

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

MASS INTENTIONS

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel

SUNDAY	Jan	18	5:30 PM vigi	Steve & Ana Ramirez-Palr Sam Alaba Michael Vilhauer	ner (Special Int.) (Healing) (Healing)
	Jan	19	9 AM 11 AM	All Parishioners Chandler Smith Shannon Rose Cham	+ ber +
MONDAY	Jan	20	8:30 AM	Matthew Tamburo Annette Tamburo Sam Alaba Jenny Arcinas	(Healing) (Healing) (Healing) (Healing)
TUESDAY	Jan	21	8:30 AM	Pacing Feely Millie Centers Sam Alaba Elaine Barber	(Healing) (Healing) (Healing) (Healing)
WEDNESDAY	⁄ Jan	22	8:30 AM 6 PM	Steve & Ana Ramirez-Palr Sam Alaba David Woo Our Mother of Perpetual	mer (Special Int.) (Healing) (Healing)
THURSDAY FRIDAY	Jan Jan		No Mass 8:30 AM	OLG School Mass (G	·



FLIPPED-OUT PHARISEES

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel-it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that he addressed her as "Woman." But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does

so in a way that is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point of this is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God-we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. the amount of wine symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Closed Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS - The Parish Office is accepting submissions for the next bulletin to be printed on February 2. See submission deadlines

Submission Due Date (Bulletin Date)

February 02 (January 22) February 09 (January 29) February 16 (February 05) February 23 (February 12)

WOMEN OF THE YEAR 2025

Ballots for Women of the Year are in the back of the Church. There is a box where you can deposit you ballot. Vote for a woman of your choice. She will be honored at the Women's Council Spring Luncheon. Nominations can be submitted until February 21, 2025. All parishioners are eligible to vote.



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Bring on the Wine!

When a young couple falls in love, the fascination they have for each other seems boundless. They want to know every detail about each other's thoughts. experiences, and dreams. As their love grows, everything they ever wanted becomes negotiable to make room for the great treasure they have found in each other. The joy they share is like the "new wine" generously poured out for the guests in the Wedding at Cana.

As time goes by, the pressures of raising children, making ends meet, and the routine of daily life sets in, sometimes leaving the couple to wonder, "what happened to our wine?" In Cana, it took the loving heart of our Mother to notice that their wine had run out. When faced with this dilemma. Jesus' heart was also moved with compassion. He changed the water into the best wine so that the joy of this couple's special day might be celebrated to the full.

The grace that Jesus still offers to couples in the Sacrament of Marriage is the gift of "abundant life" (Jn 10:10) through a covenant love that lasts a lifetime. It is a daily call to husbands and wives to lay down their lives for each other (Jn 15:13), discovering the divine joy that flows forth as the "best wine." It should surprise no one that among Christians who regularly attend church, Catholics have by far the lowest divorce rate. The sacramental grace builds on the hard work of making a life together... a constant reminder to return together to the source of our joy in Christ. Who doesn't want more of the "best wine" in their marriage? Gracious Lord, bring it on!

"The Holy Spirit is the one who continues to perform, on a spiritual level, the miracle that Jesus worked on that occasion; namely, to change the water of habit into a new joy of being together." (Pope Francis, General Audience of October 23, 2024)



A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection: Jan 5 \$4,313

Jan 12 \$ 4,618

Thank you for your continued generosity.

PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Sam Alaba, Sonja Craighton, Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Chiang, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers, Stan Holland.

FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet at 5:30 PM on January 21 and 28 at OLG School.
- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Joint Session meet at 5:30 PM on February 4 at OLG Church.
- Baptism Class on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7 PM. Please call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 or email office@westsacolg.org to sign up.



HOSPITALITY

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, January 26th in the School Gym.

KIDS CORNER



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- Wine
- Stone Ceremony
- Jars
- Water
- Reveal
- Believe

