



Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.

JOHN 2:10

BOGDAN SONACHNYI / SHUTTERSTOCK

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ **How might you describe your relationship with God?**
- ★ **Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.**



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January 1928.

It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Saturday Afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Joseph's at 8.30 a.m. Sunday morning "

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning 11.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment - one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment - one year in advance (approx)

CCD - FHC - Thursday evening - Time: 5:30 p.m.

Gathering of Children - 30th January - Time: 10:00 a.m.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting - 7th February 2022

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass - 23rd January 2022 (Team 1)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Reverend Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card - Pastoral
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Mrs. Annette Barclay
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Music Ministry

**Mrs. Alicia Arruda and Mrs.
Sonia Tavares** - Portuguese
Representative on Pastoral
Council

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
(Contact Annette)**



Today's Hymns



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| Entrance: | Glory & Praise to Our God | #574 |
| Offertory: | Open My Eyes Lord | #659 |
| Communion: | One Bread One Body | #793 |
| Recessional: | City of God | #813 |

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



— 23rd January 2022

Proclaimer of God's Word
Collection Counters
Opening/Closing of Church
Music

Jane Bermingham
Mary & Simon Stones
Kathie Ausenda
Tony Bari

If you would like to participate in one of the above-mentioned ministries, please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intentions:

15th/16th January - In remembrance of loved ones for whom the Christmas Flowers were donated.

| | <u>Attendance:</u> | <u>Collection</u> |
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| 8th January (Regular) | 10 | 98.50 |
| (Maintenance) | | 15.00 |
| 9th January (Regular) | 52 | 287.50 |
| (Maintenance) | | 170.00 |
| Flowers | | 100.00 |
| | | \$671.00 |

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated. Banking information: Name: St. Josephs Parish - Account Number: 20006060757062100 at Bank of NT Butterfield and Son

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Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-in in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda, and also for those who have not yet ventured out yet to Mass.

Birthdays

Leonora Carter

17th January

May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you all with many more special days



Christmas flowers were donated in loving

Memory of the following loved ones:

Bermingham, Rowe and Higgins Families; Nora & Anthony H; Lucille Zuill, Noreen McHale; John, Alfred, Charles, Cecil, M and Sylvestria; Tammy Barclay and Heyliger and Barclay fa Anthony & Rita Faries, Manuel, Joseph, Frank, George, Faries, Rita Faries Smith, Tony & Solange Faries, Mary Soares, Mary Pedro and Charles Spanswick; Ken Moench, Reggie and Zita (Smith) Pitman, Hilda Moench, Sister Judith Marie Rollo, Julie Coolen, Claudia Tennant, Tan Parslow, Charlie Smith, Harry Langworthy and Paul Fortuna; Eugene DeSilva, Angie & Joe DeSilva, Joan & John Mello; Kenneth & Beryl Young and James & Violet Stones, Ramsay Merriss, Erna Young; Donald Hassell; Michael Koren; Alex Barclay, Tess & Martin Hutley; David Medeiros & Maria de Lurdes, Antonio & Maria Froias, David Tavares; Lucy & John Moffat, Susan & James Moffat, John, Louie, Richard Card, Arthur, Marie & Paul Card; Ernest, Alice, Peter & Ernie Whitney; Fr. David Doran; Fr. Carl Fritz; Fr. Joseph Bogusz; Bishop Brian Hennessy; Lempe Escola; Bobbe Cauchie; Peter & Mary Hogg; Suzanne Tann; Ellen (Nellie) & Ron Jenkins; and for those loved ones not mentioned.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting: This combined meeting (St. Joe's and Anthony's) will be held at St. Anthony's on Tuesday, 25th January, at 6.00 p.m. This includes MSA parents.



A BIG THANK YOU to Annette who came in on Monday to take down the Christmas tree and the remainder of the decorations; your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

PASTOR's NOTE:

Dear friends,

In the Mediterranean and middle east wine is a rich symbol of joy and happiness. At the time of Jesus a wedding in a small village like Cana in Galilee, that would have counted maximum 300 or 400 people was a major event, where the whole village would have celebrated for a whole week, to run out of wine means that the couple would have been known forever in the annals of the village as those who ran out of wine, a kind of laughing stock to be remembers for years: in short, a disgrace.

