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January 16 — 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



In the Gospel of John, this is the first public act of Jesus, and it is the woman, his mother, who initiates this first display of his divine origins when he 'let his glory be seen'. Her total trust that he will respond to her observation helps to explain why we look to Mary as a model of faith and discipleship. Jesus takes the symbol of the old rituals of Israel—the water for ritual cleanliness—and transforms it into something new. This is a recurring motif in John. Another recurring theme is that of 'the hour' of Jesus. In John's Gospel, 'the hour' will not be finally fulfilled until the supreme moment when Jesus shows the fullness of his love for both his Father and for all people; the moment when he is 'lifted up' on the cross. This story is about much more than the performance of a miracle at a wedding feast. In the performance of this sign, Jesus reveals something of the power and glory of God operating in and through him, and it is this revelation of the glory of God that has a transformative effect on his

disciples as they come to believe in him. The miracle at Cana announces the richness of the gifts of God that Jesus has come to dispense, and for the disciples and for all who come to believe in Jesus, this is a life-changing event. *(the summit)*

II Domenica del Tempo Ordinario (Anno C)

Non è venuta la mia ora, dice Gesù alla Madre che, a tutta prima, sembra essere stata importuna dicendo: "Non hanno più vino". Cos'è l'"ora"?

Per Giovanni è il momento cruciale, del Calvario anzitutto; la cruna dell'ago attraverso cui deve passare per essere rivoltata tutta quanta la storia, di tutti gli uomini e di tutti i tempi; ma l'ora è anche il tempo della missione pubblica che la prepara: quello è il tempo dei segni, dei miracoli!

Anche Gesù obbedisce ad un tempo che non è il suo, che il Padre gli ha assegnato, di cui egli non è più in un certo senso padrone perché, pur essendo Dio, ha lasciato la sua forma divina presso il Padre e non vuole disporne come uomo.

L'umanissimo miracolo di Cana è un miracolo della fede di Maria. Come sarà per la cananea, come avverrà per il centurione, la fede di Maria ottiene dal Padre che Gesù anticipi l'ora. E si vede allora la forza della "donna" che apre qui al banchetto di Cana e chiude sotto la croce gli estremi dell'"ora".

La forza della fede brilla pure nella gioia del maestro di tavola mentre gusta il buon vino: la compagnia di Dio all'uomo è umanissima ed integrale. "Non di solo pane", dirà Gesù, ma intanto fornisce ai commensali, che allietano gli sposi, dell'ottimo vino. . (lachiessa.it)

Thanksgiving envelopes 2022

Thanksgiving envelopes for 2022 will be available in the foyer after weekend masses.

Over the past couple of years our parish income has decreased significantly and continues to decrease.

In order for us to continue the level of maintenance that keeps our Parish safe and welcoming, while at the same time meeting all our expenses, we need your help and are appealing to you to see if you would find it in your heart to continue, and if possible to increase, your current level of Thanksgiving.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Luigi Lucente

Recently deceased: Antonio Ferro, Alex Attard, Eleonora Miceli, Tommaso Ruberto, Marco Angelico, Ann Simper, Giuseppe Cavalli, Francesca Perri, Lucia Vocale, Maureen Blood, Quirino D'Alessandro, Carmela Paterno, Michelina Bocale

Anniversaries: Vito Di Girolamo, Frank Cichello, Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Angelina Oro Markis, Nabih and Franjia Chaccita, Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Teofila and Gianni Stefani, Caterina Costa, Maria Lamonaca

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory.

Rosters for weekend masses (Jan. 22/23)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera

Sunday 10.30 am : C. Surace

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm (Novena masses will not be held from December 29 to January 12 2022). Novena masses will resume on the 19th of January 2022.

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am

Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

QR check and face marks are is required at all masses

Fellow parishioners, on behalf of our Vinnies St.Marks/St.Matthews conference members I want to sincerely express our gratitude and appreciation for the true Christian response of generosity to our Christmas giving tree food appeal. Your donation came at a very welcomed time as our regular source was depleted—requiring the amount of aid we could give to each client needed to be reduced. As you would know this annual event has become a fixture of our parish life (initiated by Kath Dibella some years and aided by various other parishioners along the way). Thanks again everyone for your response to this and the other appeals throughout the past years "it is in giving that we receive".

Frank Falvo,
 Vinnies St.Marks/St.Matthews Conference President



St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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