

January 16-17, 2010  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk

“Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.” Psalm 96

This Sunday's gospel from John gives us the story of the Wedding at Cana and Jesus' first miracle in his ministry. What a scene at most wedding events today! Plenty of love is evident at a wedding. Of course, there is the love between the bride and groom. Love of the parents and grandparents are most present as well. Usually the maid of honor and best man have such a close relationship with the couple that we might speak of love far more than friendship. Mary and Jesus are guests at the wedding at Cana and this wedding celebration is quite different. Jesus takes the opportunity to show everyone the love of the Father by changing water into wine. This act witnesses God presence at every moment in our human existence. This first manifestation of why Jesus came among us summarizes his whole saving mission, and so John uses this occasion at the beginning of Jesus' public life to give us an overview of the meaning and purpose of Jesus' whole of life. Our purpose and response require us to believe in him and witness his love in the world. May this journey these next few weeks in Ordinary Time enable us to discover the real presence of Jesus.

**SURPRISES**

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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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** — Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891

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

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**SHARING A FEAST**

In many communities the way people show love, respect, and compassion is by sharing food and drink. Certainly, Jesus did that during the wedding at Cana. We believe that Jesus' love for us is most fully expressed when he feeds us in the Eucharist. Jeannie, a nurse, offered to serve on a Catholic medical mission team in a remote village in Haiti. For two weeks the volunteers worked long hours with limited supplies in a makeshift clinic serving hundreds of people with medical problems. As the clinic closed, the local people invited the team to a feast. Jeannie wondered what these impoverished people would serve. She sat down to sweet potatoes, fried goat with plantains, bread, beans and rice, and a special pineapple drink. Jeannie asked the local priest, “How could they do all this?” He replied, “God sent you with healing. This is our way of thanking God! Each gave a little so we could all share a lot.” It tasted so good that everyone ate until it was all gone. Jeannie left with profound respect for the people who “have nothing” but shared so much.

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“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds, alleluia.

Mass intentions are accepted at the Rectory. The suggested offering for a Mass is \$5.

The Mass book for 2010 is open.

# Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00pm	People of Blessed Sacrament
Sunday	8:00am	People in Haiti by Pastor
Sunday	8:00am	Mr. Joseph "L.J." Castille (D) by Pastor
Sunday	11:30am	Rose Martin (I) by Her Family
Sunday	11:30am	Claudie Nezy (D) by Rita Smiley
Monday	7:00am	Ricky Martin (S) by Rose Martin
Tuesday	6:00pm	Nolia F. Boudreaux (D) by Mary Clophus
Tuesday	6:00pm	Carrier Children (D) by Mary Alexander
Wednesday	7:00am	Corey Martin (I) by His Mother
Thursday	7:00am	Nolia F. Boudreaux (D) by Mary Clophus
Friday	7:00am	Pat Bossette (I) by Herself

## Our Mother of Mercy School

**Pre-Registration** for the school year 2010–2011 is underway for grades K3 to Sixth. Please call Our Mother of Mercy School @ 842-5534 for more information. **Rates are affordable and the quality of Education is excellent!**

## Fish Dinners

*Calling All Cooks, Volunteers and Delivery Drivers! It's that time again. The Fish Dinner Committee will have it's first planning meeting on Thursday, January 21th, @ 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and come with your suggestions. The Lenten Season is fast approaching.*

## Pray for ...

Ezolo Babino  
 Roy Coleman  
 Cecilia Carter  
 Elizabeth Hopper  
 John Myers  
 Annie Pappion  
 Doris Plummer  
 Orelia Simon  
 Fannie Sostand  
 Carlton Wiltz  
 Morla Johnson  
 Ruth White  
 Leola Montgomery  
 Benjamin Sam  
 Stephen Dellahoussaye  
 Mabry Landor  
 Mary Joann Duressau  
 Melissa LeDet  
 Mary Duplechain  
 Robert Eaglin  
 Pearl Pier  
 Nora Bullock  
 Leroy Smith  
 Verna White  
 Lawrence Jackson, Jr.  
 Clara Drew Fontenot

*If you know of a parishioner whose name is not listed, please contact the church office.*

**2009 Statement of Donations** for income tax purposes will be available January 2010. If you will need a statement please call the rectory @ (833-6089) to place your name on the mailing list.

## Zydeco

Our Mother of Mercy School is sponsoring a Madri Gras Zydeco Dance featuring Jo Jo Reed Saturday, January 30, 2010 9:00 p.m.—1:00 a.m. Tickets Presale—\$12.00 At the Door—\$15.00 BYOB—No Coolers Tickets Can Be Purchased @ Blessed Sacrament Rectory

Next week-end's second collection will benefit The Catholic Church in Latin America. Though Catholicism is dominant in the region, the faith is being challenged by the draw of other churches and by secularism, economic migration, and poverty. Thank you for your support.

### CCD CLASS CHANGE

**First Communion Classes** will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the CCD Building. Classes will no longer be held on Wednesday's. It is important that all students be in attendance. It is equally important that your child attend Mass every Sunday to get the full meaning of what he/she is being taught.

You have kept the good wine



### Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you have a calling to become a Eucharistic Minister and you are:

- 18 years of age or older
  - have received all of your Sacraments
  - you are a practicing Catholic
- Blessed Sacrament Church is in need of your help to administer the precious blood and the precious body of Christ. Classes are available. Please call the rectory @ 833-6089.

## Weekly Collections

*Last weekend Mass attendance was and the offering was*

**221**

**Offertory:**

\$3,305.15

**Other Income:**

\$218.93

Thank you for your stewardship.

Items must be received in the Rectory by Monday morning to be included in the weekend church bulletin.

**Baptism Class Wednesday before fourth Sunday of each month.**

*Family Bible Study is held every Tuesday at 7pm. Bring your Bible and your questions.*