However, what is more important for us is the symbolic meaning of the event. The wedding feast represents our relationship with God, our life of faith. It may run out of wine, out of joy. We may have lost the enthusiasm, the joy, of our faith. We may live our faith as a set of obligations, heavy things to do, laws, tough things. It is still a relationship, but in this day and age does not look anymore attractive, especially to the people that are around us and may be the dearest to us. We fail to be a catalyst that can lead the young generations, or the spouses to Christ. What to do then? It is pointless to say to each other: you must be joyful. Joy either is there or is not there. However, there is something to do: ask for this joy; especially for us Catholics ask for the intercession of the mother of Christ. Ask that Christ may bring new wine into our life and our soul. Jesus turns water (the water from the purification jars) into wine. Water is Baptism: Joy comes from the refreshing waters of Baptism which are turned into the wine of the Eucharist, the blood of life, the New Wine of the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is not by chance that the Gospel passage begins mentioning "the third day". In fact, the waters of purification are flowing from the crucified Christ together with His blood when he is hanging dead from the Cross. It is with his bloody sacrifice of his death that our sins have being expiated. But it is with the resurrection, on the third day, that the Easter Joy is filling the hearts and lives of Christians, of those who have embraced the forgiveness of their sins.

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio



Our Next Coffee Social will be held on Sunday, 23rd January; it will be hosted by Team 1 (Liz, Chloe, Dennis & Jackie, Sue, Justin, Chelsea and Margaux)

Gathering of Children will start on Sunday, 30th January, at 10.00 a.m. Please let Liz know if your child will be attending these sessions; they should last about 1hr 15mins. Please note – this is not a CCD programme!!!

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

There are currently 183 countries that maintain diplomatic relations with the Holy See, as well as the European Union and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. There are 87 Embassy Chancelleries based in Rome, including those of the European Union and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The offices of the League of Arab States, the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees are also based in Rome.

In his "state of the world" address to diplomats, the Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, gathered at the Vatican for their yearly audience last Sunday. Pope Francis highlighted critical issues of human and geopolitical concern around the world, and repeatedly stressed that we are one human family, inhabiting a common home. In order to be able to tackle the urgent problems of our time, we need to recover a sense of the profound unity of all reality.

The Pope highlighted the ongoing pandemic, and its direct and collateral effects on humanity, saying, "The health crisis still calls for a significant effort on the part of everyone." He lamented how the fight against the virus has been undermined in many cases by strong ideological divides that have "severed the bond of human reason with the objective reality of things." Francis also said that, "A comprehensive commitment on the part of the international community is necessary so that the entire world population can have equal access to essential medical care and vaccines."

The Pope expressed concern for the fact that too often, important resolutions, declarations and decisions are made without a genuine process of negotiation in which all countries have a say. He said, "This has led to an imbalance that has generated disaffection towards international agencies and weakened the multilateral system as a whole, with the result that it becomes less and less effective in confronting global challenges. Once humanity's fundamental values are adopted through dialogue and consensus, we realize that they rise above consensus: Here I wish to mention in particular the right to life, from conception to its natural end, and the right to religious freedom."

Pope Francis concluded: "Greater cooperation is needed among all actors on the local, national, regional and global levels." He expressed his hope that the coming years will be a time of

opportunity to consolidate the fraternal ties of our one human family in the awareness that no one is saved alone.

Have a restful weekend and a productive week!

Bishop Wes

Dear Friends,

On Sunday the 23rd of January 2022 the Catholic Church will celebrate the Word of God Sunday, an event that was established by Pope Francis two years ago. Following our Bible Marathon last year, we will be having a continuation of Bible reading again this year. This will take place on Saturday the 22nd of January 2022 at St. Theresa's Cathedral, starting at 10:30am and ending at 4:00pm. We will continue with the New Testament books, beginning with the Gospel of John. Each reader will be asked to read for fifteen minutes. The "Marathon" will be live streamed.

Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AFAE2AA7FFC07-thebible>

Be well, cautious, and safe! Bishop Wes

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,
37, 40–51
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,
19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10
1 Cor 12:12–30
or 12:12–14, 27
Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21