



**Clement  
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**PASTORAL CARE**

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCE PACKET**

**2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**Gospel**

**There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.**

**Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.**

**When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,  
“They have no wine.”**

**And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.”**

**His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”**

**Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings,  
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.**

**Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.”**

**So they filled them to the brim.**

**Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”**

**So they took it.**

**And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,  
without knowing where it came from**

**— although the servers who had drawn the water knew —,  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,**

**“Everyone serves good wine first,**

**and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;**

**but you have kept the good wine until now.”**

**Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee**

**and so revealed his glory,**

**and his disciples began to believe in him.**

*Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. John 2:11*

**John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue (which contains the resurrection appearance in Galilee). Today's Gospel comes from the beginning of the Book of Signs, which begins at Chapter 1:19 and continues through Chapter 12. In this section, the Apostle John presents us with seven "signs," which are seven miracles Jesus performed. Each sign has a deeper spiritual meaning that reveals Jesus' divinity and mission. In many ways, the entire Book of Signs prepares us for the Book of Glory in which Jesus' "hour" of glory is identified with Him taking up His glorious throne of the Cross, fulfilling His mission as the "Lamb of God" Who offers His life for the salvation of all, and pouring forth His grace and mercy from His wounded side.**

**The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, which was done in superabundance! The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.**

**There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. This preparation will take place in our lives, just as it was presented in John's Gospel. Jesus' seven signs, His miraculous actions, were performed to prepare His disciples to receive all that He bestowed on the Cross. We must not only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.**

**Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in Scripture, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, must become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory.**



**Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God's abundant glory.**

**My glorious Lord, Your entire earthly life was a preparation for the hour in which You gave Your life as a sacrifice on the Cross for the remission of sins. Please continuously prepare me to receive You more fully and to open my heart to You and all that You have bestowed upon me through Your perfect sacrifice of love. Jesus, I trust in You.**

**Anniversary of First  
U.S. COVID-19 Case  
January 20, 2020**

**We pray for all those who have suffered from COVID-19:**

**God of all grace and providence, You are our shepherd who walks with us through every valley.**

**Be with us today as we mark the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in our country.**

**Be comfort for those who grieve. Be strength for those about to falter.**

**Be love for those in division. Be eternal rest for those who have died.**

**Help us trust you, follow you and love you for your goodness today and always.**

**AMEN**

**If you have any personal intentions you would like to add they will be added to our list, contact Tom 546-7980 or [tbrefka@clementmanor.org](mailto:tbrefka@clementmanor.org):**

**Weekly Prayer Intentions:**

- For those residents who are sick, may they feel the healing presence of God**
- For peace throughout the world**
- That we may see the loving presence of God**
- For leaders that they may lead with integrity and the good of their people in mind**
- For those struggling with illness may they feel the healing power of God**



## Reflections for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Hear the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermon given at Montgomery's Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in 1957. May these words inspire us to love the image of God in those before us today, and every day:*

**"Even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls 'the image of God', you begin to love him in spite of [everything]. No matter what he does, you see God's image there. There is an element of goodness that he can never sluff off... Another way that you love your enemy is this: when the opportunity presents itself for you to defeat your enemy, that is the time which you must not do it... When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system... Hate for hate only intensifies the existence of hate and evil in the universe. If I hit you and you hit me and I hit you back and you hit me back and so on, you see, that goes on ad infinitum. It just never ends. Somewhere somebody must have a little sense, and that's the strong person. The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate, the chain of evil... Somebody must have religion enough and morality enough to cut it off and inject within the very structure of the universe that strong and powerful element of love."**

### Prayer

**Oh God who made us in Your image,  
Give us Your eyes that we might see You in all people –  
especially those not like us.**

**Give us Your ears that we might respond to those around us in love –  
especially when it costs us be silent or demands that we speak out for the sake  
of others.**

**Give us Your heart and move it to act with radical love and compassion – es-  
pecially when we are inclined to do nothing or to do what is beyond ours to  
do.**

**We ask this for the sake of Your prayer: that we may be one in You. Amen.**





### **Relating to Others**

**Creator God, you have given us in your Word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands — Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses. You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies. You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and cultures.**

**You have called us to be teachers of your word. We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts to the challenge and invitation to model your perfect example of love. Amen**

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### **A Prayer for Faith and Trust**

**Oh, God our God;  
How can you seem  
So far away-  
So 'not here'-  
So unconcerned?  
So uncaring?  
But, we know You are present  
We know by reason and by faith.  
You are our God  
Who caused us to be  
Who cause us to be  
Forever  
In Your presence  
Always.  
Help us to see  
And if not to see, to trust!**

◆ John P. Stangle, MA, Chaplain Advanced Emeritus, NACC

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**Pope Francis' January 2025**

**Monthly Intention: For the right to an education**

**Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.**

## **St. Jerome, Oconomowoc**



### **Prayer for the Right to Education**

**Heavenly Father,**

**We come before You with hearts full of compassion for migrants, refugees, and those suffering the ravages of war. We lift them up in prayer, asking that You may open doors of opportunity for them, especially the opportunity to learn. May the right to an education, which is a cornerstone for building a better world, be honored and protected for all, regardless of their circumstances. Bless the children and young people who have been displaced, and grant them the resources, support, and guidance they need to pursue their dreams. Inspire governments, communities, and individuals to work together in creating a world where the dignity of all is upheld, and education is accessible to everyone. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**

**January 21**

***Saint Agnes***

**God, hidden in the human heart,**

**You call people of all ages to heroic virtue.**

**You choose the weak and vulnerable to challenge the strong and powerful.**

**May Saint Agnes inspire us with faith to live the mission and values we hold both now and forever.**

**AMEN**

***Saint Agnes, PRAY FOR US.***

**January 24**

***Saint Francis de Sales***

**Gracious God, author of all life,**

**You generously give gifts of inspiration to people.**

**Saint Francis of Sales wrote that devotion helps us to become more peaceful and our work more pleasant.**

**May this gentle saint help us to become holy and relate to one another with compassion and love. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ**

**AMEN.**

***Saint Francis de Sales, PRAY FOR US.***

**January 25**

***Conversion of Saint Paul***

**God of surprises,**

**You met Saint Paul along his journey through life, and gave him faith to believe in Jesus.**

**Help us to see our failings and to change our ways to witness with truth.**

**Nothing is impossible with Your grace.**

**We trust in You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**AMEN.**

***Saint Paul, PRAY FOR US.***

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

**Sunday January 19, 2025**

Reading 1, Isaiah 62:1-5

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

Gospel, John 2:1-12

Reading 2, First Corinthians 12:4-11



Daily Reading for

**Monday January 20, 2025**

Reading 1, Hebrews 5:1-10

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Gospel, Mark 2:18-22

Daily Reading for

**Friday January 24, 2025**

Reading 1, Hebrews 8:6-13

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Gospel, Mark 3:13-19

Daily Reading for

**Tuesday January 21, 2025**

Reading 1, Hebrews 6:10-20

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10

Gospel, Mark 2:23-28

Daily Reading for

**Saturday January 25, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 22:3-16

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 117:1, 2

Gospel, Mark 16:15-18

Daily Reading for

**Wednesday January 22, 2025**

Reading 1, Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Gospel, Mark 3:1-6

Daily Reading for

**Sunday January 26, 2025**

Reading 1, Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Gospel, Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Reading 2, First Corinthians 12:12-30

Daily Reading for

**Thursday January 23, 2025**

Reading 1, Hebrews 7:25-8:6

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17

Gospel, Mark 3:7-12

*Your words, Lord,  
are Spirit and life.*

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