

Reading 1

[Is 62:1-5](#)

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.



Reading II

[1 Cor 12:4-11](#)

Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.
To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge according to the
same Spirit;
to another, faith by the same Spirit;
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another, mighty deeds;
to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Gospel

[Jn 2:1-11](#)

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."
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.

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***Scripture Background**

The Old Testament reading today was written after Israel's return from exile in Babylon. Because the people of Israel were uncertain about their future, the prophet writes to reassure them that Jerusalem will be restored to a place of honor. God's promise of faithfulness is renewed.

The first reading is full of marital imagery. Israel is described as the spouse in whom God delights. The people are assured that God's love is everlasting.

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his glory at a wedding celebration in Cana. Jesus attends a wedding feast with his mother and his disciples. During the celebration, Jesus' mother notices that there is no more wine. Knowing that this could be a problem for the bride and groom, she brings the situation to her son's attention. Jesus listens to his mother. Even though he tells her that his time has not yet come, Jesus tells the servers to fill the jars with water. The water is then transformed into wine and the celebration goes on.

Today's gospel describes the first of Jesus' signs that he is the Messiah. As a result of the miracle at Cana, the disciples believe in Jesus.

In the midst of a wedding celebration, Jesus reveals the glory of God. This passage leads us to understand how in marriage Christ is present in the love that is shared between a husband and wife.

Questions for Deeper Reflection

1. What signs of God's love do you see in your daily life?

2. How do you celebrate occasions that are important to you?

The Sacrament of Marriage

Love is our source of happiness and fulfillment. Love is of God. The Catholic Church teaches that the love that is shared between husband and wife is a sign of God's love. Marriage is not simply a human institution, but it is part of God's plan in creation. Jesus confirmed the goodness of love in marriage by his presence at the wedding in Cana.

Marriage is a sacrament when two baptized persons freely enter into a permanent, loving and faithful relationship with one another. When two people unite themselves in this way they are graced with the presence of God. It is the love and grace of God that helps married couples to live up to the demands and expectations of marriage.

3. What are some of the challenges that married couples face today?

4. How can married couples rely on the grace of God to help them get through difficult times?

5. When do married couples reflect the love of God?
