



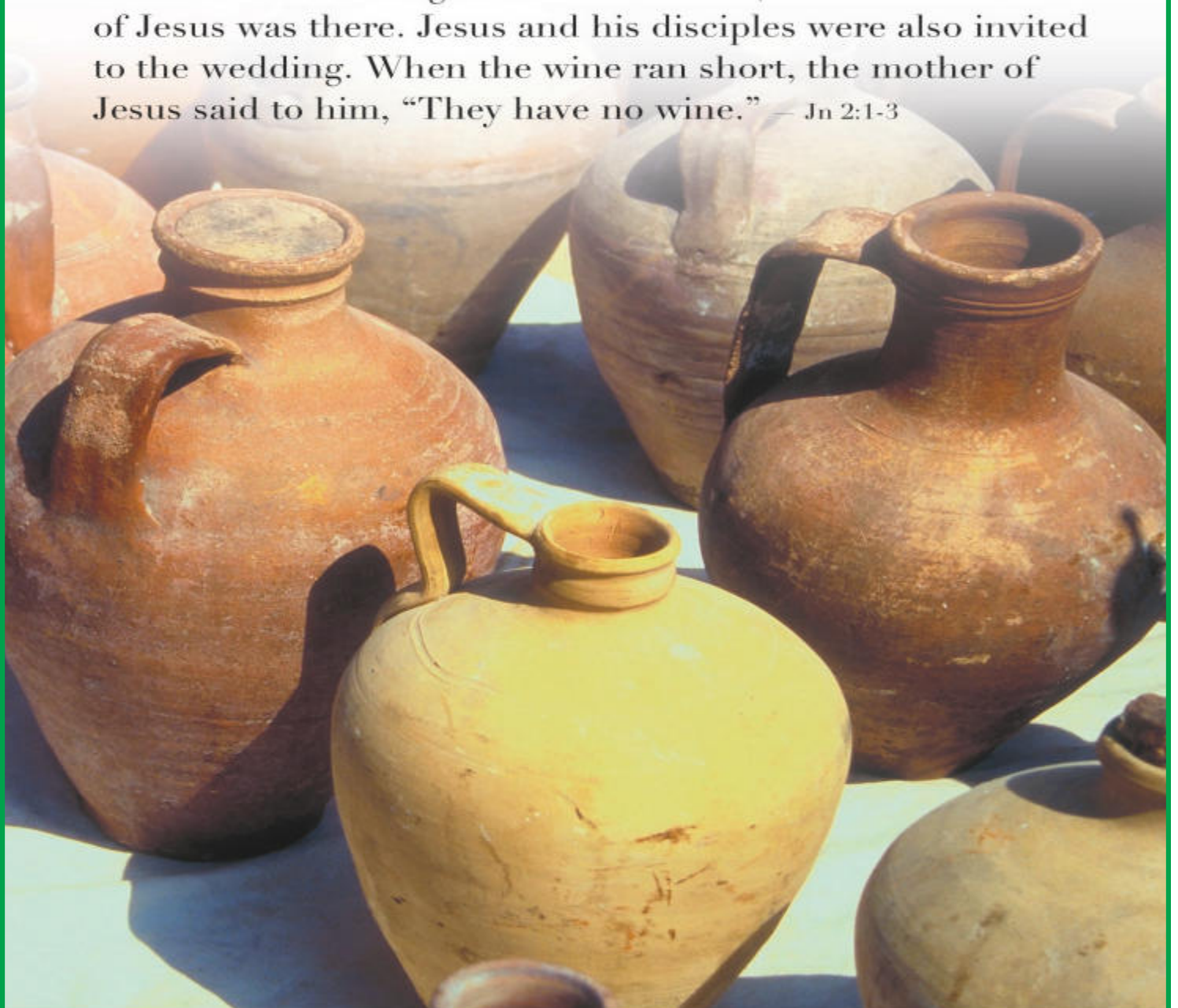
Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

January 20, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a wedding at 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." — Jn 2:1-3



Readings for the week of January 20, 2019

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7- 8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



