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January 17, 2016 ~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Wedding Feast at Cana

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S

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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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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our tradition carries a long memory of marriage as a sacrament, it may surprise you to learn that for nearly eleven centuries, there was no single wedding ceremony approved for use in the Church. While we have evidence of priests blessing marriages as early as the second century, in the early period church leaders relied on civil authorities to manage marriage for everyone in society. In most cases, society yielded its authority to sanction marriage to the male heads of households.

From ancient times, marriage had been a family affair, managed by the father of the family, who acted as priest and guardian of family tradition. Each head wanted to keep the family gods alive, and so he would arrange for brides for his sons, paying a "bride price" as compensation for the loss of a skilled household worker. As creepy as that sounds, it was a step up from the kidnapping practice of earlier years. Even after the kidnapping raids stopped, the customs remained. Every wedding contained the ritualized kidnapping of the bride, the husband abducting his bride from the festivities, carrying her over the threshold to prevent her father's gods from following her into her new religion. There, he fed her a piece of "sacred cake," initiating her into a new way of life. It's fascinating to see how customs endure, long after we have completely rejected the values and attitudes they originally expressed!

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Miraculous Sign: Water into Wine

John 2:1-11

Our Gospel story records the first, messianic miracle—when Jesus miraculously changed water into wine. Jesus, who was accompanied by his mother Mary and His disciples, attended a wedding in Cana. Initially, Mary had given proactive instructions to the servants to obey Jesus. On the third day, the host of the wedding began to run out of wine. When Mary appealed to Jesus about the wine shortage, Jesus replied in substance, "How does this concern of yours affect me? My time has not yet come."

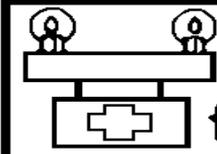
Six stone water jars used for Jewish purification remained empty and available for use. Jesus ordered the servants to fill these to the brim. When the jars had been filled, Jesus then ordered them to draw some out so that the headwaiter might taste it. When the headwaiter tasted it, he exclaimed to the bridegroom, "Everyone serves choice wine; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, the inferior wine. But you have kept the choice wine until now." Clearly, Jesus had miraculously transformed the substance of the water contained in the purification jars into a vintage, fine wine. Yes, a miracle—Jesus made water into wine!

Many of us during our faith journey have found ourselves in need of a miracle in our lives. If we pray fervently with the free gift of faith and wait patiently on the Lord, our prayers invariably are answered. If we have a little talk with Jesus, we can feel a little prayer wheel turning and later even a little fire burning. When we know Jesus through the power of prayer, then we know that Jesus is sweeter than the honey from the honeycomb. Oh, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, Church! Yes, Jesus is our way-maker, who can make a way out of no way. Jesus is our hope in a weary land and our joy in the midst of pain.

Jesus performed many more signs and miracles during His ministry. The evangelist, John, recorded these signs so that those who believed in Jesus, the Son of God and second Person of the Blessed Trinity, might obtain everlasting life and become children of God; and so, they are. *Alleluia.*

Alleluia. Amen.

—Rev. Mr. John Dupre



Masses for the week

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January 17—23, 2016

Sunday, January 17	Presider
7:30 Leung Chau Wai (D)	Bishop Walsh
9:00 Parishioners of St. Anne	Fr. Nascimento
10:30 Rev. Francis Pascuale Filice	Fr. Nascimento
Noon Helen Wang (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Monday, January 18	
8:45 Dr. Phil Jimenez (D)	Bishop Walsh
Tuesday, January 19	
6:30 Rev. Thomas Seagrave (D)	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Araceli Andrea Lasola (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Wednesday, January 20	
6:30 Birthday, Abelardo Gorospe	Bishop Walsh
8:45 Birthday, Eufemia V. Bedania	Fr. Nascimento
Thursday, January 21	
6:30 Rev. Felix Cassidy (D)	Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Estela Llorente (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Friday, January 22	
6:30 Bnnie Cassinelli (D)	Fr. Nascimento
8:45 John Fox, Jr. (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Saturday, January 23	
8:45 Confraternity of St. Anne	Fr. Nascimento
5 p.m. Alfonso & Emma Massoni (D)	Fr. Nascimento

Because Monday, January 18, 2016 is **Martin Luther King Day**, the rectory Office will be closed, and there will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass that day.



