

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.

1/19/2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We have the wedding at Cana at the heart of today's liturgy because this story of Jesus' first miracle of water turned into wine was originally part of the Epiphany feast. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and a people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. The mother of Jesus has been recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arises, she does what she can to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate this day as a mini anniversary, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.



THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem

(Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

Readings for the week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1,2,3,4; G Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; G Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Ps 110; G Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40; G Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; G Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Ps 117; G Mark 16:15-18

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; Ps 19:8,9,10,15; G Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

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Latin America January 26, 2025

Knights of Columbus and Catholic men of St Andrew and St Regina Informational Meeting and Potluck Dinner, Saturday February 15th after 4:30 Mass. Flyer on bulletin board in Narthex.

If you have an emergency while father is on vacation. Please contact St Mary's Catholic Church in Jackson, telephone 731-668-2596.

January 20th: The office will be closed for Martin Luther King Day.

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