

## Daily Readings

### Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday, 1/16: Is 62: 1-5/Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 9-10/

1 Cor 12: 4-11/Jn 2: 1-11

Monday, 1/17: 1 Sm 15: 16-23/Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23/

Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday, 1/18: 1 Sm 16: 1-13/Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2: 23-28

Wednesday, 1/19: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday, 1/20: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-12, 13-14/Mk 3: 7-12

Friday, 1/21: 1 Sm 24: 3-21/Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 & 11/Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday, 1/22: 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80: 2-3, 5-7/Mk 3: 20-21



# SACRED HEART

“RETURN TO ME &

RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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**January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Schedule for January 23, 2022

Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family

Servers: Tim/Kevin

Money Counters: Mark/Monte

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

### Today's Mass Intention:

**Mal John**

### Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



Liturgical Ministers

# To Our PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Second Sunday in OT-*Living life as “a gift to others”*

This weekend the gospel is about the wedding feast at Cana. The appearance of Jesus at the wedding feast constitutes the last of the four manifestations of Jesus as God among us. The feasts of Christmas, Epiphany, and Baptism are the other three.

In narrating the details of the wedding event in which Jesus turned water into wine, St John underscores its theophanic character by reminding us that “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory,” prompting the disciples to “begin to believe in him.”

Commenting on this passage in the Magnificat for this weekend, Pope Francis interprets the Cana wedding event as Jesus manifesting himself as “the spouse of the people of God,” to show the “depth of the relationship that unites us to him.” The prophet Isaiah spoke about similar divine “espousal” of Israel in these words: “No more shall people call you ‘Forsaken, ‘or your land ‘Desolate, “but you shall be called ‘My Delight, ‘and your land ‘Espoused.’ For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse” (Is 62: 4).

Understanding that love is the central tenet of this God-humanity relationship is key to living our life accordingly as “a gift to others.” St. Paul expounds on the covenant love understanding in his teachings on the gifts of the Spirit, asserting that God gives to each of us gifts through his Spirit for the benefit of others. Paul names numerous gifts, with each possessing one or more to serve others, to live for them.

The passage further highlights Mary’s exemplified commitment to live with others in view. Consider her request on behalf of the wedding party to her son: “They have no wine.” It is a gesture that supports the pope’s assertion that Jesus seeks to bind us to himself by acts of mercy. Also, it signifies her solicitude for others as a matter of her love for all.

To the world in need of stable and universally authentic love, the wedding feast at Cana is understood as establishing a new covenant of love, a relationship between God and all humanity. What took place at Cana does not happen to the groom, the bride, and the others present. Instead, Jesus lived that moment to bind “his disciples to himself in a new and final covenant,” says the pope.

In the main, we should understand that the wedding feast at Cana was a sacred moment, a moment of love to bring us to understand our calling to live our lives as “a gift to others.”

- The next CCD class is Sunday, January 30th at 9:45am.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months --please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.
- It has become necessary that our official membership data be updated to reflect our status as a stand-alone parish. Therefore, the Archdiocese of Dubuque requires that all parishes maintain an up-to-date Register of all parishioners. Such a register includes demographical data. So, with that said our Parish Council has come up with a new registration form that is in each family’s mailbox. Please pick up and fill out and place in the tray that is on top of the mailboxes or give to Wendy Swan, our Parish Administrative Assistant or Blain Crock, our Parish Council President. If you do not have a mailbox please let either of them know and they will get you a registration form. It is very important that we return our forms as soon as possible.



Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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