

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CANA	HOUR	WEDDING
CEREMONI-	JARS	WINE
AL	JESUS	
CONCERN	MOTHER	
GALILEE	SERVERS	
GALLONS	TASTED	
HEADWAIT-	WASHINGS	
ER	WATER	

### *Catechizing Corner!*

The miracle at Cana typifies three common themes in John's gospel. Jesus' actions are not directed by human influence; that which Jesus fulfills preceded him; and the disciples are the ones who behold his glory."

The miracle at Cana reflects John's agenda. First, Mary asks her son to help out in a potentially embarrassing situation. Jesus shifts the focus from the human level to the spiritual realm by making the earthly wine subservient to eternal wine. In other words, he answers Mary by reminding her that the wine he gives is the wine of eternal life, given for those in need. Thus, not even the intervention of Jesus' mother directs his action. It is directed by God alone. His first public action is to be at God's initiative.

Second, the miracle story forces a confrontation with Jewish purification rites. When Mary says, "They have no wine," it is a statement about the Jewish purification rites. Jesus directs that the stone jars be filled to the brim. Normally the jars were used for ritual washing before and after meals. Each jar held about twenty to thirty gallons, an embarrassing extravagance if filled with wine. Thus, this new wine, the teaching of Jesus, fulfills the teaching (the covenant) that has gone before him.

Third, when the steward reacts to the miracle and admonishes the bridegroom for saving the "good stuff" until last, John cleverly uses an embarrassing situation to drive home his spiritual point. Even though the steward of the house could not see, the disciples came to believe. Through the deeper meaning of the sign of water turning to wine, the disciples were converted. They were willing to let go of former, entrenched rituals and enter into the new covenant with Christ.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C*  
 Paulist Press, 1998



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## *Disciple's Reflection*

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### *Question*

### *of the Week*

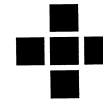
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**Closing Prayer**



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## Call to Prayer

*Begin by calling upon God:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 2:1-11

### A Reading from the Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?"

My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water."

### Gospel Glossary

In the Jewish religion, people often performed **ceremonial washings**: in other words, they would wash their feet, their hands, or their head as a sign of purification.

So they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them,

"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from although the servers who had **drawn** the water knew the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,

"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

### The Gospel of the Lord.



Before water came from pipes and faucets, it was **drawn** by lowering buckets and other containers into wells.

## Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:  
*Choose one*

Adults : Why does Jesus dismiss his mother's concern but then act on it? How does she know he'll help?

Teens: Jesus makes a lot of wine, making 100+ gallons. What BIG thing has God done for you? for example: nature, love...

Children: What would you do if Jesus was a guest at a party you attended?

Families: Mary was very kind to help out the bride and groom. When have people in your family helped another? How did it feel to be helpful?

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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