

A REFLECTION: THE TEN TABERNACLES:

The Tabernacle is a Hebrew word meaning “residence” or “dwelling place, was a portable dwelling place for the Divine Presence of Yahweh in the time of the Exodus. At present, we see Tabernacle as a case or box in a church sanctuary containing the consecrated host of the Eucharist. Thus, in each Tabernacle we believe the real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If we go through the Bible, we may find out a few more hidden Tabernacles which have given us an idea of the real presence of God in the salvation history.

1. Eden Garden—Open Tabernacle. God used to come every day to walk and talk to our first parents (Gen. 3:8). The presence of God in the nature and among human beings. Therefore, Paradise or Eden Garden was the first Tabernacle.

2. Noah’s Ark—Presence of God in the Ark for 40 days and 40 nights. There was life, light and protection inside of the Ark: whereas, death, Darkness and destruction were found outside of Noah’s Ark.

3. Burning Bush—Moses experienced God in a Burning Bush at Mount Sinai.

4. Ark of the Covenant—Presence of God was found in the form of fire and cloud around the Ark of the Covenant in the desert.

5. Jerusalem Temple—Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house which you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? (Isaiah 66:1). Therefore, Jerusalem Temple became a permanent abode and presence of God.

6. Mary’s womb—Annunciation at Nazareth.

7. Manger at Bethlehem—Living Tabernacle. Incarnation in human form.

8. Cenacle (Upper Room) - The institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

9. Tabernacle in the Church—” Lo, I will be with you always till the end of age (Mt 28:20).

10. Interior Castle—(Human self Tabernacle) and **Exterior Castle** (Neighbour’s self Tabernacle). If God is with me, then He will be with my neighbours and others and I must discover that God is in them always.

Feast of the Tabernacles



God’s presence at the Burning Bush



Arc of the Covenant placed in the tent

Tabernacle in the present day Church



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Wedding Feast at Cana

Mary said: “Do whatever He tells you”

This is a season of “epiphanies” in which the Liturgy shows us God’s revelation of Jesus as the Messiah to the shepherds, the Magi, King Herod, John the Baptist and those gathered around John at the Jordan. This week we are at a wedding where Jesus reveals his divine power by his first miracle. Pope John Paul I gave us a beautiful gift when he introduced the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. The second mystery is the subject of today’s Gospel—the Wedding Feast at Cana where Jesus changed water into wine.

The miracle at Cana is the first of seven “signs” in John’s gospel; miraculous events by which Jesus showed forth his divinity. Jesus, his mother and his disciples were guests at the wedding feast. When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother told him about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some to the headwaiter. When they did so, the water had become wine, better wine than that which had run out.

The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 2:23-24) and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9, 21:9, 22:17). Throughout the Bible, marriage is a symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the Groom and humanity is His beloved bride. Jesus’ first sign at Cana challenges us to become more sensitive to the many signs of God’s power and glory around us, to open our eyes and hearts to perceive them as coming from God and to give glory to God for them.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of
the Lord,

a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit;

another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 2:1-11

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **"Invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes"**. St John Vianney suggests this as the solution for many of our family problems. He used to encourage parents to create an atmosphere of prayer, Bible reading, mutual love and respect and sacrificial service at home so that the presence of Jesus and Mary might be perpetually enhanced and experienced in the family.

2) **"Do whatever He tells you"**. This is the only piece of advice given by Mary recorded in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and effect salvific changes in our daily lives.

3) **We need to learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives**. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit.

4) **Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love**. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern and care.

5) **Let us appreciate the miracle of the Real Presence of the Lord on the altar**. The same Jesus, who transformed water into wine at Cana, transforms our gifts of bread and wine into his own Body and Blood in order to give us spiritual nourishment. If our families have lost the savor of mutual love, let us renew them at the altar with the invigorating power of the Holy Spirit.

Anecdote: "Make sure you invite Jesus and Mary!" Johnny Carson (who hosted the Tonight Show in America for 30 years) was interviewing an eight year-old boy one night. The young fellow was asked to appear on the Late Show because he had rescued two friends from a coal mine outside his hometown in West Virginia. As Johnny questions him, it became apparent that the boy was a Christian. Johnny asked him if he attended Sunday school. When the boy said he did, Johnny inquired "What are you learning in Sunday school?" "Last week", the boy replied, "our lesson was about how Jesus went to a wedding and turned water into wine". The audience burst into laughter and applause. Keeping a straight face, Johnny asked, "And what did you learn from that story?" The boy squirmed in his chair. It was apparent he had not thought about this. But then he lifted up his face and said "If you're going to have a wedding, make sure you invite Jesus and Mary!" And this is precisely the message of today's gospel: make sure you invite Jesus and Mary wherever you live and wherever you go—they are the only ones you will ever need. In other words, today's gospel lesson is about the sufficiency of Christ in our lives and the power of His mother's intercession.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Sylvia Heffernan, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Kaye Shephard and Phil Jasprizza.

COVID PROTOCOLS: All are welcome to our services at Sacred Heart. If you are unwell please do not enter. Please remember to follow current covid rules which include the wearing of face masks, social distancing, hand sanitising, checking in using the QR code or manually registering in the Church foyer.

REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD: On the 17th January 2022 the NSW Government will release another round of the Regional Seniors Travel Card (RSTC). A flyer is on the noticeboard in the Church foyer with more information. The RSTC provides eligible seniors living in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW with a **\$250 prepaid card** to help ease the cost of travel. The card can be used at certain retailers to pay for pre-booked NSW Trainlink Regional trains, coaches, fuel and taxis. **Applications for 2022 will open at 7am on 17 January 2022 and close on 30 November 2022.**

From 17 January 2022, seniors can apply for a card if they are of Age Pension age and receiving either a Disability Support Pension or Carer Payment from Services Australia. This is in addition to eligible seniors who have already been receiving the card. **With the latest COVID-19 health advice, we strongly advise persons to apply online or call **13 77 88**, rather than visit a service centre.**

For more information: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-regional-seniors-travel-card>

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