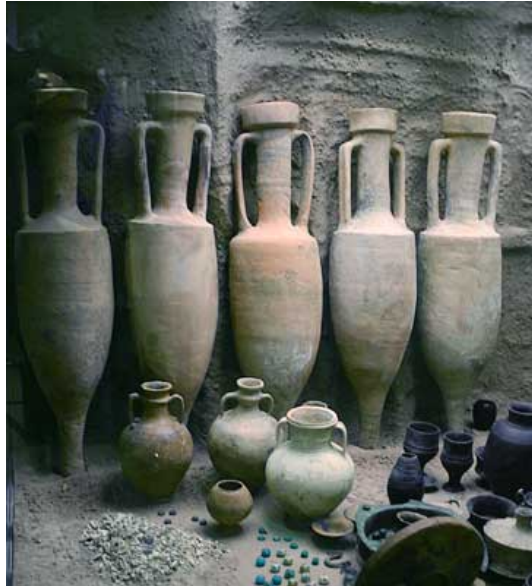


**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**  
**January 20, 2019**  
**The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Isaiah 62: 1-5 † 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 † John 2: 1-11**



**Reflection by: Sister Pat Crowley, OP**

Ordinary Time is not ordinary. In this season we hear of the public life of Jesus as God's Word. Luke is the usual presenter but for this Sunday, John and his story of the Wedding Feast of Cana are featured. Going back to the reading from Isaiah, God will give them a new name. What others call *Forsaken* or *Desolate*, God will call *My Delight*. Does this give us hope, consolation, raise our expectations?

In the Gospel, we are at the wedding feast of Cana and are reminded of the pending catastrophe—there is no more wine! All of this is avoided by the intervention of Mary, the New Eve. The impossible being made possible is a wonderful sign of hope for a people out of hope and needing to drink of God's promise. This Gospel is more than just an amazing miracle. Only God in Jesus can supply this real refreshment.

Jesus has not begun his public ministry, and he tells her that bluntly. That ministry will be one of preaching, healing, suffering, dying and rising. *They have no wine, the human race has no real life left in it*, she insists. There is no reason that God's promise cannot be fulfilled now.

Mary knew her Son, *do whatever he tells you*, and then there was wine. Can we allow ourselves to no longer be content with being Forsaken or Desolate? Can we allow ourselves to be made into God's Delight?