

# ICCH International Catholic Community of Heidelberg

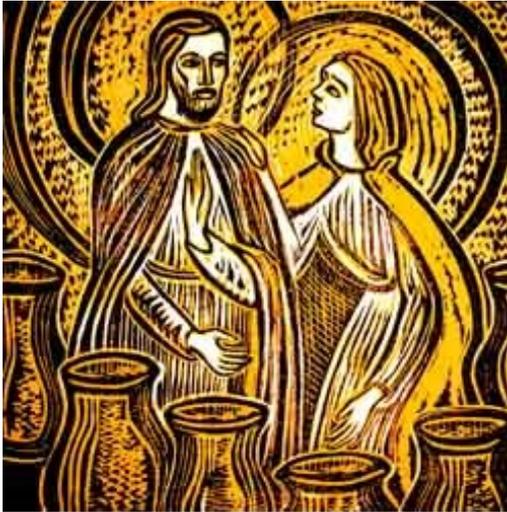
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Today's readings: Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

*Welcome Father John*

## January 17, 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Do whatever He tells you.”**



<http://campus.udayton.edu/mary/meditations/luminous.html>

Although each of today's messages is worthy of our thought, and reflection, we would like to focus on a particular line in St. John's Gospel story about the wedding in Cana, a statement which literally says it all about stewardship as a way of life. Our Blessed Mother Mary says quite simply, “Do whatever He tells you.” Her message for those gathered at the wedding and her message for us is the same.

The whole purpose of our lives is to seek and ascertain what it is that the Lord is telling us. We all understand that is not easy, and for many of us becomes a lifelong quest. Yet, that is exactly what Mary says to us, and it is exactly what we need to do. Through prayer and discernment each of us must try to discover what the Lord is “telling” us. That requires prayer on our part; it means we have to listen more than speak; and it means we need to identify, recognize, and use our gifts.

**“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.”**

When we say the word “service,” it can conjure up many things. It brings to mind reaching out to others, helping those in need and making a connection with those isolated in our society. We all can serve in many ways – big and small. Mother Teresa has left us that legacy. She once said, “May we never forget that in the service to the poor we are offered a magnificent opportunity to do something beautiful for God.” (From Mother Teresa: *No Greater Love*).

We are reminded of the different forms of service in the reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “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.”

We have been endowed with the gifts of the Spirit. We have been given different gifts and different talents. It is up to each of us to use them in service and for the glory of God. We are united in the Spirit but unique in our gifts. It is our responsibility to nurture our gifts and to allow them to blossom. May we be inspired to let our gifts erupt for the service of Him who has bestowed them.

[Sources: reflection on the Gospel: <http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/> || reflection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: <http://www.assumption.us/news/blogs/reflections-over-morning-coffee/1233-many-kinds-of-service/>]

## NEWS

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Father John will be hearing confessions this Sunday after Mass.

**Help needed** – New year, new tasks: The ICCH team is looking for new members to our team of Eucharistic Ministers, also for someone to help organizing their schedule. Also, Edem and Daniela would be very happy about anyone willing to join the communications team (for website, bulletins, and general organization).

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