

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11



Everyone serves
good wine first, and
then when people
have drunk freely, an
inferior one; but you
have kept the good
wine until now.
JOHN 2:10

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What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*
- ★ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*

Mass for the Intentions Week

Requested by

Saturday, January 15	5pm		
Sunday, January 16	8am	Denise Keller †	Sharon Ewen
	9:30 am	Anna and Henry Scheving †	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	11:30am	James and Shirley Robertson's	Robertson Family
		58th Wedding Anniversary	
	1 pm (Chinese)	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	6 pm (Brazilian)	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, January 17	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, January 18	8am	Eric Ewen †	Ewen Family
Wednesday, January 19	8am	St John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Thursday, January 20	8am	For the Health of Camila Hernandez	Alejandra Morales
		And for the Souls in Purgatory	
Friday, January 21	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Saturday, January 22	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish



Altar Handrails

St. John Church thanks Ligia Britto for her donation of the newly installed altar handrails.

Martin Luther King Day

On Monday, January 17, the church and the nation observes a holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an activist and leader of the plight for the civil rights movement in the 60's in America. He was assassinated in April 4, 1968.

Offering Prayers for Healing

Virginia Alday, Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick Batiste
Julia Bustamante, Gustavo Caceres and Family,
Evelyn Canepa, Al Carlson, Brenna Clark,
Jennette Cleadenger, Linda Crittendon, Cora Dongon
Mary Dong, Tami Duncan

Juanita Estrellas

Eduardo Garchitorena

Filomena Giese, Joseph Golinveaux

Victoria Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez

James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez

Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes

Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones

Avelina Juat, Tom Kennedy, Marija Limon

Marian & Michael Luoma, Mary Agnes

Nancy McVey, Cecilia Mendiola, Francis Mondragon

Lorraine Ostrowski, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella,

Angelina Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless

Melvin Perreira, Marlen Pineda Family, Wayne Price

Rose Anne, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos

Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Elsie Sowinski

Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Isaac Tiongson

Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle

Winston Williams, Jan Williamson, Jonathan Zumwalt



Our Lady of Lourdes Fountain Shrine

Come and visit the new shrine of our parish at the Adoration Chapel Ground.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians, and us, that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits-the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Is 62:1-5. 1 Cor 12:4-11.

Jn 2:1-11.

Monday Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23. Mk 2:18-22.

Tuesday Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13. Mk 2:23-28.

Wednesday Readings: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51.
Mk 3:1-6.

Thursday Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7.

Mk 3:7-12.

Friday Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21. Mk 3:13-19.

Saturday Readings: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27.
Mk 3:20-21.

Eucharistic Adoration. Daily, 24 hours a day.

Chapel.

Confessions. Sat., 4pm.

Parishioner at St. John?

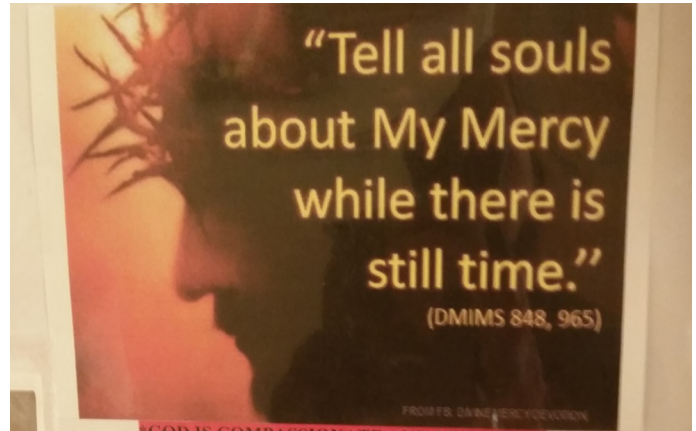
The church would like to add you to our list of parishioners. Send your Name, Address, and Phone Number by Mail, Phone, or Email.

Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen (GRIP) from our parish desperately need physical help. Our parish commitment is for lunch service every 1st Monday and 3rd Sunday. The preparation and service take about 2-1/2 hours. Please call the church office at 510-232-5659 or Larry Mundy at 510-301-5027.

Covid 19 Restrictions/Updates

All employees, volunteers, visitors are required to sign in and date at all entrances to the Parish Rectory. For details, please check the Church Bulletin Boards Or www.sjtbc.us



Youth Confirmation Preparation Class

If you or someone you know with a teenager who is currently between the 8th thru 11th grades and is interested in the Sacrament of the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Gina DeLaTorre @ 510-815-0050 or by e-mail @ youthministry@sjtbc.us.

This is a two-year program. Classes are every Sunday, starting by attending 9:30 Mass with class immediately following after the conclusion of mass. Class time is from 11:00 – 12:00 every Sunday after Mass unless noted on the official class calendar or if notified via e-mail and/or text if for some reason there is an unexpected schedule change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Registration forms must be submitted complete and fees paid prior to the start of class.

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