both invited and chosen. Often we do not know how important something is in our lives until we are at risk of losing it. That is the feeling this gospel verse stirs in me. So, it takes me to a prayer of thanksgiving and a renewed desire to root my life more deeply in Jesus.

*Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mould them accordingly.*

Ignatius