

The Catholic Communities of Crown Point & Moriah



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 16, 2022

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs
at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him. - *John 2:11*



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Jan. 15	3:30 PM (SP)	Confessions
	4:00 PM (SP)	Donna Cook by Jim & children Jim Fenandez by Norma & Family
Sunday Jan. 16	9:00 AM (SH)	Lyudmyla Hunter by JoAnne & Greg Betit
	11:00 AM (SP)	Stanley Wojewodziec by Lorraine Josephine Yelle by her family
	1:00 PM (SP)	<i>Latin Mass</i> : Robert McDevitt by Dorothy McDevitt
Mon. Jan. 17	11:00 AM (SP)	Funeral Mass for Mary Forkas
Tues. Jan. 18	8:30 AM (SP)	For All the People of the Parish
Wed. Jan. 19	8:30 AM (SH)	Nick & Agnes Cayle by Pat Johnson
Thur. Jan. 20		<i>No mass: Fr. Al away</i>
Fri. Jan. 21	8:30 AM (SP)	Malvina Russom by her estate
Saturday Jan. 22	3:30 PM (SP)	Confessions
	4:00 PM (SP)	Andrew Breeyear by Family Our Parents by Tom & Andrew Breeyear
Sunday Jan. 23	9:00 AM (SH)	For All the People of the Parish
	11:00 AM (SP)	Mike, Bernie & Tom by Norma Fernandez

Weekly Offering

Jan. 2, 2022

CROWN POINT	
Envelopes (11)	\$ 535.00
Bldg. & Fuel	\$ 230.00
Plate + other	\$ 85.00
Total	\$ 850.00
Last Year (11)	\$ 900.00
MORIAH	
Envelopes (58)	\$1,773.00
Bldg. & Fuel	\$ 635.00
Plate + other	\$ 873.99
Total	\$3,281.99
Last Year (64)	\$2,196.00

WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

Today's gospel of the wedding at Cana forms the third part of the Epiphany trilogy: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the miracle at Cana. These three events are, as Pope Francis has described them, "the three signs that the liturgy brings in these days in order to speak to us about the manifestation of God: God makes himself known." The story of the Magi coming from the East reminds us that the Christ child was born for all peoples, and the baptism of Jesus is the revelation that he is the Father's "beloved Son." So, then, what do we learn from the miracle at Cana? What truth is revealed in this Sunday's gospel?

Throughout the Old Testament, we read of how God continually called his straying people back into right-relationship with Himself. The scriptures are filled with signs and stories that reveal God's covenant-love for his chosen people: the rainbow after the great flood, Abraham's star-filled sky, giving of the Law to Moses, and the promises made to King David and his descendants. Each of these remind us that while the People of Israel violated this relationship time and again, God's love and mercy remained constant. Even today's first reading reminds us of God's abiding and merciful love: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you."

All these were signs of God's love. But on that first Christmas in Jesus God "made his dwelling among us and we have seen his glory." The miracle at Cana was the first time that Jesus manifested his own transforming power and glory. It shows, in the words of Benedictine Adrian Nocent, that "We were once water, now we are wine, and are judged worthy of the divine wedding feast ... We are being invited, then, to meditate on this renewal of our selves, of our institutions, and of everything around us, but we must bear in mind that the renewal will come in its fullness only at the wedding feast of the Lamb on the last day."

Cana marked a beginning and in the transformation of the water into wine we discover that Jesus wasn't simply another prophet or holy man. He was God's "Beloved" and he holds the power to transform - to recreate and renew - the elements of earth and, more importantly, the hearts, minds, and souls of his followers.

In the coming weeks, we will hear the stories of how this transforming and saving work, begun in Cana, changed the lives of Jesus' disciples, as we're invited to reflect on how that transforming power continues to shape us today.

- Br. Silas Henderson, SDS



From the Pastor

*As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.*

Isaiah 62:5

The Miracle at Cana. Today's gospel depicts the 3rd of the three great mysteries of epiphany: Christ manifests his divine power as Son of God by his miracle at the wedding feast. As we sing in the epiphany hymn: *And at Cana, wedding guest, in thy godhead manifest. Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine. Praises be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.*

The gospel tells us that *Jesus did this, the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.* This first miracle revealed not only Christ's divine power and identity, but also his divine purpose and mission: to invite us into a covenant of mutual trust, love and self-giving, like the covenant of marriage. *As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.*

By becoming one of us, uniting his divinity with our humanity, Jesus has completed in his own person the "marriage" of heaven and earth, the union God desires with all humanity. Although complete in him, this marriage remains for each of us just a proposal, unless and until we accept it; an invitation to receive his divine life and love, to unite ourselves to him and his plan to bring us all the hope and joy, all the love and new life we celebrate at a marriage. God's proposal to us in Christ is not just to receive his love, but to enter into a partnership with him to make that love and divine life grow and spread in the world.

Prayer for Christian Unity. This Tuesday begins the annual week of prayer for the unity of Christians. This union is rooted in our common baptism which makes us children of God and so brothers and sisters to one another in Christ.

This year's theme for the week is: **We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him.** Like the Magi who braved the perils of a long and dangerous journey to find the Christ child, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East face many hardships as they strive to live out their faith in Christ. Our prayer in solidarity with their suffering is a light of hope and a demonstration of Christian unity communion.

The theme, taken from the Epiphany, highlights God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany celebrates the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, a baptism all Christians hold in common as testimony to their faith in the Son of God.

God our Creator we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our sick: Robert Ross, Pam Wagner, Dano Miller, Ann Dedrick, Lucille Trow, Jodi Whalen, Bill Prew, John Belcastro, Amy Allen, Mark Frame, Jim Connors, Kennie Anderson, Bob Mildon, Diann Gerling, Albert Cutting, Thomas Catillaz, Louise von Brockdorff, Julie Goodspeed, Bev Baker, Nappy Marcotte, Caleb Yakalis, Celia Diefendorf, Marie Allen, Kathy Henry, Noah Benoit, Margaret Parah, Susan Nephew, Bevie Anne Kelly, Bill Scribner, Mary Bryant, Danuta Wermuth, Patricia Frank, Lara Brehm, Milt Tesar, Clement Jackson, Annette O'Neil, Wendy Wojcik, Cathy Belisle, Christine Boest, John & Doris McGinness, Christine Wilson, Mary Veenker, Gerard Power, Denise Hawk, Bob Hughes, Eugene Barcomb, Stacey Drake, David Malbon II, Keegan McCray, Tom Neddo, Kristy Porter-Fosco,



9 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Since the Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973 Roe v. Wade decision over 60 million abortions in the U.S. reflect with heartbreaking magnitude of what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture."

Join Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, this Wednesday – next Thursday. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions & brief reflections. You can download the novena at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena>

Day of Penance. We observe the actual anniversary, Jan. 22nd, as a day of special prayer to restore the legal guarantee of the right to life, and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion.

Please join in special prayer and penance this Saturday for an end to this modern day holocaust of the most innocent and vulnerable members of our society.

Respect Life Collection. We can also help to restore respect for all human life by supporting next weekend's 2nd collection which funds pro-life initiatives and education efforts throughout our North Country. Your gift to this annual collection supports the work of *Birthright* and other local organizations like the *Gabriel Project* which provide emotional and material help for expectant mothers and their babies. Thank you for your generosity in protecting and nurturing new human life.



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