Saint Christina Parish of Turner County

PO Box 610   Parker, South Dakota 57053

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

During some of those bitterly cold days that past couple weeks, I became very grateful for all of you! As I came in from the cold and felt the warmth coming from our parish, I realized in a new way that the heat we enjoy during winter is a gift from all of you; thanks to your weekly generosity. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your financial support of our parish. Without your regular giving, this parish would not be able to function. Yet, thanks to your consistent generosity we are not only just able to function but also grow in the ways we are able to disciple and evangelize in our community (not to mention keep the heat on). Thank you so much.

In the Gospel today, we hear about Jesus' first miracle when he turns water into wine. There is an interesting observation made by the Gospel author when he states that Jesus "revealed his glory". This is an add thing to say! I'm sure I have ever talked about revealing my glory and I bet you haven't either. So, what does it mean? In the Bible the word glory has two main meanings. First of all, glory means heaviness or weight. If something is glorious it means it has a certain importance and seriousness. Think of the phrase, "I have to share some heavy news". The second main way glory is used in the Bible is as splendor or radiance. In this case, if something is glorious it means it shines with beauty and majesty. We might say, "Look at that glorious sunrise1"

Jesus enters an ordinary human moment that is familiar with all of us: a wedding. It is in the context of this wedding, a celebration of human love, that Jesus reveals his glory. In this act of power by which he supplies an abundance of the best wine we can see clearly who Jesus is as the man of glory. There is a seriousness to this action. By performing this miracle, Jesus is essentially going public as the Messiah. This is a decision that will ultimately end in his execution and resurrection. And this miracle shines forth with splendor. When Jesus turns water into wine, he is showing us that God's power and love is now totally unleashed in the world. There is no aspect of human life too small or too big where God's radiance and goodness does not reach. The glory of God is now exploding upon the world through the person of Jesus Christ.

When we think about our daily lives, we probably do not usually describe them as glorious. More often we would say they are ordinary, mundane, and even boring. Yet, because of Jesus we can no longer stop at the mere appearance of things. Jesus has given our lives weight and splendor. He has given us a share in his glory. Let's open our eyes to all the variety of ways he turns water into wine this week.
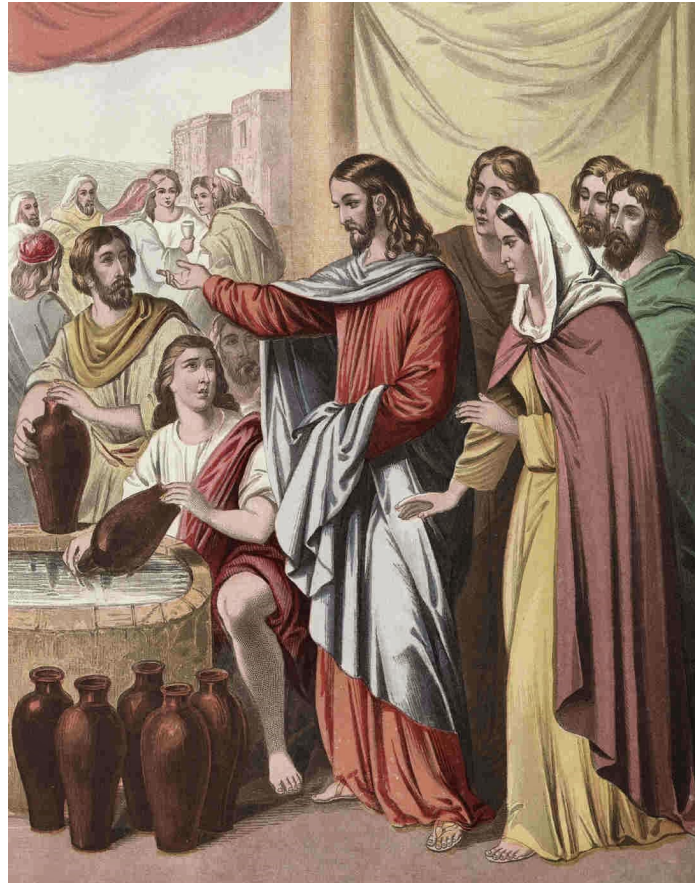

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WEEKLY MASSES—— St. Christina

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Holy Mass: 11:00AM

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Sunday, January 23rd
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th Grade Class
Mass 11:00AM

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time   Bud Ozar

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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St. Christina Church Support: Deposited
Monday, January 10th, 2022:

36 Env. Reg. Giving $1700.00; Loose Giving $13.00; Candles $101.00;   2021 CFSA Payment $65.00; 1 Env. Fuel Fund $100.00; 4 Initial Env. $80.00.
Thank You for your Generous Treasure.

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If anyone would be available on Monday morning for an hour or hour and a half to assist with counting the Sunday Collection, it would be greatly appreciated.
Please call the Parish Office: 297-4983. The time could be flexible and coffee could be provided.   Thank you for your interest.

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**THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PANCAKE FEED:**

**Parker Community Building
Sunday, January 23rd
Serving 7:30am to 12:30pm
Freewill donation
Enjoy: Pancakes, Sausages & Eggs**

BRING THE FAMILY