

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

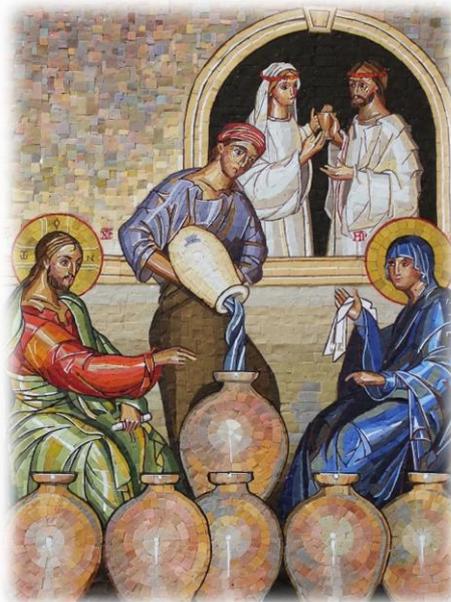
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Today's Gospel account from St John tells the story of the Marriage Feast at Cana. John tells us that *"This was the first of the signs given by Jesus."*



When the wine ran out at the wedding, Mary, the mother of Jesus, turned to him and said; *"They have no wine"*. Jesus' response is *"Why turn to me? My hour has not come yet"*. Mary, however, with complete trust in her son, instructs the servants to *"Do whatever he tells you"*. This is not blind obedience that Mary is suggesting, but obedience borne out of faith.

How many times in our life are we invited to have this faithful obedience to what is being asked of us? Mary, at the Annunciation, showed this obedience borne out of faith. She believed that God would not fail her and so was willing to say, let it be done to me according to your will. Are we?.....



Jesus then asks the servants to fill the six stone jars, meant for ablutions. The servants fill them to the brim with water. Jesus then instructs them to draw some out and take it to the steward for tasting. The steward is astonished and asks the bridegroom why he has kept the best wine until then.

Mary and Jesus operate quietly in the background, not drawing attention to the plight of the bridal couple who have run out of wine, ensuring that they were left with their respect and dignity intact.

Do we do this? Are we happy to decrease so that God can increase? Are we willing to share our gifts and talents in ways that do not draw attention towards us?

Today's second reading gives us an insight into the variety of gifts and talents given to the Church by the Holy Spirit. Although there is a variety of gifts, it is the same God working in all the people. Paul tells us in the letter to the Corinthians that,

“The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose”.



We pray that we may be open to the gifts we have been given and use them wisely in the service of others.

We pray that we may listen to Mary's request, "Do whatever he tells you". May our response be the same faith filled "YES" that she gave.

We pray, as Isaiah says in the first reading, that the nations will see our integrity and that we may know that we are God's Delight.