



# Building Faith@HOME

January 19, 2025  
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5  
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 96  
Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
Gospel – John 2:1-11

Last Sunday ended the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord, ushering in the First Week of Ordinary Time. Today we enter the Second Week of Ordinary Time. Today's readings remind us that even though the Christmas Season has ended, the gift of Christ remains with us through the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, we see Jesus perform His first miracle at the wedding in Cana, turning water into wine. This act not only reveals His divine power but also shows how He brings joy and abundance to our lives. Just as Jesus transformed the ordinary into something extraordinary, the Holy Spirit empowers us with gifts—such as knowledge, faith, and healing.—to share with the world. As families, we are called to recognize these gifts within ourselves and each other, using them to spread joy and kindness in our communities. Let us celebrate the ongoing presence of Christ in our lives and be inspired to share His love and blessings with those around us.

### FAMILY TABLE TALK

What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your family and friends? How can you use your gifts to help others in your community?

Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

In what ways can you ask for Mary's intercession in your life?

### Just for Family Fun...

### January 19 is National Popcorn Day!

Enjoy popping corn and making popcorn balls with this recipe. Or just have a popcorn snack! Don't forget to share with others!



<https://ohsweetbasil.com/jello-popcorn/>

### Jubilee Year - Faith Facts

The virtue of *hope* enables us to trust in God's promise to share his life with us forever. Color with your favorite colors!



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### Wedding at Cana



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### Why is Ordinary Time called "ordinary?"

Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar does not mean it is unimportant or not special. The word "ordinary" is in reference to "ordinal" or numbered. The weeks in Ordinary Time are numbered emphasizing a progression of time as we journey with Christ and deepen our relationship through the Scripture readings. During Ordinary Time, the Church provides a structured cycle of readings from the Scriptures. Each Sunday, we hear a specific Gospel passage that builds on the previous weeks. Each numbered Sunday serves as a reminder that our faith is not static; it is meant to grow and evolve.



# More Faith Builders!

## Feast of St. Agnes - Jan. 21



St. Agnes is often depicted with a lamb. The name Agnes comes from the Latin word for lamb, 'agnus' and the Greek word for purity, 'hagnē'. Agnes is a fitting name for this saint because of her innocence and chastity. Like a little lamb, she followed her Good Shepherd

faithfully and desired to live in union with Jesus, Who is the Lamb of God.

# LOOK for this

### Mixing of the Water and Wine

Putting water into wine is first and foremost a very practical gesture originating in Jewish liturgy. On feast days, the wine — often very strong in those arid, sun-drenched lands — is diluted before drinking. The origin of this practice is a reminder that the institution of the Eucharist is rooted in the festive meals of the people of Israel. Just as Jesus transforms water into wine at the Wedding at Cana, the addition of water to the wine symbolizes the transformation that occurs during the Liturgy of the Eucharist as part of the Preparation of the Gifts. The water represents humanity, while the wine represents divinity. When they are mixed, it reflects the union of Christ's divine and human natures, which is a central belief in Catholic theology.



During this action in the Mass, the priest says quietly: ***“By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”***



## The Catholic Kitchen St. Agnes Lamb Cake

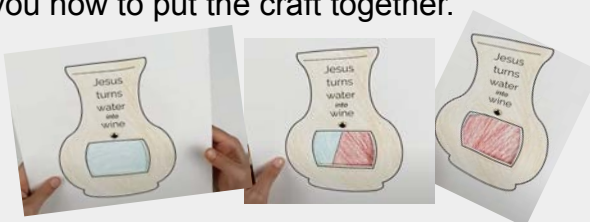


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## Water to Wine Craft



Read this week's Gospel story of Jesus's first miracle as he changed the water into wine. Download this craft to cut and color. The video will show you how to put the craft together.



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Agnes means lamb, and in Rome on this feast day two lambs are blessed by the Pope. When sheared in the spring, the wool from these lambs are used in making the *pallium*, which are white stoles with six black crosses worn by archbishops to show their unity with the Pope and their apostolic authority.



### Pilgrims of Hope - Let's take a virtual pilgrimage to Cana!

Where in the world is....Cana?

Cana, a city of Galilee, Palestine, famous throughout all ages as the scene of our Lord's first miracle, when He turned water into wine at the Marriage Feast. An old tradition identifies the site of Cana with the modern Kefr Kenna, a small village that lies some four or five miles northeast of Nazareth. The city of Galilee is in the northern part of Israel and Cana is the southern district of Galilee. Take this virtual tour of the Wedding Church at Cana.



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