

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 2018

*This beginning of signs did Jesus in
Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth
his glory; O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 27 | Amos 3 | St. John 6:22-40

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 4:1-17
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The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	98 (Uttingen)
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 4:1-17
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♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	91 (Bangor 107)
The Holy Gospel:	page 125
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	356 (Stella Orientis)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	All Poor Men and Humble please see the bulletin insert
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	93 (Dundee)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*

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From the Rector _____

Have you ever asked someone if they had news glasses or a new outfit or hair cut only to learn that they've had whatever it was that caught your attention for years? I can be so thick about those kinds of things that I've finally learned not to ask those kinds of questions. It's one thing to miss the obvious: it's entirely another matter to let others know.

I think that there may be something of that this morning. This morning's Gospel is a story that we've heard so many times before that perhaps we're tempted to gloss over the amazing details that it contains; the kind of things

that have been sitting there all along which we've not noticed before. And perhaps no detail is so easily overlooked as its scale.

Perhaps the pictures we've seen in children's bibles, or the art work we sometimes run across in galleries or on cards, have failed to capture the size of the stone jars mentioned in this story; and perhaps we've shrunk it down to fit our own expectations, but we're talking here about an immense amount of wine.

Our translation doesn't help us much this morning by telling us that each of the six stone pots continued two or three *measures*; but a little more investigation tells us that we talking about as much as 600 to 800 litres; or about 1000 standard bottles.

Now, regardless of what measurement we use, that's a lot of wine. Enough to give more than 4000 people one of those standard 6 ounce serving. Enough to offer 180 lucky guests their own private gallon. Enough to fill six large garbage cans or eight wading pools, or the back end of an SUV.

Enough wine to make everyone in Cana sit up and take notice.

Perhaps it's a difficult matter to wrap our minds around the sheer abundance that flowed through Cana that day. Perhaps our eyes skim over the numbers in this story as if they're just filler, an intriguing detail added to keep our interest or make the story come alive. And perhaps our familiarity numbs us to the fact that at this wedding feast, no one, absolutely no one, went away thirsty.

Regardless of how precisely we can measure how much wine flowed in Cana that day, what we can say with confidence is this: Jesus blessed the people of Cana in ways beyond their imagination.

But we're also told that only the servants and Christ's disciples knew where all this good wine had come from. Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the blessing, even though very few of them knew where it came from.

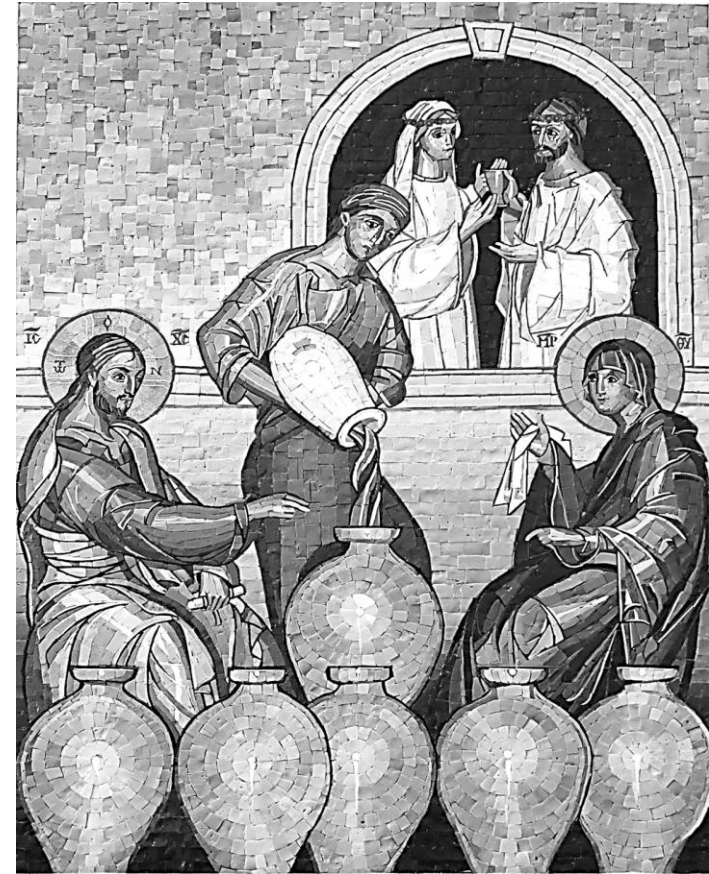
So what does that tell us about Christ's willingness to bless us this day?

