



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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Mass Schedule

Sundays
10:00 am; 12 noon
Weekdays & Holy Days
11:45 am
Christmas & New Year’s Day
10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact
Fr Frank Wright
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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of January 16, 2022 – January 22, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Jan. 16	10:00	Mary Elizabeth Kennedy+	The Swift Family
	12:00	Remedios & Rodolfo Sumbilla+ Sr. & Jr.	Lucy Lipuma
Mon. Jan. 17	9:30	Paradis Family (Liv. & Dec.)	
	11:45	Rosa Fernandez (Liv.)	Friend
Tue. Jan. 18	9:30	Rev. Raymond C Plourde+	
	11:45	Angelica Fernandez+	Daughters
Wed. Jan. 19	9:30	Jack Kenny+	Mac Kenny & Family
	11:45	Quinn Family	Mary Quinn & Family
Thurs. Jan. 20	9:30	Catherine McQueen Elliot+	
	11:45	Linda Rubio (Liv.) & Elmer Ken Kim (Liv.)	Linda Rubio
Fri. Jan. 21	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
Sat. Jan. 22	9:30	Desrochers Family Living & Deceased	
	11:45	Orsesti Gini (Liv.)	Mom

Today’s Readings:

First Reading *Isaiah 62:1-5*

The prophet proclaims that just as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in God’s people.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Paul speaks of the great variety of gifts that are given by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel *John 2:1-11*

At a wedding at Cana in Galilee, Jesus gives his disciples the first sign of his glory.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection/Homily

It is not an accident of the story ... that the entire scene of the wedding at Cana revolves around wine and around a WEDDING. What I mean is that the wedding and the wine are not incidental to what takes place. If we miss this fact—that the meaning of the wine and wedding are crucial—then we’ve missed the thrust of the story. As one commentator put it, “Jesus did not multiply vinegar at a funeral.”

Hey folks, it’s a wedding. I don’t know if they had flowers, or bridesmaids, or ring bearers, or what! They obviously had a wedding banquet. But if there is one thing that is clear from the way the author of John structures his entire Gospel, it is that this is the beginning of Jesus’ work in the world, and the wine, and the wedding, and his mother are all tied up with what the author is trying to get across to us.

So, what happens at a wedding? People get merry; they rejoice; they relax; they cast their cares away, at least for a moment. They’re happy for the people getting hitched. Just as the wedding feast at Cana is the beginning of Jesus’s ministry, any wedding is the beginning of a new life together, of new possibilities, of children coming into the world. What’s not to like?

Take a look at the mother of Jesus. She is the first disciple and has boundless trust in what he says. In a sense, SHE initiates the action. She tells the servants to do whatever her Son tells them to do. Well, we know how it all ends; we’ve heard the story in its entirety. The wine is Grade A. It’s Burgundy, Claret, Champagne, Sherry. Its excellence is so startling that the steward feels obliged to comment on it. ... And just as the good wine comes when the feast is drawing to a close, so too the culmination of God’s salvation comes after the entire Old Testament and its recounting of everything God has done for the Jewish people and for humankind.

There’s something for us in this Gospel passage: my brothers and sisters, we too have drunk of the new wine. I’m not just referring to the wine that we use in the celebration of the Eucharist. I’m talking about the Good News of Jesus, recounted in the Gospels, imaged in Christian art, proclaimed in church every day of the year. I’m talking about the foundation of our faith: that God has created us and blessed and redeemed us and sanctified us, and all this for his own purpose. And that God has espoused his Church in a wedding, prefigured at Cana.

By Fr. Frank Wright, SMA