

*Second Sunday after Epiphany: The Wedding Feast*

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The second Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the third manifestation of our Lord, where He changes water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. In the first mystery, the Star leading the Wise men to the manger, we can see a soul being led to our Lord. The Holy Ghost is always preceding us with His grace to lead us to salvation and Mary is also present. The call is given and the soul finds God.

The second mystery is the baptism of our Lord in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Here the waters are sanctified at contact with the Savior, allowing us to be purified by contact with the waters of baptism. The third mystery is the water changed to wine at a wedding feast, which is symbolic of the soul's union with God in the Heavenly Wedding Feast.

It is important to note that our Lady is at this wedding feast and plays a vital role in the working of the miracle. She intercedes for the Bride and Groom when they run out of wine. Wine at the Jewish wedding feast was important and running short of it was a cause of embarrassment. The wine can be seen as grace and merit when we come to the Heavenly Nuptials. Our Lady will help to make sure we have the necessary grace and merit to enjoy the Feast, if we invite her in our hearts and stay close to her and her Son.

Some theologians see this wine as a foreshadowing of the wine that will be changed into our Lord's Precious Blood at the Last Supper. That Hour of our Lord's sacrifice is always before Him and our Lady knows this too well, for a sword will also pierce her heart. Let us stay close to our Lady so she can help us be well prepared for the Heavenly Wedding Feast and rejoice there for all eternity.

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