

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C – 16th January 2022

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The gospel of today (**John 2:1-11**) completes the **threefold manifestation of the Lord** that the Church invites us to **reflect upon over three Sundays - Epiphany, Baptism, and the Wedding at Cana in Galilee**. Even though we are out of the Christmas season, we conclude their threefold manifestation today.

Jesus's reaction to his mother (Jn 2:5) is interesting. First he appears to be rude to his mother calling him "woman." **The term woman is right at the beginning in the bible where God created them man and woman in his likeness**. After Adam had fallen, he responded to the Lord by blaming "the woman" that the Lord had given him. **The term woman is also used in scriptures to represent God's people**. Eve represents the mother of the fallen humanity, unfaithful to the covenant. **Mary on the other end is the new Eve representing people of the new and eternal covenant** which shall never be broken. Jesus' answer and what he did thereafter is about **the transition from the old to the new covenant**. The new Eve played her part of leading the servants to Jesus, unlike the old Eve who instigated disobedience to God. **Jesus always invited people to him to be restored**. A real collaborator with Jesus leads people to him, and that is what Mary does here.

To understand Jesus' reaction, performing a miracle before his time, we need to look at our first reading (Isaiah 62:1-5) which is about the *Lord who will leave no stone unturned in his mission of making his people perfect*. Our Lord cannot be impeded by our failures, or even by time and space. He is at work for us all up until we reach the level of being called by him "my delight", the very same way he declared his son last Sunday after his baptism.

The Lord is not alone in helping us to get back to him. He uses his church by **empowering all her members with different gifts of the Holy Spirit that serve towards the common good** as we read in our second reading (1Corinthians 12:4-11).

We are therefore all called to participate in Gods' plan of saving humanity using our gifts of the Spirit.

Let us pray for the same attitude that the Lord shows us in our first reading and our gospel, that we may be tireless and unimpeded in doing his will.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen,
I will meditate on the Glorious Mysteries as I pray for your personal intentions.

Wishing you the most wonderful Sunday.

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