

January 19, 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel reading describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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Sacred Heart Parish  
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com)

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

Lohnes Complex\* First Friday of each month - 2 pm

**\*Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study: To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation: By request.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections: At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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**January 11 & 12, 2025**

Regular Sunday	1894.00
Loose Offering	80.75
Parish Dues	220.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	60.00
Building Fund	80.00
New Years Day/Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Advent Folders	45.00
Votive Candles	52.00
Sunday Missals	10.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	10.00
Indian Res. School Fund	25.00

**MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 21-26**

Jan. 21	The Late Terence (Terry) Hayes
Jan. 22	The Late Bernard Cave
Jan. 23	The Late Thomas, Edith & James Hackett
Jan. 25	The Late Nora Wray
Jan. 26	<b>MASS for the Intentions of the People</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>January 25</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Don Gallant	Art Hall
<b>January 26</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Mike Leonard	Calvin Gillis
<b>Communion to the Sick – John Carroll</b>	

**SACRED HEART BINGO:**

Our next bingo is Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00. Bingo will start at 2:00. See you there!

**SYMBOLON MEETING:** The next session is on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm** in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Secretary will out of the office from Jan. 22-24 & Jan. 29-31. Please have your mass requests and any other info for the bulletins in on Monday & Tuesday of those weeks.

**JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:**

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:35.37-39).

As Saint Augustine observes: “Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love”.

*Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis*



Is a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ.

It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna, BC.**

For more information you can email: [griegtograckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograckelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403). Diocese of Nelson, Kelowna, BC

**IN MEMORY:**

For: **Mercedes Wells:**

- Greg & Pat Staples
- Dominic Park
- Christina Jewer
- Jim Park
- Mary Ann Park

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE:**

This week of Jan. 18 – 25, 2025 is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity through the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association.

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Main Street in Corner Brook will be hosting a service on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2 pm**, followed by a reception downstairs. It is important for us to continue to uplift each other in prayer and love.

**BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624 MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place at All Hallows Parish, Humber Road, Corner Brook on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:45pm**. We ask all Sir Knights to please attend.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL:**

The next meeting is **Wednesday, January 22 at 2pm**, lower level of the Cathedral. Important issues will be discussed so members are asked to make every effort to attend.

**SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:**

Will resume during the weekend masses of **January 25 -26**. SSVP members and friends will be on hand at parish to accept donations. Thanks for your continued support.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

The next parish council meeting will be **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30pm** at the church.

**DONATIONS – Tax Receipts for 2024:** Revenue Canada has announced that from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 any donations you make to the parish can be claimed on your 2024 Income Tax reporting. You don't need to do this but if you want to add those donations to your 2024 taxes, please contact the office and let us know. The Parish will issue the regular tax receipts as usual.

**MONTHLY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

Starting the end of this month, we will announce parishioner's birthdays. If you wish your birthday to be announced, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. If you do not call and give the name, we will not announce it. This will happen each month.

**Reflection:**

**Water into wine**

Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world.

Everywhere he went the old was made new. For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine.

For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy.

For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love.

For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope.

And on Easter morning he changed death into life.

Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives.

And when through human weakness the wine of love is found wanting, touch our hearts and strengthen our wills, so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,  
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.181