Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today the Church commemorates the third mystery of Epiphany, as she proclaims in the tradition of the Roman Liturgy the Gospel account of the Wedding Feast at Cana, which is the third Epiphany mystery. Here Jesus's Divinity is manifest in the first of His miracles, as He changes water into the best wine.

The Church's tradition has always used nuptial language in the Epiphany liturgies because this first miracle of the Lord takes place at a wedding. He is revealed as the Divine Bridegroom, Who has come to this world to claim His Bride, the Church, composed, at least potentially, of all men. This nuptial miracle is worked through the intercession of the New Eve, the Blessed Virgin Mary, God's Bride, whose consent to the marriage of God and man was besought on behalf of the entire human nature. Thus, the New Adam and the New Eve manifest at Cana the new wine of the new covenant of divine life to which we are all called. What glorious mysteries! It is a source of great honor and dignity for Catholics in the married state that Christ attended a marriage (the Author of marriage attends a wedding!) and chose a wedding feast for the first of His miracles. Indeed, Christ is symbolically indicating the sacramentality of Christian marriage at Cana, as He takes water (natural marriage) and elevates it to a higher level of being by transforming it into wine (sacramental marriage). This new wine will be capable of signifying His own Marriage to the Church, which is itself indicated by the presence of the Divine Bridgroom and the New Eve.

Our Blessed Mother's words - her final words recorded in Scripture - are particularly poignant considered as a kind of loving word of counsel to Catholic married couples: "Do whatever He tells you." It is as if she is saying to our families: "Trust in Him. He is your Bridegroom. He is your God. He is my Son. He is the Author of Marriage and has promulgated its laws. Follow them. Do what He tells you. Lay down your lives for each other on the Cross. Shun all selfishness and lust. Send away any pride or stubbornness. Be generous. Keep His commandments always. Receive children generously. Never defile your marriage by unspeakable evils that separate love from childbearing and make a mockery of God. Keep yourselves holy and pure. Die on the life-giving Cross. Do whatever He tells you because He loves you." Mary, Mother of the Church, New Eve, Glorious Bride of God, Resplendent at Cana, pray for all Catholic married couples. Pray also for the healing of marriage and family in our culture, so ravaged by lust, contraception, mortal-sinful entertainment, and divorce. Keep us all in your Immaculate Heart, revealed at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Amen.

Pray for me, Father Joseph Previtali
Parish Announcements

**Upcoming Events**

**Our Lady of the Pillar**

- **Monday Nights**
  - Adult Catechism with Father Joe
  - 7:30pm—8:30pm @ New Hall
- **Third Tuesday of the Month**
  - Knights of Columbus Meeting
  - Old Hall—7:00pm
- **Tuesday Nights**
  - Bible Study
  - 5:30pm– 7:00pm @ Conference Room
- **Miércoles por la Noche**
  - Estudio de la Biblia
  - 7:00pm en el Salón Viejo (Old Hall)
- **Saturday Morning**
  - Legion of Mary Meeting
  - Conference Room
  - 9:00am– 11:00am
- **Second Sunday of the Month**
  - Hospitality after 8:00am Mass
  - Old Hall
- **Clases de Bautizo Para Padres y Padrinos**
  - El cuarto Viernes del Mes
  - 7:00pm en el Old Hall (Salon Viejo)

**Priesthood Discernment Retreat**

- Friday through Sunday, January 27-29
- St. Patrick’s Seminary
  - 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park
- Fr. David Schunk, Director of Vocations 415-614-5684
  - vocations@sfarch.org

St. Patrick’s Seminary is hosting its annual discernment retreat for men who are interested in exploring the vocation to the priesthood. The retreat includes time to meet men already studying to be priests, listen to the experience of their call to the priesthood, and see what life is like at the seminary. The retreat is open to young men over 18 years of age, and is free. For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. David Schunk, see above.

**Sick Relatives & Friends/Parientes y Amigos Enfermos**

- Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.

**Epiphany house blessings**

Epiphanytide (January 6-February 2) is the traditional time of the liturgical year for house blessings. Please call the parish office to schedule your special Epiphany house blessing.

**La bendición de nuestra casa en Epifanía**

El Tiempo de Epifanía (6 de enero-febrero 2) es el tiempo tradicional del año litúrgico para la bendición de sus casas. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita para su especial Bendición de sus casas en Epifanía.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL’S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

The annual open house will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2016 from 11:30AM to 1:30PM

You are invited to come visit our school and meet our families and staff. Good Shepherd School has been providing quality Catholic education for over forty years. As the only Catholic elementary school on the San Mateo Coast we serve students from the coastal communities of Pacifica, Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada and Half Moon Bay as well as families from San Francisco, San Bruno, South San Francisco and Daly City. To request an application or additional information about the school, please contact the school office at (650)359-4544. Financial aid information is also available. Good Shepherd School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarships and athletic and school-administered programs.

