

**First Saturday Meditation and Devotions**  
**October 2022**  
**Second Luminous Mystery - The Wedding Feast at Cana**



**Go to the Sacrament of Confession**

Read the Gospel of **St. John 2:1-11**

Revised Standard Version - Second Catholic Edition

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, **“They have no wine.”** And Jesus said to her, **“O Woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”**

His mother said to the servants, **“Do whatever he tells you.”** Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, **“Fill the jars with water.”** And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, **“Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast.”** So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, **“Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.”** This, is the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This mystery came to light for October as it seems a perfect connection with the Month Dedicated to Our Lady and her most Holy Rosary.

1. During the wedding feast the wine ran short.
2. Mary turned to Jesus: “They have no wine.”
3. Jesus replied: “What would you have Me do? My hour has not yet come.”
4. Mary said to the waiters: “Do whatever He tells you.”

## Reflection to help with the 15 minute Meditation

The Rosary is missionary, a part of our daily listening to what Jesus is asking of us and connected with the Sacramental life of the Church, the presence of the living Lord in our midst.

In the Mystery of the Wedding Feast at Cana, we see the first of Our Lords signs, by which He manifested His glory, in a tangible way, by laying down at a wedding banquet the beginnings of the Sacramental life of a Catholic.

The revelation at Cana shows God's power to us in the sacraments, which are outward signs of the graces they confer on our souls. This miraculous event prefigures the institution of sacraments as they await for the Hour of His Sacrifice on the Cross, the one true sign of our redemption, and in the power of the Resurrection given substance by His Ascension, and activated by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

St John gives depth, that these are not just nice memories of Jesus and His Mother at a wedding, but that these are the start to our salvation in Christ.

When Our Lady says '[they have no wine](#)', she not only indicates her desire that all should go well for the newly married couple, but her desire that her Son will take care of it because, God is in their midst. When he called Her 'woman' Jesus eludes to the promised restoration of Israel, and He deliberately speaks in a way that acknowledges Her expectation, and defines them both as the new Adam and Eve.

Our Lord is agitated by her request but He also knows she is the one to remind Him of His peoples thirst, which at the Cross is quenched by souls that return to Him.

The Psalmist writes "*wine to cheer man's heart*", that along with bread and oil will become the matter of God's sacramental grace. Our Lady recognises our need for joy, in her request '[they have no wine](#)'. Water becomes wine, and at the other end of Our Lord's Ministry, He has to drink a new cup of wine on behalf of all humanity. To immerse Himself into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins as his Blood saves.

Mother Mary points to the joy through embracing our sorrows. The feast at Cana reminds us how closely linked together are the Son of God and His Mother. To have a fruitful Sacramental life, Our Lady must be a part of it, with the tool of the most Holy Rosary that reminds us that without her, we would not have Jesus. Without Him there is no Salvation. The pathway to Jesus is through Mary. Our Lady and her Rosary is the best way for us to get to know Jesus.

### Questions to ponder:

**"They have no wine."** Some saints have preached over the centuries that the wedding at Cana is an image of our life of prayer, of our encounter with God when the water of our good will is transformed, by God's grace, in the best of the wine, the transformation of our heart into the heart of Christ. What does it mean in our life of prayer then, to have "no wine"? When these moments of dryness occur, do we turn to Our Lady to intercede with Her Son on our behalf?

### Jesus said to the servants: **Fill the jars with water.**

How far does our trust in Jesus' action in our lives go? Do we have the same trust that the servants had in filling up the jars only with water, for that water to become the best of the wine. Today we celebrate St Thérèse of Lisieux who teaches us the Little Way of trust and absolute confidence in God. She was a docile daughter of Our Lady. Let us ponder both with Our Blessed Lady and St Thérèse what this Little Way should mean and how it helps improve our spiritual life.

**You have kept the good wine until now.** Do we have hope that Our Lord can do far more than He has done so far in our lives... if we let Him? Let's, then, receive again and every day, the maternal encouragement from Our Lady: **"Do whatever he tells you."**

# Pray the Holy Rosary

## Prayers of Reparation

### Fatima Prayers

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you; I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.

Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

O Jesus, this is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, for the Holy Father, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Jacinta added “the Holy Father”).

### Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin, and Our Mother, we listen with grief to the complaints of your Immaculate Heart surrounded with the thorns placed therein at every moment by the blasphemies and ingratitude of ungrateful humanity. We are moved by the ardent desire of loving you as Our Mother and of promising a true devotion to Your Immaculate Heart. We therefore kneel before You to manifest the sorrow we feel for the grievances that people cause You, and to atone by our prayers and sacrifices for the offences with which they return your love. Obtain for them and for us the pardon of so many sins. Hasten the conversion of sinners that they may love Jesus Christ and cease to offend the Lord, already so much offended. Turn your eyes of mercy toward us, that we may love God with all our heart on earth and enjoy Him forever in Heaven. Amen.

## Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of men, in accordance with thy ardent wish made known at Fatima, I consecrate to thy Immaculate Heart myself, my brethren, my country and the whole human race. Reign over us, Most Holy Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ reign and triumph in us even as It has reigned and triumphed in thee.

Reign over us, dearest Mother, that we may be thine in prosperity and in adversity; in joy and in sorrow; in health and in sickness; in life and in death. O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Virgins, watch over our minds and our hearts and preserve them from the deluge of impurity which thou didst lament so sorrowfully at Fatima. We want to be pure like thee. We want to atone for the many sins committed against Jesus and thee. We want to call down upon our country and the whole world the peace of God in justice and charity. Therefore, we now promise to imitate thy virtues by the practice of a Christian life without regard to human respect. We resolve to receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday of every month and to offer thee five decades of the rosary each day together with our sacrifices in a spirit of reparation and penance. Amen.

### Fatima Prayers

O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament.

O Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

## Monthly First Saturdays of Reparation

Sr. Lucia said the following to her spiritual director March 19th 1939:

**“War and peace in the world depend on the celebration of this devotion (The First Saturdays) and the consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary connected to it. Therefore I wished so much these were spread, and much more because it is the will of our good God and our beloved Heavenly Mother.”**

### Hymn

In Fatima's cove on the thirteenth of May;  
the Virgin Maria appeared at mid-day.

**Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!**

The Virgin Maria surrounded by light;  
gives us a message of salvation and peace

The world was then suffering from war, plague, and strife,  
and Portugal mourned for her great loss of life.

To three shepherd children the Virgin then spoke  
a message so hopeful, with peace for all folk

With sweet Mother's pleading, she asked us to pray,  
do penance, be modest, the Rosary each day.

All Portugal heard what God's Mother did say,  
converted it sings of that Queen to this day.

We all must remember Our Lady's request  
do all that she asks for, obey her bequests.

She warned of behaviour from which we must turn,  
of thoughts, words, and actions which Christians must spurn

To her sad, sweet pleading our promise is made,  
that God's Law in all things be strongly obeyed.

From nation to nation her fair name is praised  
as souls from sin's bondage are contritely raised.

Our thanks to the Godhead, whose ways are so sure,  
for giving us Mary, our Mother Most Pure.

Our hearts, overflowing with kindness and love,  
thank her for God's graces bestowed from above

Hail, Refuge of sinners! Hail Star of the Sea!  
Hail, Queen of Creation! Our hope is in thee.



### Four Practices with one Intention:

**Go to Confession, Pray the Rosary, Attend Holy Mass and make a Communion of Reparation, spend 15 minutes Meditating upon some Scriptures associated with the Rosary.**

**All with the intention with making Reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

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Sr. Lucy of Fatima**

