

“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.”

JOHN 2:10

When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, “There’s no more wine.” It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel “espoused” not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God’s presence. ●

Reflect

Is there an area in your life where you need “new wine”?

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan 18 **Vigil**
7:00 p.m. †Chuck Ekeler - KM
Sun. Jan 19 **Mass/2nd Sunday Ord. Time**
8:00 a.m. †Marj Chapman - RJP
Tues Jan 21 **Mass/St. Agnes**
5:30 p.m. †Caden Zimmerman - RW
Wed Jan 22 **Mass**
7:30 a.m. †Lillian Eisenberg - EF
Sat. Jan 25 **Vigil**
7:00 p.m. †Chuck Ekeler - KM
Sun. Jan 26 **Mass/3rd Sunday Ord. Time**
8:00 a.m. †Connie Cluff - GMH

In need of prayer support, call

Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
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Please Pray For Our Sick:

Kane Schrock, Mary Ann Kreutzer,
Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher, Terry Hart,
Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip, Ray Hottinger,
Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget Glosson,
Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol Benjamin,
Don Mollendor, Maria Foy, Beverly
Gebauer, Tricia Dreher, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion, MaryAnne Middlebrook,
John Stair

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Tuesdays / 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Spend time with our Lord....

Catholic Adult Enrichment Classes
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Coyne Hall

*Thank you! To all those who donated
poinsettias to adorn our altar at Christmas.*

Welcome to **Penny Jean** daughter of Luke and Kristen Crumley. Congratulations on your **baptism** January 5th.

January 25-26

Church in Latin America

A percentage of the collection will go to this fund. Also, checks may be made out to the parish, with a note in the memo line directing the donation to the Church in Latin America..

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Parish Membership

Membership sheets will be at the back of the church January 25th & 26th to update parish membership contact information.

Lay Minister Schedule

January 26, 2025

Greeters/Gifts: Josh & Jamie Sauer Family

Pianist: Volunteer

Cantor: Volunteer

Lector: Jerry O'Halloran

Altar Servers: L Willeke, E Hart, L Etl

Head Usher: Roger Kuntz

Euch Ministers: Monte & Peggy Willeke

St. Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, please give me the strength today to trust God with my entire life, with no questions asked. Amen"



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Inspired by the Eucharistic Revival, the Northeast Colorado Parishes will be providing a **Lenten Retreat**.

Our Guest speaker will be **Jessica Navin**, *"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love."*

It will take place at St. Helena's Catholic Church 917 W. 7th Ave. Fort Morgan, CO 80701 on Saturday April 5th from 8am and close with the 5 pm Mass.

The cost is \$20 per person. REGISTER ONLINE NOW @<https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html>. Register by March 28th.

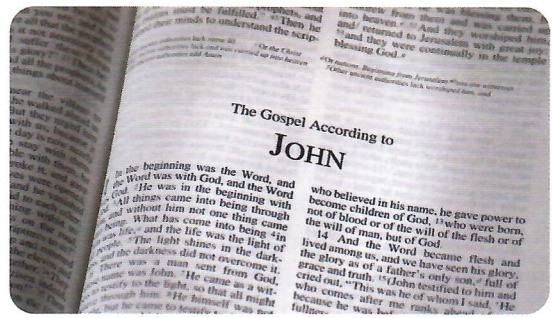
For more information or to volunteer please contact **Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994** or email Bridget Link at nocoretreat@gmail.com

Dear Padre,

Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 20 Weekday Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	January 23 Weekday Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18	January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?

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