

January 13-14, 2007
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5

First Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

It might only be 2007, but 2008 is certainly in the air. The parade of Presidential wanna-be's have appeared on Oprah. Suitable 'exploratory-committees' have been formed...and presumably are exploring the presidential possibilities for the assorted aspirants. A flurry of position-oriented books have been published and the negotiations are surely occurring to lock-up potential web-site addresses. With Advent and Christmas behind us, we no longer deal with an infant or 12 year-old Jesus; he is now a grown man (historically around 30 years-old.) Our encounter with Jesus this week is his manner of pricking our interest, of getting us to take a second look. Our Gospel passage is the wedding feast at Cana...and the wedding guests have run out of wine (please note, it was wine...not grape juice!) With nary a boisterous invocation or a laying on of hands...the water is changed into wine, and from the remembrances of the guests...pretty good wine at that. Imagine if one of our political aspirants could walk into New Orleans and with a word rebuild the devastated homes? What if one of our potential candidates would walk into the City of Hope and miraculously cure everyone there? Would you vote for them? Would you want to know more about them? Would you be frightened of them? Would you at least sit up and take notice of what they did and question how they did it? These first few weeks of Ordinary Time are our opportunity to encounter the person of Jesus afresh, to try to hear the stories and descriptions as if we had not already heard them. What would we think of someone who could transform water into wine? Would the miracle necessarily have to be bigger and splashier today? Would Jesus go on Oprah or have a committee to help him present himself to the world? In any case, this weekend is Jesus making his first public gambit to garner our attention. Has it worked?

Happy Martin Luther King Weekend, thank you for coming and sharing your time with our Corpus Christi Catholic-Christian Community. Bulletins are available for your reading pleasure, please take one home with you. We have begun mailing out the assorted 2007 Pastoral Services Appeal materials....the weekend of January 27-28 will be our BIG pitch weekend. Remember, this lovely building in which we are worshipping and meeting and enjoying ourselves is not really ours...it belongs to the bank! The PSA is our yearly Capital Campaign Pledge Drive to generate the monies necessary to pay down our loans, so please, read the material and pray on how you will generously respond to this year's appeal. In the midst of these winter days, remember, you are loved. FKB