

**“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”?

**St. Mary's & St. John's
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

Pastor: Rev. Herman Nsubuga
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Maurice Okeke

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Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

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Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
Stoneham: Sun. - after Mass

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Mass Intentions

Sat Jan. 18 **Vigil**
5:00 p.m. †Pete Bellender Sr. - EJR
Sun Jan 19 **Mass/2nd Sunday Ord. Time**
10:00 a.m. †Margarito & Angie Torrez
-Acosta/Perez family
12:00 p.m. †Ray Johnson - DN
Thur Jan 23 **Mass**
5:30 p.m. †Ervin Hammond
Fri Jan. 24 **Mass/St. Francis de Sales**
8:00 a.m. †Alberto Salvador
Sat Jan. 25 **Vigil**
5:00 p.m. †Angelina Springer - JW
Sun Jan 26 **Mass/3rd Sunday Ord. Time**
10:00 a.m. †Maria Rivera Rojas - EP
12:00 p.m. †Ray Johnson - DN

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Gia Marquez,
Rosa Maria Santos, Jan Yokum, Deja Adam,
Kane Schrock, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary
Garcia, Sean Gleason, Ben Mettlen, Arabella
Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Paula
& Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Caiden Lee,
Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather,
Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal,
Shelby Daughenbaugh, Norma Wolfe, Stella,
Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Amanda Weisensee,
Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero,
Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Carmona
Family, Leo Millburg, Gary Bloemker, Josie
Contreras, Emmalyn Potts, Elizabeth Trujillo,
Anne Mertens, Carter Wiedrich, Apolonio
Ramirez, Felix Acosta, Aurelia Lopez

For the Soul: Mary Jane Pacheco, Ken Bach

**Jan. 20 / 3-Hour Perpetual Adoration
Monday
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Come, spend time with the Lord!**

**January 21 / Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in the RE building
All are welcomed!**

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group of St. Mary's
Friday, January 24
after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

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



January 19

Enjoy coffee & donut Sunday!
In the Parish Hall after Mass.

January 23 / Eucharistic Ministers
Meeting with Fr. Herman after the 5:30 Mass for those now serving at Mass and taking to the homebound. Also for those who have a calling to serve.



**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

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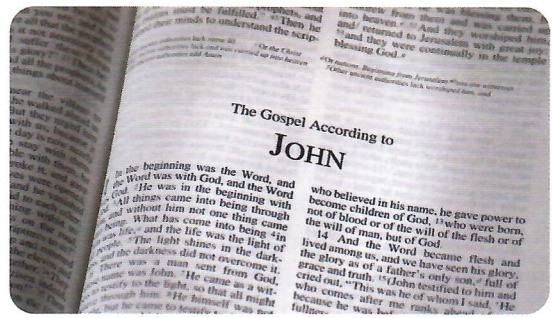
Food Drive - Help feed families
Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry. Monetary donations welcomed.
*Drop off at St. Mary's
Thank you for your support!*

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?

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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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