

Covenant Life

- Our next gathering will be a week from today, on January 26th at 3pm. We will welcome **new Underway Commitments** and celebrate with a social after the meeting. Children and Youth ministries will meet as usual but end a little early to rejoin us. Please come celebrate.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
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Reflection

It is hard not to begin this reflection with a reference to the [First Reading](#). We are so blessed (as are millions across the world) that God called our Community into existence. The ripples in the pond that the Holy Spirit has used these 52 years since our founding are so vast that no one can comprehend the implications. Such is the way of God's divine will. He reveals His plan to us one day at a time...one moment at a time and simply asks us to follow Him and trust. He uses our surrender to Him and our love for one another to accomplish His perfect and divine will in our day and time. Thank God for the 90ish people who said Yes to the call to be "His Delight".

What was it that empowered this small simple group to form a covenant community leading to an amazing impact on His people? It is the same power that we experience today that keeps us together doing the same work to the best of our ability. Paul details this in the [Second Reading](#)...it is the power of His Holy Spirit and the Spiritual Gifts that He bestows. This is the secret of the Charismatic Renewal. God is, and has always been, active in expressing His love for us and empowering us to respond. Unfortunately, in many this power lies dormant. We have been given the privilege and opportunity to tap into this amazing power to transform the world and be active in bringing about the Good News and the Body of Christ together. Come Holy Spirit, awaken within me the gifts and power of Your Holy Spirit!

The [Gospel](#) today tells the familiar story of Jesus' first miracle and the launching of His public ministry. Our job when reading His Word is to always ask the Holy Spirit what He is saying to me today. Clearly, Jesus was preparing His disciples

for the revelation of His Glory that was to come at the end of His earthly journey. What might He be preparing me for today?

One possibility is that God is asking us to recognize and be amazed. Some of those present were aware of the water changing into wine and others were not. Do we notice and recognize God's signs that are taking place around us every day? Are we amazed? These God moments of divine revelation and encounter really do happen and are opportunities to experience the living God. If we recognize them, are we amazed by them? Do we ponder them and discern what God is asking of us? Are we changed by them? Do we respond to these signs seeking to know Him and His will for us more fully? As His disciples, are we preparing for His revelation of Glory to us?

We can see in this miracle that the wine represents the overabundance of God's love for us. We can see the inner joy that is associated with the journey toward intimacy with Him and how much grace He wants to pour out upon us today.

We can also see Mary's role as she intercedes for us just as she did the wedding guests. She points the way so very clearly with her words directing our attention to Jesus and to *"do whatever He tells you"*.

One final point that Laurie reminded me of...Fr. Jacques Philippe, during our trip to the Holy Land, asked us the question "Who were the ones who saw the miracle and knew what was going on?" His exhortation was "if you want to see God work...SERVE. God is onsite where the need is. The servants were the ones who knew what was in the jars. They saw the miracle up close and personal."

Let us pray, "Holy Spirit, come into my life in a new and powerful way that I may experience the spiritual gifts that You have for me. Use me to accomplish Your perfect divine will today in my life. Mary, I desire to follow your direction and seek out Jesus and understand what He is asking of me. Intercede for me that I may do whatever He tells me. Jesus, prepare me as You prepared Your disciples for Your glory. Open my heart to You and all that You have for me. Help me to serve and recognize how You are at work in my life. I truly desire to proclaim Your marvelous deeds and lead as many as possible to You. I love You Jesus! Amen."

God Bless,

David