

REFLECTION for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don.

He turned the water into wine. In that little Cana town, the word went all around that he turned the water into wine. Johnny Cash visited Cana one time and wrote a song about it. In the intro to the song he tells the listener that after seeing the actual site of the miracle he wondered what reaction following it. He wrote a song, but let us take a different approach.

Well, let's imagine that we are there in Cana, that we are hearing about this miracle as news of it buzzes through the town. We are hearing bits and pieces and are wondering about all the actual details. Mariam, a neighbor and close friend, comes to our house to tell us what has happened. She can barely control her excitement. Her husband, Eli, was the chief steward working at the wedding feast. He told her all he had seen and heard, so she begins to tell us:

“Jesus, that man who has all those disciples who follow him, was invited to the wedding. I think he is related to the bride. His mother is from Nazareth; they say that he has been gone away from home for years. They say Mary, that’s his mother’s name, is a very holy woman. She has that sweet calming demeanor and is always smiling. His mother found out that the supply of wine was low and asked Jesus to solve the potentially embarrassing situation.

Apparently he got a little upset with his mother. She didn’t get offended and told Eli and the others to do whatever he tells them. So afterwards he told the servants to fill some stone jars with water and bring them to my husband. Praise God, when my Eli tasted it he was amazed. He swears it is the finest wine he has ever tasted.

My Eli is now a changed man; I can attest to that. He says that he has seen the face of God. He’s home on his knees praying to God. He is giving thanks for the blessing of being part of this sign, this miracle. He can’t get over the fact that he, a lowly servant, was privileged to partake in the making known of the Messiah. Eli has no doubt anymore, he is convinced.

That’s what everyone is saying, he is the Messiah come to us at long last. More and more people are believing in him and his power. Eli and I heard about him before this. This Jesus has been going around from town to town claiming to be the Son of God, and sometimes he says he is the Son of Man. He has performed exorcisms, he has made the blind see, the deaf hear, and even cured lepers. Eli believes in him, I believe in him, and you should believe in him too.”

It is uplifting sometimes to do this exercise- to read a bible story and to imagine ourselves there. After hearing Mariam’s account of this miracle would we too decide to follow Jesus. Or would our minds tell us to wait until we are sure. Do we weigh the risks, doubt a little, and put off trusting in Jesus, despite all the signs that point to His divinity, and His being our All in All?

Sacred Heart Parish

A stewardship parish in love with Jesus

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses in Week Days:
Mon 7 pm, Wed 7 pm
Thurs 10 am, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
This Sunday, Jan 17
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

Marriages:
Six-month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Jan 9, 10

Collection	\$ 1993.88
Building Fund	25.00
Mass stipends	90.00
Bingo	1,156.50
Votive Candles	183.65
Pastoral Dues	150.00
Certificates	10.00
Donation (memory Ada Myles)	215.00
Advent Folder	20.00
Cost of Envelopes	30.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 18 7 pm	Brian Canning
Jan 19	No Mass
Jan 20 7 pm	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 20 also	Jack Hearn/Joan Barriault
Jan 21 10 am	Bernadette/Anthony George
Jan 22 10 am	Fr. Bernard Buckle
Jan 23	Richard Samms
Jan 24	Parish Community

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Josephine Green and Wendall Sooley and Margaret O'Keefe as they mourn the passing of their loved ones this past week. May all three of them rest in the peace of heaven as only God can give them.

WEEKLY SESSIONS HONORING MARY

Our Liturgy Committee is planning to offer a four-week series of presentations focusing on Holy Mary and the Rosary. **It will begin on Sunday evening Jan 31 at 7 pm in the parish house.** Each session will be an hour or so long. It will feature Prayer, Hymns, a 15 min DVD on Mary's role in salvation

history, and recitation of the Scriptural Rosary. Of course a tea/coffee social is included. Full details will follow soon.

BIBLE STUDY

We will begin a Bible study group on Monday Jan 18 following 7 pm Mass. It will be in the parish house. If this is of interest to you and you plan to attend please let Fr. Don know. We will determine if this night is good for meeting or if any other time and day is more suitable. Please consider attending. This is an initiative of the parish in celebration of the Year of Mercy.

NEXT HOLY HOUR

This **Sunday, Jan 17 at 2pm** we will gather to celebrate with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a period of silent adoration, Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Please plan join us for this Holy Hour during this Year of Mercy liturgical celebration.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week begins on Jan 18 and ends on Jan 25. There will be an interdenominational **Prayer Service this Tuesday evening Jan 19 at 7 pm in the First Baptist Church** (next to Jubilee Field and the Armories on O'Connell Drive). Try to attend. Please pray for this cause in your daily prayers. Jesus often expressed His hope that all would be one as He and the Father were one. Christian unity must be our ultimate goal as true followers of Jesus; are not we all Christians- one in the Spirit?

LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish is working to provide a Lenten

Mission here in our church for mid- March. Please pray that this will come to fruition. In the meantime, at Stella Maris Parish in Benoit's Cove there will be a **Lenten Mission each evening from Saturday Feb 13 through to Tuesday Feb 16**, Bishop Hundt will lead this Lenten Mission. More details will follow for those interested.

ORDINARY TIME

Why is it called Ordinary Time? Well, it's not because it's unimportant or routine or boring! It's called Ordinary Time because the weeks are numbered. (The Latin word *ordinalis* refers to numbers in a series.) During Ordinary Time the Scripture readings focus on the events of Jesus' life between His birth and His death and Resurrection. This is Year C of the three-year cycle of Sunday Readings, so on most Sundays, we will hear about the life of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. During Ordinary Time we reflect on the way that Jesus lived and the things that he taught so that we might become more like Him. Nothing ordinary about that!

INVITATION TO SIGN PETITION

This past October 29, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) launched a joint declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. They would now like to make a concerted effort to obtain signatures from a wide spectrum of Canadians who agree with the principles outlined in the Declaration. The hope is that the Declaration can be used as evidence of the numerous and diverse groups of Canadians who do not support physician-

assisted suicide. To see the Declaration and/or to sign the declaration, please go to our Diocesan website at www.rcchurch.com

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES

Our Church has designated **this Sunday as a Day to pray for all refugees** and their plight as they are forced to flee war-torn and violent situations to seek safety and peace elsewhere. Please remember them in your prayers.

BINGO DONATIONS

The Ladies & Men's Groups would like to thank the following people for their donations for our January Bingo.

Kelly Adey, Debbie Allen, Mike Basha, Donna Beales, Gene Beales, Diane Bennett, Madonna Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Colleen Boland, Cathy Bolt, Bill Brake, Dorothy Brake, Edward Brake, James Brake, Leila Brake, Mary Brake, Michelle Brake, Regina Brake, W.C .Brake, Jeanne Brown, Camille Bruce, Eileen Buckle, Karen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Nora Burton, Hilda Butt, Joan Butt, Marie Byrne, Roberta Canning, Cathy Carroll, Marina Cashin, Mary Louise Cashin, Joanne Connolly, Helen Cook, Lynn Coombs, Linda Corbett, Lena Curnell, Michelle Curnell, Margaret Dally, Gertrude Daye, Lisa DiCesare, Barbara Dicks, Amelia Dicks, Theresa Dobbin, Vivian Donahue, Sandra Dwyer, Linda McIsaac, Bill Peddle, Gerard Deveaux, and Donna Eldridge.

PRAYER FOR YEAR of MERCY

Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.