**PFOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 18-19, 2025**

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Gospel Reading**

Jn 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in 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.”

[And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern

affect me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish

ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So, they filled them to

the brim.

Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the

Headwaiter.” So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become

wine, without knowing where it came from (although the

servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called

the bridegroom

and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then

when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have

kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee

and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in

him.

**Intercession**

As Jesus provided for the needs of the bridegroom at the wedding at Cana, may we seek ways to share our God-given blessings with those in need through the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

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If we learn anything from today’s Gospel, it’s that we should always listen to our mothers. Kidding aside, the Holy Spirit has gifted Mary wisdom and discernment, and these gifts shine at the wedding at Cana. The Holy Spirit bestows gifts on us, just like Mary. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians (12:7), “To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Healing, faith, wisdom, prophecy, and tongues are among these gifts. Mary knows the time for Jesus’ ministry has come. When she says, “Do whatever He tells you,”she demonstrates trust in that what her son will do will be good and fulfill God’s call. She has faith in Jesus just as she had faith in God when, three decades earlier, she answered “yes” to his call to bear his son.

Mary’s trust moved Jesus to act, to begin his ministry. Trust and faith spur action. rust and faith yield great outcomes. Through the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we can create abundant living for members of our Church community. Please consider, prayerfully, a gift to this year’s appeal.

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God’s abundance is all around us. It could be good health, a loving network of family and friends, meaningful work, material comfort, natural beauty, or a personal sense of peace. For the groom in today’s gospel, it was first a large gathering of loved ones to celebrate his marriage and then Christ’s action, on his behalf, that saved him from profound embarrassment.

The Jewish people believed the coming of the Messiah will be marked by an abundance of new wine, representing God’s abundant goodness toward his people. At the wedding at Cana, Jesus turns water into wine – 120 gallons! In doing so, he demonstrates his loving kindness to the hosts. It is the first of his signs that indicates he is the long-awaited Messiah, and those who open their eyes and hearts enjoy the feast.

Later in his ministry, Jesus says, “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find.” (Matthew 7:7). Trust in Jesus yields an abundant life. And out of our abundant blessings, we can be Christ to our community by supporting our Catholic Ministry Appeal. Let us light the way to Christ for those in need of his abundance.

**Social Media Post/Content**

Photo: Jug of wine

Header: “You have kept the good wine until now” – John 2:10

Copy: May we trust that God will always provide for our needs. Let us follow Jesus’ example of saving the bridegroom the shame of running out of wine at his wedding feast by attending to the needs of faith community though our support the Catholic Ministry Appeal.