

The Book of Signs Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

*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. [John 2:11](#)*

John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue (which contains the resurrection appearance in Galilee). Today's Gospel comes from the beginning of the Book of Signs, which begins at Chapter 1:19 and continues through Chapter 12. In this section, the Apostle John presents us with seven "signs," which are seven miracles Jesus performed. Each sign has a deeper spiritual meaning that reveals Jesus' divinity and mission. In many ways, the entire Book of Signs prepares us for the Book of Glory in which Jesus' "hour" of glory is identified with Him taking up His glorious throne of the Cross, fulfilling His mission as the "Lamb of God" Who offers His life for the salvation of all, and pouring forth His grace and mercy from His wounded side.

The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, which was done in superabundance! The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. This preparation will take place in our lives, just as it was presented in John's Gospel. Jesus' seven signs, His miraculous actions, were performed to prepare His disciples to receive all that He bestowed on the Cross. We must not only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.

Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in Scripture, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, must become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory.

Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God's abundant glory.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
12:30 pm English Mass

Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

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welcome
to our parish

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Lectionary #66C- Liturgical color: green

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8,9-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

The Gloria and the Creed

The Book of Signs

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My glorious Lord, Your entire earthly life was a preparation for the hour in which You gave Your life as a sacrifice on the Cross for the remission of sins. Please continuously prepare me to receive You more fully and to open my heart to You and all that You have bestowed upon me through Your perfect sacrifice of love. Jesus, I trust in You.

Catholic School Collection kicks-off on Sunday, January 26th, which coincides with the first day of Catholic Schools Week.

A letter from Bishop Daly was sent out to all parishioners inviting them to participate in this year's collection. This year's collection will be used for tuition assistance in our K-8 Catholic schools. All contributions, no matter the amount, will help to shape future leaders of the Church. A remittance envelope was also included with the letter from Bishop Daly. Extra envelopes can be found (e.g., in the pews, near the entrance of the Church, in the vestibule).

Please prayerfully consider a financial contribution to this year's Catholic School Collection. Thank you.



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Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm - English Mass



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Parishioner of Mary, Queen of Heaven



2024 ACA Parish Goals

Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Sprague \$5, 759

We have currently received
\$5,470—94.98% of our goal.

Thank you to all who have donated.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

**That our prayers
may find the heart
of every priest and
bishop.**



A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email sookiesue@msn.com

Seven Sisters Apostolate meet after 9:00 am Mass at **St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake**. For all those interested—**Please join us in the Church.**

Please note: Mass Intensions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

12	Sunday	Pro Populo
13	Monday	
14	Tuesday	
15	Wednesday	
16	Thursday	
17	Friday	
18	Saturday	
19	Sunday	Pro Populo

*Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!
St. Anne ... Pray for us!*



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