

THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC



You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 1/21
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY 1/22
Hebrews 6:10-20
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY 1/23
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY 1/24
Hebrews 7:25--8:6
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY 1/25
Acts 22:3-16, or 9:1-22
Mark 16:15-18

SATURDAY 1/26
Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Mark 3:20-21

Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week

Monday, Agnes; Tuesday, Vincent the Deacon; Thursday, Francis de Sales; Friday, Conversion of Saint Paul; Saturday, Timothy & Titus

7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Mass	Service	Mass	Mass

Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.

CONCERNS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION AND THE FLU EPIDEMIC

According to the Center for Disease Control, "The flu spreads in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. It usually spreads from person to person, though occasionally a person may become infected by touching something with virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose." As with past concerns about the flu, the CDC has not indicated a need for any changes in the practice of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice.

2013 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Each year Catholic churches throughout the United States take up a collection to help our sister churches in Central and South America find ways to bring families and young people closer to Christ and nearer to Catholic values. Next week we will make our annual offering to the Church in Latin America. Sus donativos ayudan a difundir el Evangelio de Cristo y a asegurar que las futuras generaciones de jóvenes puedan vivir su fe todos y cada uno de sus días. Please make your checks payable to St. Joseph Church, Our Savior of the Mountains, or Infant of Prague.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

On the First Friday of every month we celebrate First Friday devotions, Holy Mass followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, Jill Morstad, Dolores Glynn, and for the repose of the soul of Bill Glynn.

January 20, 2013

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, he called the bridegroom and said to him, "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 2:9-10

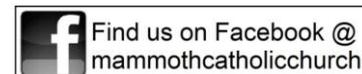


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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM
La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM
Lee Vining:
Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -
Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory. . . . No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the Lord delights in you and makes your land his spouse.

This isn't about weddings. Nor is it about the sacrament of marriage. "This is a great mystery," Saint Paul writes in Ephesians 5:32, "but I speak in reference to Christ and the church." The union of man and woman in the Genesis story was a great gift to humanity, but it represented more than that. It was the fulfillment of God's desire to make

humanity to be a creative expression of God's own image and likeness. "In the divine image God created them," it says in the Genesis story, "male and female God created them." (Genesis 1:27) In the oneness that arises from their union, an experience of God is realized.

There were rival religions in the land of Canaan, where the Israelites lived 500 years before Christ. The gods of the Canaanites concerned themselves with providing an abundant harvest, the foundation of an agrarian society. This was accomplished when the god of the heavens, Baal, whence came the sun and the rain, consorted with Astarte, the goddess of the earth, the fertile womb of life. It was their union, the Canaanites believed, that made the Jordan Valley a productive agricultural region.

To assure the Israelites that their own God was up to the task, Isaiah prophesied that

the Lord would marry the earth in a lasting union that would provide for the generations to come.

**SECOND READING:
1Corinthians 12:4-11**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

The union between God and humanity in Jesus Christ is a fruitful one. Just as a man marries a woman, God joins us, becomes one with us in flesh and blood, and pours forth his Spirit within us. God engenders new life in us and we bring forth the many spiritual gifts that will serve people in their pursuit of fulfillment.

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit," Jesus says in John 15:5. Saint Paul provides a short list of spiritual fruit in Galatians 5:22-23: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." It is this fruit that brings fulfillment to the individual, the family, and the society, and provides a point of attraction for others who will desire them and perhaps come to know Christ through a relationship with the community.

God produces the gifts and the fruits in everyone. And the unity of the Body means that the manifestations of the Spirit are complete in every community. The task of the church is to call these gifts forward. But people must rise to faith in order to believe that they possess these gifts and muster the confidence to present them. We Catholics need to constantly reinforce in ourselves that

we possess these great gifts from God and access them through the religious practices of prayer, study, reflection, and good works.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

Perhaps the Lord's reputation as "a glutton and a drunkard" (see Matthew 11:19 and Luke 7:34) arose from situations like the wedding at Cana, where they ran out of wine shortly after Jesus and his disciples showed up! (His mother certainly knew who to talk to about it.) There is no doubt that Jesus enjoyed eating and drinking. It seems that in every other story in the gospels, Jesus is at somebody's house for dinner or telling a story about a wedding or a banquet. The point, of course, wasn't about excess. Or was it?

The story says that the six stone water jars used in the miracle each held "twenty or thirty gallons," and that they were "filled to the brim." That would mean that Jesus supplied somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons of wine for the party. Wow! That's a lot of wine, and it was "good wine," too, according to the headwaiter.

The New American Bible footnote to this story says that the "vast quantity (of wine) recalls prophecies of abundance in the last days," and then references Amos 9:13-14, Hosea 14:7, and Jeremiah 31:12.

Modern sensibilities shy away from any suggestion of excess when it comes to alcoholic beverages, but this story is about kingdom time. In the marriage of God and humanity in Jesus Christ, the wine flows abundantly and the good times roll!
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Dios nos acompaña

La segunda lectura de hoy nos asegura que el Espíritu Santo nos provee con muchos dones, particularmente los que necesitamos para utilizarlos en la construcción del Reino de Dios. De hecho, el Evangelio de san Juan nos presenta el primero de los signos que, para san Juan, realizó el Señor para mostrar la fuerza del Espíritu en Su propio llamado. Como Él, también nosotros debemos confiar ampliamente que Dios nos acompaña para transformar nuestra vida con la fuerza de Su amor.

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Mañana se recuerda a Martín Luther King, Jr., profeta moderno que fue asesinado por luchar por los derechos humanos y civiles de los afroamericanos en este país.