Well, perhaps one lesson that we might take away from this morning's Gospel is the reality of God's abundant grace in our lives even when we have trouble seeing it or recognising where it's come from.

Perhaps this morning's Gospel is a challenge to look more closely at our lives so that we can see the footprints and fingerprints of God's love; to see the abundant ways in which God's grace overflows our lives everyday.

What acts of abundant generosity is God carrying out in your life this day? And what are the ideas or thoughts or attitudes that make it so difficult to see that generosity with the eyes of faith?

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**Prayer is a wine which makes glad the heart
of man.**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

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Parish Notices and Updates

NEWS! NEWS! Members of the Parish will be very excited to learn that the Rev. Canon Caleb Twinamatsiko has been appointed to the Parish of Pennfield here in the Diocese of Fredericton. He, his wife, Hope; their son Tugaine Treasure; and daughter Kanoel Trust, are expected to arrive on February 1st, depending on Immigration Canada. Fr. Caleb is both a former student of, and for many years, the assistant rector and headmaster of Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, under the direction of the Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries. He and Hope have visited St. Mary's twice in recent years.

WE PLAN ON PRODUCING A REVISED LIST of those who are willing to help with receptions following funerals here at St. Mary's. If you're not currently on the list, please give some thought to whether or not you are called to this important ministry. It's one of the ways in which our St. Mary's Parish Family witnesses to the transformative power of the Gospel. ***A signup sheet has been posted in the narthex.*** If you're not currently listed, please sign up if you wish to help out! If your name is on the list and would like to step aside, please speak to Jean or Margaret or the Rector

THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denominations of faith are encouraged to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 2nd.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're looking at the short but very important Epistle of St. James. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

EACH THURSDAY MORNING the Church is unlocked until noon for anyone who wishes time for private prayer or meditation. Morning Prayer will be said at 8:30 a.m. and those who wish to take advantage of this quiet may do so by dropping in for as little or as much time as they wish.

THE FREDERICTON WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL will be hosting a Panel discussion on the Theme "God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity" at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, on Thursday, January 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Panel members Moderator Mary Ryan along with Gladys Lacey-House, Linda Lamont, Nancy Bauer, Dr. W. Barry Miller, Margaret Leonard, Kate Rogers, Chris McAloon, Lisa Bamford, Kay Furlong, Shirley DeMerchant and Fr. Monte Peters. The storm date will be Sunday, January 28th at the same time and place. Free will donation will be collected for Liberty Lane, a home for Abused Women.

A FEW 2018 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE on the table in the Narthex for a very reasonable \$7.00. These lovely calendars are an ideal way of keeping track of the Church Year. Please speak to the Rector if you can't locate a copy.

LIBERTY LANE IS A SAFE HOUSING AND OUTREACH CENTRE here in Fredericton for women and their children trying to restart their lives free from the threat of abuse. Your support for their Kenny House Capital Campaign would be greatly appreciated. To donate or to learn about Kenny House, go to libertylane.ca or call 451-2120.

E-OFFERING: Did you forget your envelope this weekend? Instead of digging in your wallet for collection why don't you set up E-Offering and forget about the hassle. E-Offering is an electronic offering that debits from your bank account. It is easy, no fuss and customizable. You can set up weekly, monthly and with any amount. Adjustments are easy to make. Please pick up a slip from the table in the narthex if you are interested or speak to Allan Agnew if you have any questions.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JANUARY 17: EPIPHANY FERIA

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 18: EPIPHANY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

JANUARY 20: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 21: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall