

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 17, 2010

*“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are
different workings but the same God.”*

-- 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Today’s readings are full of symbolism. Isaiah uses matrimonial imagery to describe the new relationship between God and his people. What more of an intimate gift can God give us but his unconditional and relentless love that he has for each and every one of us? As the prophet Isaiah says, God has espoused us. He loves us like a bridegroom loves his bride who’s only desire is to love, care for, and protect his beloved. All we need is to be faithful and always praising and thanking God.

In today’s Gospel, St. John recounts Christ’s first miracle performed at his mother’s request at the wedding feast in Cana, the beginning of his public ministry, as the servants who drew the water into the jars must have been amazed when the headwaiter tasted what they drew as water and marveled at the fine wine that he tasted. What a beautiful ‘gift’ to the bridegroom.

St. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, extolled the many gifts that the Holy Spirit brings to those who believe. In doing so, Paul reminds them (and us) that all gifts come from the Holy Spirit and that there are many ways to serve the Lord. During this week, let us be conscious of the many ways that the Holy Spirit has gifted us ... How do we respond?

Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5 <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/isaiah/isaiah62.htm>

Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/psalms/psalm96.htm>

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/1corinthians/1corinthians12.htm>

John 2: 1-11 <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/john/john2.htm>