

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. Is. 62: 1-5

Second Reading. 1 Co 12: 4-11

Gospel. Jn 2: 1-11

The Wedding at Cana

In John's Gospel, miracles are signs intended to manifest the glory of God through Jesus and to lead people to faith. Toward the end of the Gospel, we read the words: "Thus did he reveal his glory, and his disciples believed in him." Jesus uses a simple wedding occasion **to reveal himself** as the bridegroom Israel has waited for, for hundreds of years.

"They have no more wine." On a literal level, these words mean that the wine for the wedding has run out. But on a deeper level, it signifies the end of salvation through the observance of the law and purification rites, and **the beginning of salvation with our acceptance of Jesus** by doing whatever he tells us.

"My hour has not yet come," is a reference to Jesus' Death and Resurrection. The "abundance of wine" is a reference to the resurgence of new life which Jesus brings, and the wine of the Eucharist which symbolizes the new covenant.

Also, in his Gospel, John shows **Mary** as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and again at the end when she is present at the foot of the cross. Notice how Mary does not draw attention to herself. Rather, she tells the waiters to "do whatever Jesus tells you to do."

The essence of faithful discipleship **is doing whatever Jesus tells us to do**. When it comes to faithful discipleship, Mary is our model. John's Gospel never calls Mary by her name. At the beginning and end of the Gospel, Jesus addresses his mother, "Woman," which defines her larger role in salvation history as the 'New Eve,' the universal woman.

January 25: The conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

The book of the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20) has the account of the conversion of the rabbi named Saul. He was one of the most passionate among the growing number of those who persecuted the early followers of Jesus Christ.

Before his conversion, Saul was complicit in the martyrdom of the first deacon and of the Church, Stephen. What was his response afterward? He became even more virulent. He breathed 'murderous threats' against the believers and sought to bring them back in chains. He set off on a journey to Damascus in hot pursuit. But, the Risen Lord had other plans for Saul.

"On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He said, "Who are you, sir?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul heard Jesus ask him that probing question which changed his life, "Why do you persecute me?" As far as we can tell through either Biblical or historic evidence, Saul had never even met Jesus, at least during His earthly ministry. Yet, because Jesus the Head is inseparably joined to His Church, he was being persecuted by Saul when the disciples were being persecuted by Saul. They were members of His Body.

In this encounter, Saul became a witness to the Resurrection, a prerequisite to being an apostle. This experience opened up for him a life filled with responding to the continual invitations of Jesus Christ. It became the framework for continuing conversion and the driving force behind his apostolic mission to spread the Gospel and plant the Church throughout the known world. The man who had once persecuted the Way, became the Apostle who walked with Jesus along that Way - and invited so many others to do the same.

Masses for the Week

January 19, 2019- January 26, 2019

Saturday, January 19

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the Parish

Sunday, January 20

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Nina Mance by Janie Costantini

+Onofrio de Palma by Foschetti Family

+Giovanni & Nicolina Capra by Natalia & Michele Capra

+Elvira Mascitelli by Nick & Maria D'Egidio

+Joe Lodico by Lino Cicone & Family

For the deceased members of **Sacro Cuore di Gesu**

For the deceased members of **Costantinopoli Society**

6:00 p.m.(English)

People of the Parish

Monday, January 21

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, January 22

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 23

6:00 p.m. +Joey Strickland by Crispi Family

Thursday, January 24

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 25

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, January 26

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,889.50

**Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie

Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

- \$2,950.00-

DID YOU KNOW?

Talk to your children about the fine line between obedience and protection

Children learn from an early age that adults are figures of authority — teachers, police officers, bus drivers, babysitters. We need our children to listen to the people who are in charge of them, but this message must be communicated so that children know it's okay to stick up for themselves too. Adult predators may try to use their authority to gain control over their victims. Children should know that when it comes to private parts, secrets, and things that seem dangerous or wrong, they shouldn't worry about disobeying the adult in charge, and instead talk to a trusted adult or a parent. For a copy of the VIRTUS® parent's guide, go to <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

*****The office will be closed
Monday January 21, 2019*****

Dates to Remember

January 20, Padre Pio Meeting

After the 11:00 a.m. mass

January 21, Polenta Dinner & Dance

Contact the office at:

(323) 225-8119 or

Ada Iezza (626) 359-4301

February 3, All parish brunch

after 11:00 am mass

February 4, Scalabrini House Meeting

Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner and meeting 7:00 p.m.

February 10, Sacred Heart of Jesus meeting

after 11:00 am mass

February 11, Pugliese Meeting

At 6:00 pm contact Maria Bruno (818)241-4672

February 13, St Anthony Meeting

At 6:00 p, contact Bob Masters (818)521-9224

February 15, Santa Lucia Meeting

At 6:00 pm Contact Luigi Arrighi

February 19, St. Josephs Table Volunteer Meeting

At 6:00 pm Contact the office at (323)225-8119

Make your reservations

February 16: Valentines and crowing of the Parish Queen.

Contact the parish office for Reservations 323-225-8119.

Our thanks to **Antoinette Fanara and the supporters** of the coffee and donuts sales between the 9:30am and 11:00am masses. The profit for the last quarter of the year was **\$222.00**. the proceeds go to help the outreach program.

A pair of LA churches will be hosting "Relit" evangelization training events in February.

- **Holy Family Church in Glendale** will host Catholic speaker Michael Dopp Feb. 22-23 for a two-day training session.
- **St. Martin of Tours Church in Brentwood** will hold a one-clay session Feb. 24.

According to organizers, the trainings will include "integrated and interactive presentations for theological, spiritual, and practical formation to help effectively lead people to a **life-giving relationship with Christ.**" More information is available at parishevangelizationleaclers.org.

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