

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2016

The Story and You: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Some scholars say that the secret to the story of the wedding feast of Cana lies in those mysterious six stone water jars. What on earth are six huge jars, holding twenty to thirty gallons of water, doing outside a tiny house in tiny Cana of Galilee? The only appropriate courtyard for such massive jars would have been—of course! —the Temple in Jerusalem. The first century Jewish reader would smile in profound recognition.

Brilliant! John has transported the very stone jars that once stood outside the Temple, the Temple which, by the time this late gospel was written, had been brutally destroyed by the Roman army, and transported them to tiny Cana where Jesus, his mother, and their friends are all celebrating a joyous wedding. They have no wine, said Mary to Jesus. Might that be symbolic language for “all the things we held dear as faithful Jews have been destroyed”? After a brief skirmish with his mother, which of course he doesn’t win, Jesus directs the servers to fill those (symbolic) jars with water. If we take this story literally (which I suspect would disappoint John the Evangelist deeply) we have to wonder how long it would take—and how many trips to the well it would involve— to pour one hundred and twenty gallons of water into those jars. The very shape of this wondrous story suggests that this deeply symbolic account of a neighborhood wedding is meant to tell us one thing: Jesus is the new Temple, Jesus is the new wine, Jesus is everything we had longed for and thought we had lost. It’s that simple. Thank you, Blessed Mother! Now go and do whatever he tells you.

What things that you once held dear have you put aside in order to follow Jesus?

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La Historia y Usted: Segundo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario. Algunos eruditos dicen que el secreto de la historia de la fiesta de bodas en Caná se encuentra en esas seis misteriosas tinajas de agua. ¿Qué hacían seis enormes tinajas, llenas de veinte a treinta galones de agua afuera de una pequeña casa de Caná de Galilea? El único patio apropiado para tales enormes tinajas sería – por supuesto- el Templo en Jerusalén. El lector judío del primero siglo sonreiría al reconocer pro-

fundamente este dato. ¡Brillante! Juan ha tomado las mismas tinajas de piedra que alguna vez estuvieron fuera del Templo, el mismo templo el cual, para el tiempo en el que fue escrito este último evangelio, ya había sido brutalmente destruido por el ejército Romano, y las ha transportado al pequeño Cana donde Jesús, su madre, y sus amigos estaban celebrando una alegre boda. Ya no tienen vino, le dijo María a Jesús. ¿Podría esto ser lenguaje simbólico que dice “Todas las cosas que amábamos como fieles Judíos han sido destruidas.”? Después de una breve discusión con su madre, la cual por su puesto no ganó, Jesús ordena a los sirvientes a que llenen esas (simbólicas) tinajas con agua. Si tomamos esta historia literalmente (lo cual sospecho que decepcionaría a Juan el Evangelista profundamente) tenemos que preguntarnos que tanto tomaría- y cantos viajes al pozo se llevarían- para llenar ciento veinte galones de agua en esas tinajas. La misma forma de esta historia maravillosa nos sugiere que este cuento profundamente simbólico de una boda en el vecindario nos quiere decir una cosa: Jesús es el nuevo Templo, Jesús es el nuevo vino, Jesús es todo lo que añoramos y pensamos que habíamos perdido. Es así de simple. ¡Gracias, Madre Bendita! Ahora vayan y hagan lo que él les ordene. *¿Qué cosas que alguna vez consideraste importantes has hecho a un lado para poder seguir a Jesús?*

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish--
Ralph & Josie Andrade, Conception Ayala,
LaSelle Pino, Frank Romero, Fernando
Olivas, Jacqueline Perez, Olivia Scott,
Guadalupe Sanches, Clarita Rubio, Veronica
Aragon, Mary Maes, Tillie Estrada, Don
Milner, Alicia Aguilar, Dana Tracy

Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **Canned Vegetables** for the month of **January**. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

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Catholic Education—Cost is a problem, for all things, of course, but is not insurmountable. Universal Education Supporters (UES) is a Catholic non-profit where members (age 16 and over) volunteer at large sports venues in Colorado (Pepsi Center, Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium, Dick’s Sporting Goods Park, Fiddlers Green, Coors Field). UES Scholarship Fund recipients direct their GRANTS to the Catholic Education institution of their choice for tuition payments for PreSchool thru College, or other educational costs. An Informational meeting for UES will be held **January 26, at 5:30PM**, at Bishop Machebeuf High School—458 Uinta Way, Denver. For more info, call 303.573.7837 or go to “uesdenver.org”

Mark your Calendars! All students and parents with ties to **Saint Cajetan School** are invited to a Fiftieth Jubilee Reception for the Benedictine Sisters who taught, served, and grew with Saint Cajetan School. The Jubilee will be at the Saint Cajetan Event Center on the Auraria Campus, Sunday, March 13, 2:00pm to 5:00pm. For info and to help make this event a success, contact Frances Torres francestorres07@msn.com or Mary Ankele Sours mary_sours@hotmail.com Presented by the Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery. Come and celebrate, meet, and greet the nuns, including Srs. Mary John & Roseann.

**With your Participation in the Club 50 drawing, the Holy Name Society made a donation to the school for a new air conditioning unit for one of the classrooms. Thanks for helping them help others.