

SUNDAY, Jan. 16, 2022
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1) Isaiah 62:1-5 2) 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 3) John 2:1-11

FOCUS: God intends to make each one of us a new creation in Jesus Christ.

Isaiah encourages the people, giving them hope for the future and reminding them of God's love for them. We can take encouragement from these same words, especially since Christ has come for us. The Lord longs to breathe his divine life into each of us, making us new and whole.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies Zion's reversal of fortune. Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians that all have been endowed with different gifts and charisms, each generated by the same God – Father, Son, and Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus and his mother attend a wedding at Cana in Galilee. When they run out of wine, Mary instructs the servers, *do whatever he tells you*. Jesus turns water into wine.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in God's love and care for us, let us lift our hearts and minds to him as we present our petitions.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord bless her and protect her from all evil as she proclaims the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our civil leaders, may God lead them in working for charity, justice, peace, and reconciliation in a divided world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick and suffering, may God bring them comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of faith, may the Holy Spirit guide us in using the gifts God has given us to build up the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died in the light of Christ, may they soon enter the wedding feast in the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we know you keep your promises and long to restore us to our original dignity. Hear the prayers we offer today through your Son, Christ our Lord.