

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Children,

This week marks the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. You may remember that the color of Ordinary Time is green, so you will see the priests wearing green vestments during mass.

First Reading: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 62:1-3)

Jerusalem, I will speak up for your good. I will never be silent until you are safe and secure, sparkling like a flame. Your great victory will be seen by every nation and king, and the Lord will give you a new name. You will be a glorious crown and a royal headband in the hands of the Lord your God. ¶ The word of the Lord.

In this passage, Isaiah is referring to the glorious future that God has in store for the city of Jerusalem. He is proclaiming a message of hope for the people who have returned from exile to a city that has not yet been rebuilt. He states that Jerusalem will be treasured like a glorious crown on the head of God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a)

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Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise His name.

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Day after day announce, "The Lord has saved us!" Tell every nation on earth, "The Lord is wonderful and does marvelous things!"

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Tell everyone of every nation, "Praise the glorious power of the Lord." He is wonderful! Praise Him!

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In this Psalm, we are reminded that God sits alone on the throne of heaven and that all people should abandon their false idols and worship only the one true God. God will rule the earth and its people with righteousness and truth.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. ¶ The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. Some of us can speak with wisdom, while others can speak with knowledge, but these gifts come from the same Spirit. ¶ To others the Spirit has given great faith or the power to heal the sick or the power to work great miracles. ¶ Some of us are prophets, and some of us recognize when the Spirit is present. Others can speak different languages, and still others can tell what these languages mean. ¶ But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us. ¶ The word of the Lord.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we all have different gifts. God gives us these gifts and they should be used to make us

one people and build up the church. We should not compete with each other and should not be envious of the gifts of others.

Alleluia, Alleluia. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

God has called us with the gospel, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (John 2:1-12)

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus and His disciples had also been invited and were there. ¶ When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine." ¶ Jesus replied, "Mother, My time has not yet come! You must not tell Me what to do." ¶ Mary then said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." ¶ At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, He said, "Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast." ¶ The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine. He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did. He called the bridegroom over and said, "The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!" ¶ This was Jesus' first miracle, and He did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him. After this He went with His mother, His brothers, and His disciples to the town of

Capernaum, where they stayed for a few days. ¶ The gospel of the Lord.

In the Gospel, we learn about Jesus giving us a sign. Think about some signs that you know. Maybe a stop sign, a store sign, or a crucifix are signs that we see all of the time. A sign is a way of giving us information. It might use words, or pictures, or actions to give us a message. Signs are all around us and very important.

In Jesus' time, when people came to a party, they were usually very dirty from the long journey. There were large jars of water that guests could use to wash their hands, feet, and faces. These large jars might hold 20 to 30 gallons of water! When they had run out of wine to drink at the wedding, Jesus asked the servants to make sure that the jugs were full of water, and then turned the water that everyone had used to clean themselves, into wine that the guests could drink. This was the first miracle that Jesus performed to show his glory and encourage people to believe in him.

This miracle is a sign that tells us that Jesus will be doing God's work of transforming the world. It also shows us God's goodness and that everyone is welcome to his feast. He has plenty to share with all people and Jesus used this moment to teach us about God's love for us and how to love one another.

Jesus invites us to continue his work by becoming signs of God's loving presence. Think about some ways that you can also help make the world a better place. Remember, we can all help to make the world better in small ways. Helping a sibling put away toys, not losing our temper when things don't go our way, or asking a classmate who is alone to play. We can all work to be a sign of God's loving presence in small ways every day.

May you all find peace in the love of God.

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