



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading *John 2:1-11*

Jesus performs his first miracle at a wedding feast in Cana.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of

his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

-Loyola Press

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>

April Showers

The Church of the Assumption has been an active supporter of April Showers with volunteers making of soup, lunches and serving our unhoused community with showers and clothing.

We are in need of adult volunteers. We meet at the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month from 10:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. We would be appreciative of any time you can donate. April Showers is a charity that provides showering & many other services.

The Interfaith Homelessness Network of San Leandro was formed twenty years ago to increase public awareness of, to advocate for, and to provide services to the homeless. There are several Assumption parishioners who help with this operation: distributing clean underwear, toiletries, clothing, shoes, jackets, hot meals, water & takeaway food, laundry vouchers, bags, etc. We coordinate their rotation of hot-meal cooks. We share with them our access to a local Pizza Hut that donates unclaimed pizzas to us twice a week. **AYSAT** are also active helpers. Last Saturday made for April Showers.

If you would like to volunteer and learn more about our program, please contact Goretti Allenbach at bretgoretti@hotmail.com

Be a Trojan -- Apply Today!

Hello Trojans and future Trojans. We are happy to announce to all our community and friends that our 2022-2023 [online application](#) is now available to you! If you have a NEW student interested in applying to Assumption School in grades TK through 6th grade (wait list for 7th and 8th grades),

You will find our application in English and Spanish as well as important information for new families. Please send this link to any prospective families interested in a TK through 8th grade Christ-centered, community-based, and academically excellent education for their children!

Call us for more information
[\(510\) 357-8772](tel:(510)357-8772)

Are you signed up for FLOCKNOTE?

We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. And in order to do this we are using a new, simple service called FLOCKNOTE. Like sending "notes" to your "flock". Flocknote.

This is all totally free for you to use and it's going to also make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email updates. Your information will be completely safe and secure. **And you can unsubscribe from any updates at any time!**

1. Open your internet browser (i.e. Safari, Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox) and go to <https://assumptionsanleandro.flocknote.com/>. Enter the requested information and click on "Sign Me Up".
2. Select the groups you would like to receive information from.
3. You're done! You'll receive an email confirming your email address. Please make sure to click on the link that is sent to your email so that your email address is confirmed

Welcome to Formed.org!

We are very pleased here at Assumption Parish to offer to our parishioners, at no cost, a subscription to [formed.org](#)! Due to generous support we just successfully finished our fundraiser for a FORMED renewal. BIG shout out for everyone's support!!

Having been called "Netflix For Catholics", [formed.org](#) is a repository of thousands of Catholic full length movies, videos, documentaries, talks, series, audio books, ebooks and more! From Bible Study and The Sacraments to Faith Formation and Apologetics and everything in between, [formed.org](#) has something for everyone. There is also a wide selection of children's content. conversion stories, music and so much more. There is also a very large selection of Spanish language content.

Getting setup is easy and FREE!

JANUARY 15—JANUARY 22, 2022

We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 15

8:15am.

4:30pm Larry Maynard+

Sunday 16

8:00am Ruth & Francis McDonnell+

10:00 am Jean & Alice Dupont+

12:00 noon. Michael Burdick+

Monday 17

8:15a.m. Cornelius McCauley+

Tuesday 18

8:15a.m. Judy Grace Laserna+

Wednesday 19

8:15a.m. Assumption School Children
Roger Piegai+

Thursday 20

10:00am George & Elizabeth Westrick+

Friday 21

8:15am Miika Autio+

Saturday 22

8:15am Respect for the Dignity of Life

4:30pm Belen Mendoza+

Please remember the Church of the Assumption in your will.

been "continued".

The new court date is **January 27** in Department 710 (925-227-6710). The live stream link will be shared as the date gets closer so that parishioners know what is going on.

We Now Accept Contributions Electronically

Our eGiving service, **Vanco**, provides tools to make giving simple even when you're unable to attend church. Their eGiving is safe and secure, and it allows you to designate your contribution to the church funds you're most passionate about.

eGiving lets you set up recurring giving through our website. Easily enter your donation from our websites "[giving](#)" page. Here you can make your contribution by credit card. To support us go to <http://www.assumptionsanleandro.org/giving.html>. See if any of these eGiving options will work for you. Thank you again for supporting Church of Assumption and the community we've all worked so hard to nurture.

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- Enter your name and email address - and you're in!

FORMED Pick of the week

John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You. This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired million of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ. <https://watch.formed.org/john-paul-ii-i-kept-looking-for-you/videos/john-paul-ii-i-kept-looking-for-you>

Transparency

In continuing with our transparency, we would like to share that the Pre-Trial Hearing on the embezzlement case that was rescheduled for January 3rd has once again

THANK YOU for your generosity! Sunday Collection

**Week of December 26 2021
\$3,601.00**

**Christmas, 2021
\$17,419.00**

**Week of January 2, 2022
\$4,915.00**

**January 9, 2022
\$6,646.50**

Weekly Goal \$7,000

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Attention: Martha

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins