

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

The Gospel reading today recounts the first miracle of Jesus in the Gospel of John. In this Gospel the miracles are called "signs" because they witness to who Jesus is. This first miracle changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. It portrays Jesus as the ample provision for the spirits of his disciples no matter in what situation they find themselves.

The Johannine Christians appear to have been cast out of synagogue fellowship (John 9:34; 12:42; 16:2). We should not minimize the psychological effects of this expulsion because humans are social creatures through and through. Ostracism cuts to the very heart of our social needs.

The first sign of Jesus addresses this most basic psychological need for the joy that comes through human companionship. When wine has run out at the wedding, Jesus changes water into wine (John 2:3--30). The rest, refreshment, and celebration may continue. If the commitment of the disciples to Jesus separates them from their larger society, they need not worry. Jesus gives them the wine that is often symbolic of joy both in the Old Testament and in other ancient Mediterranean writings.

At the same time, Jesus provides his disciples a new perspective on the social sufferings they experience, a perspective that also sustains them in troubling times. The response of Jesus to his mother when she notifies him, "They have no wine," is "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come" (2:4). Jesus' "hour" is a reference to the time of his death. So while Jesus does change the water into wine, thus prolonging the joy of the wedding feast, he seems to be strangely unconcerned with the matter because of his focus on his hour. This puts into perspective the concern for present sufferings and the joy that God provides in the midst of them. There is something even more joyful to which all suffering leads.

In such ways the miracle at Cana signifies the joy that God provides in the present and in the future as a means to sustain the faithful in their sufferings.

Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Saints Fabian, pope, martyr; Sebastian, martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Saint Agnes, virgin, martyr
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Saint Vincent, deacon, martyr
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80;
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

BLESSING of RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Fr. Mondiek will be blessing your religious articles and gifts (rosaries, crucifixes, medals, chaplets, etc.) during the Mass the weekend of January 23rd & 24th. The blessing will take place after his homily. All you have to do is hold your item or items up during his blessing.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: There will actually be 2 Open Houses. Friday, February 5th is the Catholic Schools Week celebration with parents and grandparents and all are welcome to come and visit beginning with Mass at 8:00 AM and then on to school from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will also be open to visitors on Wednesday, February 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Help us out by spreading the word.

"Keep Holy the Lord's Day" by attending a Day of Recollection on Sunday, January 31 at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue, KY (next to Newport) on the Ohio River. We invite you to be enriched by Rosary at 12:40pm, then Sunday Mass at 1pm, 2 talks, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration. We will conclude around 3:30pm, and then join us for refreshments! Come for part or for all, and no cost required. For information, please call Divine Mercy Parish (859-261-6172) or Joe Martino (513-891-7301)

VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY On January 27, 2010, Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati hosts their annual 'Vocation Night' for men, college age and older, who are interested in pursuing the priesthood at the post-graduate level. The evening begins at 5:15 p.m. with Mass, and is followed by dinner and a short presentation on life in the seminary. Please register online at <http://cincinnati vocations.org/frm012710.php> or call the Vocation Office at 513.431.3131 x2890.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SOMETHING MORE? Classes are now forming at the Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program for the Fall of 2010. Come and see what lay ministry formation can do for you. Education that is geared for busy adult learners! For more information call 513.231.1200 or email us at kboss@athenaeum.edu

Discernment Helps! February 19-20, 2010 at St. Anne Convent/Moye Spiritual Life Center in Melbourne, KY (near Cincinnati, OH). A discernment overnight experience with the Sisters of Divine Providence for single, Catholic women open to the possibility that they are called to religious life. There will be input, prayer, reflection and sharing. It is an opportunity to explore life as a religious sister and to ask questions in a pressure-free environment. Contact Sr. Fidelis Tracy, CDP for more information at vocation@cdpkentucky.org or 859-441-0700 ext. 324.

God, our Spouse "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you." Today's first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb. *Priests for Life Liturgical resources*

2010 FIESTA Chair persons are still needed. Planning should begin this month for a successful St. Ann Festival. Please call Fr. Mondiek if you would like to volunteer!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, January 17th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Wednesday, January 20th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, January 21st

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Saturday, January 23rd

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, January 24th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

PRAYER MARCH for LIFE

On Friday, January 22, 2010 - beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Butler County Courthouse (Hamilton, OH) — you and your Church family are encouraged to come and spend an hour petitioning God for mercy, strategy, guidance and strength. WHY? Because this date marks the 37th anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in the United States. The result of such a decision has translated into the death of over 51 million pre-born children since 1973. Moreover, the slippery slope of infanticide and euthanasia has turned into a proverbial avalanche with the culture of death permeating our nation.

The Family Life Office is developing a “Pre-Cana” program this year for couples who are preparing to enter a second marriage – it is called Cana II.

An appeal is being made in order for this program to be successful. We need a group of “willing and able” Catholic couples who are living successfully in a second marriage to help with this program. This commitment will entail a couple of planning meetings and 2 Saturdays at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (May 15 & Oct. 9) and each couple will present a topic they feel comfortable in covering. The Family Life Office has plenty of resources that can be utilized in order for these couples to put a successful “talk” together. We just need some brave (and fun) couples willing to help. If you are interested please call the Family Life Office at (937) 222-0227 or email: nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org

Join us...Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. for the next Great Music in a Great Space Concert in the cathedral honoring Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk for his 50 years of dedication and service to our community, with members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, featuring the music of J.S. BACH, Paavo Jarvi, conducting.



Saturday, January 16th **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Sister Mary Kuhl

Sunday, January 17th **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Marjorie Tann (Tom Schmidt)

Monday, January 18th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Arlene Selke (Chuck & Chris Hartkemeyer)

Tuesday, January 19th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Anthony Tenore (Perry Bokeno)

Wednesday, January 20th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, January 21st **Saint Agnes, virgin & martyr**
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, January 22nd **USA: Day of Penance**
Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Agnes Harsch (Dale & Carol)

Saturday, January 23rd **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Sister Mary Kuhl
 5:00 p.m. To End the Assault on All Innocent Human Life (St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

Sunday, January 24th **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Ben Evers (The Moulvi Family)

St. Ann Financial Stewardship		<i>Thank you!</i>
Budgeted Weekly Offering		\$ 12,072.00
01/10/2010		\$ 7,322.80
Additional Christmas		\$ 100.00
Additional Solemnity of Mary		\$ 60.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offering		\$ 325,944.00
Year to Date Actual Offering		\$ 275,008.03

NOTE: End of year giving statements available by email request to slmcabee@gmail.com or by dropping a self addressed envelope in the collection basket.

Why do you persecute Me? Let us go back to the year 1674, to the convent where St. Margaret Mary is kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Jesus says to the saint, “Every night I will grant you to share in that mortal sadness which I chose to feel in the Garden of Olives. You shall keep me company in the prayer I then offered to my Father. Thus, too, will you alleviate in some way the bitterness I felt at that time because of my abandonment by the Apostles, and which led me to reproach them for not having been able to watch with me for the space of one hour.”

The Holy Hour is an hour of reparation. How badly and urgently we need to make reparation! How offended and saddened must our Lord’s Heart be at the sight of so many sins and crimes committed by enemies and friends alike, by nations and by individuals! We hear the lament of a Heart torn by the ingratitude of those He loves, “Why do you persecute me? What have I done to you?”

In the quiet of the night hour of adoration you will learn the secrets of the divine King and gain entrance to His Heart. *From the foreword by Most Rev. Edwin V. Byrne, Twenty Holy Hours by Mateo Crawley-Boevey. St. Paul Books and Media 1992.*