



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

JOHN 2:10

When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, "There's no more wine." It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel "espoused" not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God's presence. ●

Reflect

Is there an area in your life where you need "new wine"?



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Confession Info

Confessions: Saturday morning, alternating between STM & HT 10:30 am-11:15

Upcoming/Ongoing Church Events

Fundraiser: STM Rav/Tort | call 815-252-2215 (leave name/phone number/order) | \$9.00/bag

CCD Classes

Sunday, January 19th- 6th & 7th Grade

Sunday, January 26th - K thru 5th Grade



Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of January 20, 2024

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| Monday | 1/20 | | | † No Mass |
| Tuesday | 1/21 | 9:00 am | STM | † Mary Nave & Mary L. Baker |
| Wednesday | 1/22 | 5:30 pm | HT | † Alan Hahn |
| Thursday | 1/23 | 9:00 am | HT | † Virginia Lucas |
| Friday | 1/24 | 9:00 am | STM | † Denise Mini |

Mass Intentions for the weekend of January 25- 26, 2025

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| Saturday | 1/25 | 4:00 pm | St Thomas More | † Doug Samolinski |
| Sunday | 1/26 | 8:30 am | Holy Trinity | † For the Parishioner |

HUMAN LIFE, THE GREATEST GIFT FROM THE CREATOR

(January 22nd - Day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children)

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population.

This coming Wednesday we are encouraged to prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in his or her mother's womb, for people who have participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope. Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed.

We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law. (Excerpted from www.usccb.org)



General Information

January 20th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We like to observe this national holiday with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. himself, "Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and finer world to live in."

Wonderful News: We have a sizeable number of Arlington Catholics requesting for their contribution envelopes. This shows your great love for the Church. Again, if anyone still needs envelopes please contact the church office.

An update on Carlo Olivero: Carlo's Family is in seek of a caregiver; if you are interested or know of anyone who can provide this service please call the office with information.

Latest Offering's:

January 12th weekend

HT - \$1,334

STM - \$1,362

SP- \$175

Addit. Coll. to 1/5/25- \$95



Confessions

Sat. January 25th
10:30 am- 11:15 am
Holy Trinity
In the church
confessional

Dear Padre,

Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| January 20 | January 21 | January 22 | January 23 | January 24 | January 25 | January 26 |
| Weekday | St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children | Weekday | St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22 | Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28 | Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6 | Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12 | Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19 | Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18 | Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?

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