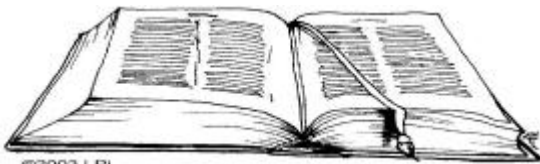
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves

alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

At Cana, we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand, or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

TIME: The Beginning and the End

"I am Alpha and Omega, said the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:4)

We think of time as a progression of successive moments, whether they be minutes, days, years, or even millennia. This is our experience of time, whether seemingly short or long. But time as it really is has a dimension beyond just our temporal time, as it also has Eternal dimensions. Christ has always been in this Eternal time, or as it is spoken of in the Gospel as the "Age to Come," distinct from just the "Present Age" which we experience in the here and now.

Yet Christ came on earth and entered through His personal experience into our experience of time, personal limited time which had a beginning and will have an end. He was born here, lived here, died here, and rose from the dead here. This is why we can experience His love so directly and personally all the time since He was born.

Since Christ is born, and we glorify Him, God is not just our Father or our Savior, but is also our brother, our dearest friend, and, therefore, is eminently approachable and personal to us. He is close and real and alive and sympathetic to our joys and sorrows. He is near, nearer than anyone else can be, for He is the forerunner and bridge to our life to come: Eternal time, simultaneous time, everlasting time without beginning or end. And He is not only at the beginning and at the end, but He Himself is the beginning and end of all things, and is the Light of the "Age to Come." May we always stand close and reflect this brightest light, and be illumined inside with Him until we shine with Him shining out.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, born as a little Babe, come close to us today, and warm our hearts so brightly in Faith and in Love to You. Amen.

MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. DAY

A Prayer for a Just Society

*Heavenly Father, You create every human person
in Your image and likeness.*

*You call us together in one human family,
united in dignity, value, and love.*

Give us the strength and wisdom

To protect this dignity and life at all stages.

*Jesus our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness
of those who work for peace*

and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

*Forgive us for the times we have not responded
to the call of Your Beatitudes.*

*Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense
of the poor and vulnerable.*

Good and Gracious God,

make our hearts to love like Yours. Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm -
Father Duane, RCIA Sacramental Class, St. Clare of Montefalco Education Room

SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, April 6, 2019, St. Matthew's 2019 Jazz Nite Event

St. Matthew Parishioners' Generosity

- **Retirement Fund for Religious** - The Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious." It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to this collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your donation of **\$2,374.50** to this worthy cause.
- **Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan** - This collection helps support the work of the CCSEM as they minister to more than 20,000 infants, children, teens, adults and families, all in a variety of challenging circumstances. Through their efforts, these families and individuals receive compassionate care and support to help them through their trials. Thank you for your donation of **\$844.01** to this worthy cause.

The Latin title for the season, "tempus ordinarium," conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time.

United States Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Ministry of Consolation - A two-day training for those who minister to the bereaved will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary later this month. The Ministry of Consolation Training Course will explore ways for parishes to begin a Ministry of Consolation or enhance present bereavement ministry programs.

Your CSA gifts allow the archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Pro Life to offer this training with Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at a nominal cost. The training topics to be covered include personal death awareness, the Order of Christian Funerals, communication and listening in grief ministry, and facilitating bereavement support groups.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

Catholic Education Still Lives

St. Clare of Montefalco School is holding their School Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. St. Clare School prides itself on small class sizes, scholarships and other tuition assistance programs,



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster	Peggy Bates
Bienvenido Fajardo	Glenda Johnson
Lolita Dorado	Daniel Adams
Rita Moroni	Robert Stark
Albert Fajardo	Stephanie Smith
Virginia Fajardo	Alice Mocerri
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Saturday, January 26, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 19 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan (1st Anniv), Colin Patrick Measel,
Constance Schuster (4th Anniv)

Sunday, January 20 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Norma Gould

Monday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; Martin

Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 22, USA Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 a.m. - For government leaders to be inspired by the Holy Spirit in their efforts to protect all human life from conception until natural death

Wednesday, January 23 - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Friday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Saturday, January 26 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 27 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

JANUARY 21, 2019

REMEMBER THE MAN AND HIS LEGACY!

Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
only light can do
that. Hate cannot
drive out hate; only
love can do that.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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