



**16 January 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**VOCATION SUNDAY**



## **INTRODUCTION:**

The Church in her liturgy today rejoices in Christ, her Bridegroom, who will cherish her, delight in her, lavish upon her the many gifts of his Spirit, and transform her into a new creation as he transformed water into wine.

The vocation to priesthood and religious life is one of hearing the voice of Jesus and responding to that call. It is a way of serving God, one that brings with it the joy of the Gospel.

## **READINGS:**

First Reading:               Isa 62:1-5;  
Responsorial Psalm:       Ps 95: 1-3,7-10;  
Second Reading:         1 Cor 12: 4-11;  
Gospel:                        Jn 2: 1-11

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** Through his first miracle at Cana, Jesus gave us his first sign. Let us implore the Father for all our needs:

**R/- Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Our Holy Father Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Priests and Religious everywhere, that they may faithfully radiate your glory to all people by their exemplary lives and work. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all of us that You who have empowered with various gifts and talents, that we may use them willingly and joyfully for the good of the community. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our communities, that You Lord, enable us to understand and appreciate the differences that are found among us and yet remain united in your love. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those who are preparing for Matrimony, that keeping the spirit of understanding among them, they may have a happy and fulfilling married life. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who are currently searching for their vocation in life: May they listen to the voice of the Father speaking in Jesus today. May Mary the Mother of God who said "Do whatever he tells you" inspire them to trust their future to him with confidence and without hesitation. We pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Lord God, as we enter the Ordinary time of the Liturgical Year, help us to be guided by your Word daily and to partake of your Sacraments, so that we may become more and more worthy of our Christian vocation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:**

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.