2016 Walk for Life West Coast

Save the date for the **12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday, January 23**. The day will start with **Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco at 9:30 a.m.** Archbishop Cordileone will be the principal celebrant. Following the Mass the event continues with a **Rally at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 p.m.** and the subsequent 1.3 mile Walk along Market Street to the waterfront near Justin Herman Plaza.

Be one of the over 55,000 participants expected to converge in San Francisco this year to proclaim that "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Women Deserve Better than Abortion."

St. John of God Community invites you to celebrate the life of Fr. Tom Seagrave on February 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by Pot-luck Brunch Reception. For further information, please contact Judy Laxen at judithfl@aol.com; Kay, (415) 566-5610.

Mark your calendars for **The Archdiocese of San Francisco Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, February 20, 2016**, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., SF. All husbands and wives celebrating 5-year wedding anniversary (10, 15, .. 35, 40), or over 40 years are invited to attend and be there! Mass at 10:00 will be celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a reception. Suggested donation per family: \$20

Second Collection for St. Patrick Seminary, January 24: Since 1898, St. Patrick Seminary has been dedicated to the ministry of forming seminarians to be priests for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Most of the priests you know have baptized, married and buried your loved ones. We need your help to insure that what began over a century ago continue into the future.

Your donation will assist seminarians to develop humanly, spiritually and intellectually. It will enable them to become effective pastors who lead parishes, counsel parishioners and proclaim the Gospel in many languages both in the pulpit and in the midst of the many communities in our culturally rich Church. **Thank you for your prayers and generous support.**

Note: At the request of Archbishop Cordileone, **this week's Second Collection** is being taken up to assist victims of the extreme weather patterns recently seen in the Mid-west. Any envelopes for the originally scheduled 2nd Collection (Property and Insurance Fund) will be deposited into that fund. But any loose cash or undesignated checks collected will be for **Disaster Relief**.

Last Week's Collections

Christmas Novena, Dec. 15—23 —\$1,180
plus the \$772.00 reported last week
for a grand total of \$1,952.00

1st Collection, Jan. 9, 10 —\$6,129.00
Building and Maintenance Fund —\$1,017.00

This Week's Second Collection:
Midwestern Disaster Relief

Next Week's Second Collection:
Saint Patrick Seminary

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2015
We're getting closer to meeting our obligation, but we still owe over \$7,000 on our assessment of \$47,200

Thank You All for Your Generosity!
For On-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org

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SAINT ANNE PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Cantonese)

DAILY MASS

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:45 a.m.

MASSES—HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

First Friday: 9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

2nd Saturday - 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISM CLASS

2nd Sun. - 1:30 p.m.

(No Baptisms scheduled during Lent.

No Baptism Classes on Mother's Day & Easter Sunday)

PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.-4:55 p.m. or by appointment

SAINT ANNE DEVOTION

Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. Mass

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 9:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

SAGES (*Saint Anne Growing Exploring Seniors*) will host a **Lenten Morning Retreat on Monday, February 22nd**. Bishop Daniel Walsh will lead the morning reflection from 10:30 AM till noon in the Cliff Heintz Room. Please contact Sr. Esther if you plan to attend:

415-665-1600 x 26;

email: sresther@stanne-sf.org .



*Good Saint Anne, Mother of Mary,
Pray for us!*

St. Anne Mission Statement

We, the people of Saint Anne, envision a Christ-centered community, enriched by the gifts of a diverse heritage. We remember the past and are open to the future; living out the Gospel values with enthusiasm, joy and celebration under the protection of Saint Anne.

We commit ourselves to sharing the mission belonging to all followers of Christ: caring for one another and reaching out to those in need.

We commit ourselves to revitalizing our parish community; to participating meaningfully in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to developing a strong sense of stewardship; and to regularly evaluating our work and ministries.

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