



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.

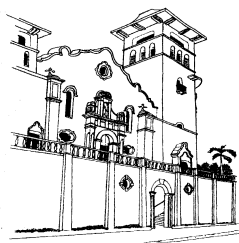
This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed 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.**



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Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or elsewhere

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. Jan. 15	6:30 pm	Intentions of Chloe & Jason DeSilva
Sun. Jan. 16	8:30 am	+ Doris & Albert Ramsay
	10:00 am	+ Deolinda Meireles, Antonio Mansinho
	11:30 am	Victor Moniz & Manuel & Arminda Garrafa
	6:00 pm	St. Theresa's Parish
Mon. Jan. 17	7:30 am	+ Deceased Members of the Blazejewski's Family
Tues. Jan. 18	7:30 am	+ William, Mary & Edward Paiva Rodrigues
Wed. Jan. 19	7:30 am	+ Linda MacDonald
	12:10 pm	
Thurs. Jan. 20	7:30 am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Charles Soares & James Soares
Fri. Jan. 21	12:10pm	
Sat. Jan. 22	6:30 pm	Intentions of Mary Lou DeSilva
Sun. Jan. 23 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00 am	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family
	11:30 am	For Our Lady of Fatima
	6:00 pm	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 22nd/23rd January, 2022

	6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Proclaimers:	C. Powell	L. Scarth	Volunteer	Volunteer
			Needed	Needed
Communion				
Ministers:	J. Judd	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
Song Leaders:	K. JUDD	M. Pastor	M. Gravito	

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield **Acct #20-006-060-482732-100** and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure.

Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration - 10:00 am – Benediction.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM 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



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(II Corinthians 9:7)

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	8 th /9 th January, 2022	\$ 2,192.00
To Date: Week 2		\$ 5,707.00

Thank you for your continued support!

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



16th – 22nd January, 2022

**Donation Given for Two Roses & Two 7-Day Votive Candles
For the "Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Maiato & Family"**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

In order that 7-Day votive candles & roses are always present in St. Theresa's Chapel, we will need your assistance through your donations, to purchase these. To date, we have several openings for your intentions from February until the end of the year. Therefore, if you would like to make a donation of 2 seven-day candles or of 2 roses or both at a cost of \$9.00 each, please call St. Theresa's Office at 292-0607 Ext. 2 or email: stheresas@northrock.bm for further information.

INTRODUCTION:

Isaiah encourages the people, giving them hope for the future and reminding them of God's love for them. We can take encouragement from these same words, especially since Christ has come for us. The Lord longs to breathe his divine life into each of us, making us new and whole.



SPECIAL COLLECTION for the Holy See – January 29/30:

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, this collection will take place on the weekend of **January 29th and 30th**. Special envelopes will be provided for your donation next week or make a contribution online and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

Please note that St. Theresa's First Holy Communion Classes will commence next Saturday, **22nd January from 8:45am to 10:15am in the Cathedral Hall located on Laffan Street.**

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2022:

Please call the Rectory office (292-0607- Ext.2) to request Masses for **2022** or e-mail: sttheresas@northrock.bm

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 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