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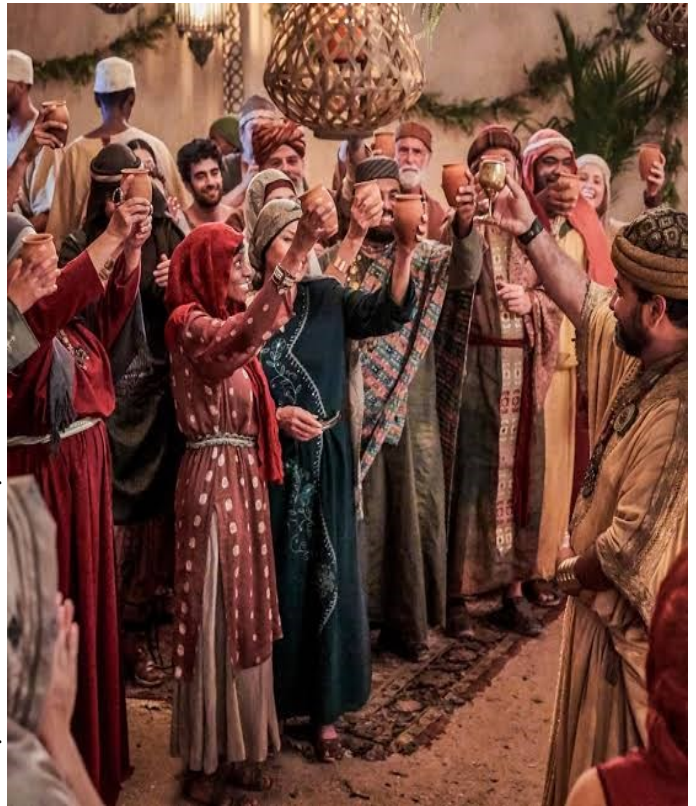
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'C'—JAN. 19TH, 2025 *"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU."*

John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels. Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.



Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

FAREWELL TO TESS AND FORREST ARTHUR...AND THANK YOU!

Tess and Forrest Arthur, dear parishioners for 18 years, are moving to Virginia at the end of this month. They have been an integral part of our parish and will be sorely missed.

The Arthurs first attended our church in 2006 when Fr. Joe Occhuito was the pastor. They immediately felt at home here and have been “regulars” ever since. They have served as Hospitality ministers, and Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the 11AM Mass for many years. If you attended any of the Lenten dinners over the years, it was likely the friendly faces of Forrest and Tess who met you at the wine station. Tess touched the lives of many of our young people as a Confirmation catechist, and also served faithfully on our Pastoral Council. They both made soulful connections with fellow parishioners when they hosted the “Why Catholic” bible study in their home.

Forrest, who was raised Baptist, had promised Tess’s mom he would someday convert. In 2014, with John Condon as his sponsor, Father Emil Robu as his pastor, and witnessed by the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel congregation he had grown to love, he became Catholic.

As much as they have enjoyed life in Carmel Valley, the Arthurs look forward to a quieter, simpler life on the banks of Chesapeake Bay. Forrest is retiring from his position as Chief Operating Officer of the Santa Lucia Preserve after a satisfying 28 year career there, and Tess is closing her long and busy chapter of volunteerism on the Monterey Peninsula. Among her gifts to the larger community were Operation Padre to upgrade the stadium at Carmel High School, serving on the Board of Directors of CUSD, organizing the Food Bank at the CMS gym to distribute food to outlying areas during COVID, and in partnership with the

People like the Arthurs, friendly, generous and loving, are what makes our parish community special. We are deeply grateful for their gifts of time and love to our parish family, and we wish them Godspeed on the next chapter of their life’s adventure.



MASS INTENTIONS

January. 18th – 26th2025

Sat. Jan 18th Vigil 4:30: + **Mary Shannon**

Sun. Jan 19th 9:00: + **Vickie Sherard**

11:00: + **Rosa Palma Morales**

Wed. Jan 22nd 12:00: **Int. of Bereavement Group**

Thurs. Jan 23rd 12:00: **Health & Healing of Serena Underwood**

Fri. Jan 24th 12:00: + **Alice LaRue**

Sat. Jan. 25th 4:30: + **Marilyn & Tom Thies**

Sun. Jan. 26th 9:00: **People of the Parish**

11:00: + + **Sam Oriel**

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

CHRISTMAS: \$ 11,238.00

DECEMBER 21ST & 22ND \$ 1,756.80

DECEMBER 28ST & 29ND \$ 4,009.25

JANUARY 4TH & 5TH \$ 4,071.78

JANUARY 11TH & 12TH \$ 2,527.51

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady
of Mount Carmel Parish,

I am glad to be back to Carmel Valley Village. In this Sunday's Gospel we read about The Wedding at Cana. This is a story that appears only in John's Gospel. In it we can meditate on the power of intercession and miracles.

Please take some time to read the article in the bulletin about our beloved parishioners Tess and Forrest Arthur. They are moving to Virginia for retirement, and we will certainly miss them. Shalom! Fr. Jhonatan.

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



SEGUNDO DOMINGO ORDINARIO "C" – ENE. 19TH, 2025 "HAGAN LO QUE ÉL LES DIGA".

El Evangelista Juan nos dice que Jesús y sus discípulos fueron invitados a esta boda en Caná, al igual que María, la madre de Jesús. No hay ningún informe paralelo de este milagro en Caná en los evangelios sinópticos. Aquí, como en otras partes del Evangelio de Juan, no se menciona a María por su nombre, sino que se la menciona como la madre de Jesús. María influye en el primer signo de Jesús. Ella también estará presente en su Crucifixión, testiga de la manifestación final de su divinidad.

El Evangelio de Juan describe siete signos que indican la identidad de Jesús a sus discípulos. Juan nunca habla de estos signos como milagros porque su importancia no está en el acto que realiza Jesús sino en lo que estos hechos indican acerca de la identidad de Jesús. Aquí, como cuando Juan describe las otras señales, se dice que los discípulos comienzan a creer, pero no se menciona si los otros invitados a la boda son siquiera conscientes de lo que ha sucedido.

El matrimonio y las fiestas nupciales son metáforas utilizadas en las Escrituras para describir la salvación de Dios y el Reino de Dios. Aquí, al comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús, el Evangelio de Juan busca establecer que Jesús va a reinterpretar y cumplir la promesa de Yahvé a Israel. Jesús establece el Nuevo Pacto. Una pista de cómo será este Nuevo Pacto se hace evidente en el acto que realiza Jesús. Cuando se le pidió que hiciera algo para abordar la situación incómoda que crearía la ausencia de vino en un banquete de bodas, el milagro de Jesús produce grandes cantidades de vino: seis tinajas que contienen treinta galones cada una se llenan hasta rebosar con vino selecto.

Esta generosa respuesta a una simple necesidad humana es una visión para nosotros de la abundancia del reino de Dios. Nos desafía a responder generosamente cuando nos enfrentamos a las necesidades humanas actuales. Respondemos lo mejor que podemos, plenamente confiados en que Dios puede transformar nuestros esfuerzos, haciendo que el Reino de Dios se cumpla entre nosotros.



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Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service." St. Teresa of Avila

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