



DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 17	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Anthony	1 Sam 15, 16-23; Mk 2, 18-22.	5:30 PM
Tue 18	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II	1 Sam 16, 1-13; Mk 2, 23-28.	5:30 PM
Wed 19	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II	1 Sam 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51; Mk 3, 1-6.	5:30 PM
Thu 20	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Fabian and St Sebastian	1 Sam 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7; Mk 3, 7-12.	5:30 PM
Fri 21	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Agnes	1 Sam 24, 3-21; Mk 3, 13-19.	12:15 PM
Sat 22	2nd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week II St Vincent	2 Sam 1, 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27; Mk 3, 20-21.	5:30 PM
Sun 23	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Psalter Week III SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	Neh 8, 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10; 1 Cor 12, 12-30 (or 12-14. 27) Lk 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

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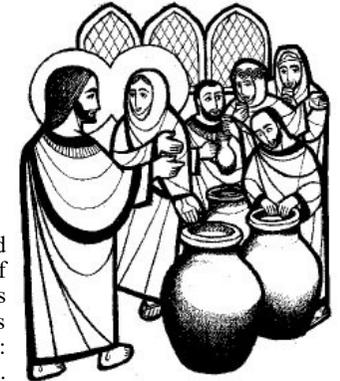
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Reading I: Isaiah 62, 1-5;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12, 4-11.

Gospel: John 2, 1-11.



Revised Roman Missal: 909 (Bahasa 883)

Reflection

Every Sunday Mass is a feast for all of us. We come to seek the good wine that Jesus offers us; the good wine of His Word; the good wine of His love; and the good wine of his Body and Blood that He gives us as food, and that gives joy to our lives. Today, the Gospel of St. John tells us about the first miracle Jesus performed in the most beautiful setting: a wedding feast. The Gospel speaks of love and the role of women.

How our concepts of marriage and family are illuminated at this wedding feast in Cana! Christianity is a wedding feast, since we can live in a wonderful intimacy with God, so marvelous - that the matrimonial union is but a pale image of this union with God.

1. What do we learn about love? Human love is not only the union of spouses, but a communion that unites people in life and in their ultimate destiny; one that flourishes in the fullness of joy. Jesus proclaims and requires an indissoluble marriage. A marriage based on true love must be exclusive, total, and unconditional for a lifetime. Our society today needs men and women who know how to defend marital love founded on Christ's principles, yet at the same time, can understand those who are unable to live it.

2. What is the role of Jesus in a Christian family? Christ cannot simply be a guest at our wedding, but He should be the One who should stay with us when all the other guests have left. Christ wants to be the witness of the spouse's love; the guarantor of their happiness; the mediator in their conflicts; the confidant of their problems; the friend who gets them out of trouble when the wine begins to run out; and above all this, the One to give them the joy to live, by converting the wine of human love - at the last minute - into a generous wine: the wine of Christian love. Therefore, Christian marriage can never be the selfishness of a duo, since it represents the infinite love God has for us.

3. Do we value the place our Blessed Virgin Mary has as the teacher of our life yet? Her short intervention at the wedding highlights her role as Mediator in the Mystery of Redemption. This presence of Mary is rich in details of exquisite femininity and discretion, attentive and effective as a real mother. In this passage, we read Mary's only words in the fourth Gospel: "They have no wine." In the Old Testament, the wine symbolizes the fullness of joy in the love between husband and wife. This must be your perspective - to see the faithfulness of God for all; not to be one who is only worried about themselves and their own profits; but to realize that the "thirst for wine" is there for many people around us, who have lost the joy of living. This has been the attitude of Mary at Cana, and this should be ours.

Finally, let's not miss an important detail: when we do "what he says" in our lives, everything becomes "better". This is the transforming power of Jesus. We must be the water converted into wine for our fellow man. We ourselves are converted into the miracles of Christ, so that the world may believe. A privileged sign is the faithful living of a Christian marriage. The family that is born of this union, will remain the basis of a perfect society, happier and more human. In a time of crisis like ours, we ask God to bless all our families.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Second Collection

The Second Collection this Sunday will be for the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund.

Online Rosary

Every Saturday at 8:00 PM, one parish group will take turn to lead the Rosary prayer online on Google Meet. If you are interested to join, contact any of the parish group leader for the link.

Parish Pastoral Council Election

The Parish Pastoral Council is a body that is advisory to the pastor, that listens to the parish, that creates a pastoral plan of action, and invites parishioners to help carry out that plan. Parishioners are invited to nominate people they think have the qualities needed by a council member: Prayerful; Ability to listen; A sense of understanding where the church is today; Understands or is willing to learn about the Mission of the Church / Vicariate; Enthusiastic about the future of this parish; Willing and able to make the commitment to this ministry. You can submit your nomination online. Go to the Vicariate website (rcvbd.com) and navigate to COOL webpage.

Sunday School and COM Classes Registration (23rd January)

Sunday School and COM classes will resume after Chinese New Year on 6th February 2022. Registration the Parish Hall will continue on Sunday 23rd January at 10 AM. For NEW JOINERS to Sunday School, parents are now able to register and pay online. Go to the Vicariate website (rcvbd.com) and navigate to COOL webpage. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the COM students will have physical classes while the Primary 1-6 will begin with virtual / online classes.

Sunday of the Word of God (23rd January)

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is designated each year as the Sunday of the Word of God. To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day, on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the following ritual prayer on this website (<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>) when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

RCIA Classes (7th February)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for adults who wish to learn about the Christian faith. Do you know of anyone who is searching for answers to life questions or an adult who is already baptized but not received the sacrament of Confirmation or a baptized Christian of another denomination who wish to join the Catholic church? Then RCIA may be the place to start. RCIA is also a place where you can deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith. You will be surprise how much of Catholicism that you can still learn at RCIA. Please register with the Parish Office or online. Go to the Vicariate website (rcvbd.com) and navigate to COOL webpage.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18-25th January 2022



***We saw the star in the East, and we
came to worship him. Mt 2:2***

Gracious God, when we only know one way and we think we must return to it, and when we think that all roads are blocked, and we fall into despair, we always find you there. You are the God of renewed promises. We find you creating a new path before us, one that we did not expect. We thank you because you exceed our expectations. We thank you for your wisdom that surpasses our understanding. We thank you because your creative paths open up unforeseen possibilities. If we search our maps and find no route, nonetheless we always find you, who lead us by a yet more excellent way. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, that you will always lead us back to you. Amen.

Family Connection

Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs. If your family has attended a wedding celebration together, talk about the experience and the planning and cooperation that made the celebration memorable. Talk about how weddings and feasts are images in Scripture for the Kingdom of God. Consider how these festive occasions are images of God's tremendous love for us and examples of how we can show our love for one another. Then read together today's Gospel, John 2:1-11. Talk about Mary's attentiveness to the needs of the hosts and about Jesus' response. What could your family learn from this story? Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life. Pray together St Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity: *Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, To fight heedless of wounds, To labor without seeking rest, To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward, Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.*