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## The Wedding at Cana

When the wine gave out, the Mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."  
– John 2:3



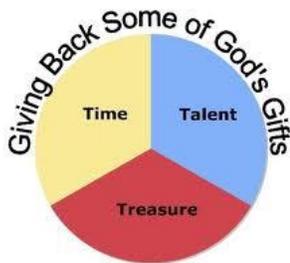
## Marriage

It's a committed will and love that is united with Christ Love – to do His Father's Will. *Love and a committed will that is united in Christ Love can overcome all barriers encountered in any marriage.*



## The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. – Pope Francis



## STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

*"He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son ..."*

*Colossians 1:13.* If we recognize Jesus as our King, then we must also recognize ourselves as His loyal subjects. As members of God's kingdom we have an abundance of wonderful blessings. But we also have responsibilities. We must always use our gifts to help build up the kingdom. We must never forget that we are truly blessed to be called to serve the King of Kings.



## The Universal Call to Holiness

1. It's living as though you belong to God and to one another, as a "Child of God".
2. It's a life time of responsive faith to God, by doing His revealed Will.
3. It's dying to yourself and a sacrificial self-giving love to others.
4. It's feeding the hungry; clothing the naked; burying the dead and praying for the living and the dead.
5. It's turning the other cheek.
6. It's putting the last first, in your life.
7. It's forgiving your enemies and those who hurt you.
8. It's changing the way you act, by fleeing from your sinful nature – with happy feet.
9. It's more than just saying your prayers or showing up for Mass.
10. It's a call to "YOU!" – To active service – within and outside of Good Shepherd Chapel.
11. It's a call to "You!" – Through your baptismal grace – to love The LORD your God, with all of your heart, mind, body and soul.
12. The Universal Call to Holiness is a call to "YOU!" – To be Holy, as The Lord your God is Holy ...

## Reverence

When training our Altar Servers, we always begin with the signs of reverence that are to be offered in church: we bow to the altar and genuflect to the tabernacle; we bless ourselves with holy water and fold our hands in prayer. These outward signs of reverence are often the most difficult to instill in Servers as habitual practices. Perhaps the difficulty arises from the witness that we ourselves provide? Are these practices that all of us exhibit when we gather as a people of prayer?



We live in an age when outward displays of reverence are no longer common. Ours is a casual culture where many formalities have been set aside. Undoubtedly some benefit is achieved through these revised practices, but something has been lost. Many of our children have little appreciation for the church building as a *sacred space*. I don't think I would want to return to the days when fear was a controlling mechanism (Your hand won't fall off if you touch the altar). But when everything becomes ordinary and common it's hard to recognize the presence of the sacred. We need wonder, and awe, and mystery if we are to be prompted to explore our relationship with God.

The Season of Ordinary Time is an ideal time to reflect upon our sense of the sacred. How do I bear witness to the greatness and majesty of God? What do these things look like in my daily life? What is it that I can do to inspire or help others to recognize the nearness of our God?

**“May we not resist the Holy Spirit but allow him to work in our lives, so that he can renew us, the Church and the world.” – Pope Francis**

## Expectant Mothers

Please pray for the good health and safety of all expectant mothers and their babies, especially those within our community. If you're an expectant mother at St. Michael and would like your name added to our prayer list, please call Cecil, at: (706) 869-7853. We also invite you to notify us of the baby's arrival into our St. Michael's family. *Congratulations, to all of our new mothers.* You are truly a blessing from God. We love you!



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS

### Thinking of Others

When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?

## Be Bold, Be Catholic!

*Pray the Rosary, daily!*

*And,*



*Go Forth with Hearts on Fire*

*"Pax et Bonum!"*

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