

SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS

I am often asked by the faithful to bless various items after Mass, however, this can become fastidious as I am often caught unawares, or end up giving the same blessing (which for certain sacramentals is extremely lengthy) multiple times on the same day, for different parties. In order to alleviate the situation, **effective Sunday, February 5th, blessings of sacramentals will only be given on the Second Sunday of each month, immediately following holy Mass.** This is the current practice in many of our other apostolates throughout the country, and has proven to work well. Thank you for your understanding.

In Christo Rege,

Canon James T. Hoogerwerf

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S LITURGY BY DOM GUÉRANGER

A Feast is prepared; it is a Marriage Feast; and the Mother of Jesus is present at it, for it is just that having cooperated in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, she should take part in all that her Son does, and in all the favors he bestows on his elect. But in the midst of the Feast, the Wine fails. Wine is the symbol of Charity or Love, and Charity had failed on the earth; for the Gentiles had never tasted its sweetness; and as to the Synagogue, what had it produced but wild grapes? The True Vine is our Jesus, and he calls himself by that name. He alone could give that Wine which gladdeneth the heart of man; He alone could give us that Chalice which inebriateth, and of which the Royal Psalmist prophesied.

Mary said to Jesus: They have no Wine. It is the office of the Mother of God to tell him of the wants of men, for she is also their Mother. But Jesus answers her in words which are apparently harsh: Woman! what is it to me and to thee? My hour is not yet come. The meaning of these words is that, in this great Mystery, he was about to act not as the Son of Mary, but as the Son of God. Later on, the hour will come when, dying upon the Cross, he will do it as Man, that is, according to that human nature which he has received from her. Mary at once understands the words of her Son, and she says to the waiters of the Feast what she is now ever saying to her children: Do whatsoever he shall say to you.



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Sunday, January 15th, 2023 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Introit

Let all on earth worship You, O God, and sing praise to You, sing praise to Your name, Most High. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Let all on earth . . .

Collect

Almighty, everlasting God, You Who govern both the heavens and the earth, graciously hear the humble prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace all the days of our life. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Romans 12:6-16

Brethren: We have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhorting; he who gives, in simplicity; he who presides, with carefulness; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil, hold to what is good. Love one another with honor. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer. Share the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with

those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Be of one mind towards one another. Do not set your mind on high things but condescend to the lowly.

Gradual & Alleluia

The Lord sent forth His word to heal them and to snatch them from destruction. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His kindness and His wondrous deeds to the children of men. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise the Lord, all you His angels, praise Him, all you His hosts. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

At that time, a marriage took place at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now Jesus too was invited to the marriage, and also His disciples. And the wine having run short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. And Jesus said to her, What would you have me do, woman? My hour has not yet come. His mother said to the attendants, Do whatever He tells you. Now six stone water-jars were placed there, after the Jewish manner of purification, each holding two or three measures. Jesus said to them, Fill the jars with water. And they filled them to the brim. And Jesus said to them, Draw out now, and take to the chief steward. And they took it to him. Now when the chief steward had tasted the water after it had become wine, not knowing whence it was - though the attendants who had drawn the water knew, - the chief steward called the bridegroom, and said to him, Every man at first sets forth the good wine, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is poorer. But you have kept the good wine until now. This first of His signs Jesus worked at Cana of Galilee; and He manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Offertory

Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name. Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what the Lord has done for me. Alleluia.

Secret

Hallow our offerings, O Lord, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

The Lord said, Fill the jars with water and take to the chief steward. When the chief steward had tasted the water after it had become wine, he said to the bridegroom, You have kept the good wine until now. This first miracle Jesus worked in the presence of His disciples.

Postcommunion

O Lord, we beseech You that the effects of Your power may ever increase within us; and, strengthened by the divine sacrament, we may be prepared by Your grace to lay hold of what it promises. Through our Lord . . .

WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



“We must hate our faults, but we should do so calmly and peacefully, without fuss or anxiety. We must be patient at the sight of these faults and learn from the humiliation which they bring about. Unless you do this, your imperfections, of which you are acutely conscious, will disturb you even more and thus grow stronger, for nothing is more favourable to the growth of these “weeds” than our anxiety and over-eagerness to get rid of them.”

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, January 1st: \$ 3, 924.00

Sunday, January 1st: \$ 5, 315.00

Total for the Month : \$ 9, 239.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 29th: Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Patron of the Institute of Christ the King. Sung Mass at 8am. By decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome, the faithful who assist at Mass in an apostolate of the Institute on this day may receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

SERMON RECORDINGS

Sunday sermons preached at Our Lady of Czestochowa are recorded and shared via YouTube later that evening.

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