**Opportunity to learn more about our Catholic tradition!**

**GREGORIAN CHANT CLASS**

With Fr. Joe Previtali

Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony’s in Pescadero

All are welcome!

Community Gregorian Chant class on January 19, Class at 7:00pm, Holy Hour at 8:00pm

Oportunidad para profundizar su conocimiento de nuestra tradición Católica!

**CLASE BILINGUE DEL CANTO GREGORIANO (MÚSICA CATÓLICA)**

Con Padre Joe Previtali

Jueves, 19 de Diciembre , a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Antonio en Pescadero

Todos son bienvenidos!

Tendremos Clases de Canto Gregoriano, Clase a las 7:00pm, Hora Santa 8:00pm
### Your Offerings | Supporting Our Parish

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**January 22:** St. Patrick’s Seminary  
**January 29:** St. Vincent de Paul  
**February 5:** Building Fund  
**February 12:** Annual Appeal

### Second Collection this week: Religious Education

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<td>The annual Walk for Life West Coast, which draws 50,000 participants each year, takes place on January 21, 2017. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone begins the day with a special Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 9:30 am. The Walk for Life Rally begins at 10:45 am at the starting point of the Walk, Civic Center Plaza. There the archbishop will announce the recipient of this year’s Saint Gianna Mollard Award for Prolife Heroism. The walk from Civic Center Plaza to Justin Herman Plaza at the foot of Market Street begins at 1:30 p.m. SAVE THE DATE: All are invited to join our Parish Pilgrimage to the Walk for Life in San Francisco on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Call the parish office to reserve your spaces on the bus.</td>
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Q. 39: OF THE BAPTIZING OF CHRIST (EIGHT ARTICLES)

We have now to consider the baptizing of Christ, concerning which there are eight points of inquiry:

(1) Whether Christ should have been baptized?
(2) Whether He should have been baptized with the baptism of John?
(3) Of the time when He was baptized;
(4) Of the place;
(5) Of the heavens being opened unto Him;
(6) Of the apparition of the Holy Ghost under the form of a dove;
(7) Whether that dove was a real animal?
(8) Of the voice of the Father witnessing unto Him.

Art. 1: Whether it was fitting that Christ should be baptized?

OBJ 1: It would seem that it was not fitting for Christ to be baptized. For to be baptized is to be washed. But it was not fitting for Christ to be washed, since there was no uncleanness in Him. Therefore it seems unfitting for Christ to be baptized.

OBJ 2: Further, Christ was circumcised in order to fulfill the law. But baptism was not prescribed by the law. Therefore He should not have been baptized.

OBJ 3: Further, the first mover in every genus is unmoved in regard to that movement; thus the heaven, which is the first cause of alteration, is unalterable. But Christ is the first principle of baptism, according to Jn. 1:33: “He upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, He it is that baptizeth.” Therefore it was unfitting for Christ to be baptized.

On the contrary, It is written (Mt. 3:13) that “Jesus cometh from Galilee to the Jordan, unto John, to be baptized by him.” I answer that, It was fitting for Christ to be baptized. First, because, as Ambrose says on Lk. 3:21: “Our Lord was baptized because He wished, not to be cleansed, but to cleanse the waters, that, being purified by the flesh of Christ that knew no sin, they might have the virtue of baptism”; and, as Chrysostom says (Hom. iv in Matth.), “that He might bequeath the sanctified waters to those who were to be baptized afterwards.” Secondly, as Chrysostom says (Hom. iv in Matth.), “although Christ was not a sinner, yet did He take a sinful nature and ‘the likeness of sinful flesh.’ Wherefore, though He needed not baptism for His own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof.” And, as Gregory Nazianzen says (Orat. xxxix) “Christ was baptized that He might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water.” Thirdly, He wished to be baptized, as Augustine says in a sermon on the Epiphany (cxxxvi), “because He wished to do what He had commanded all to do.” And this is what He means by saying: “So it becomes us to fulfil all justice” (Mt. 3:15). For, as Ambrose says (on Lk. 3:21), “this is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example.”

Reply OBJ 1: Christ was baptized, not that He might be cleansed, but that He might cleanse, as stated above.

Reply OBJ 2: It was fitting that Christ should not only fulfill what was prescribed by the Old Law, but also begin what appertained to the New Law. Therefore He wished not only to be circumcised, but also to be baptized.

Reply OBJ 3: Christ is the first principle of baptism’s spiritual effect. Unto this He was not baptized, but only in water.

Will continue next week.
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy la Iglesia conmemora el tercer misterio de la Epifanía, como se proclama en la tradición de la liturgia romana el Evangelio, el relato de las bodas de Caná, que es el tercer misterio de la Epifanía. Aquí la Divinidad de Jesús se manifiesta en el primero de Sus milagros, como él cambia el agua en el mejor vino.

La tradición de la Iglesia siempre ha utilizado el lenguaje nupcial en las liturgias de Epifanía porque este primer milagro del Señor tiene lugar en una boda. Él se manifiesta como el Esposo divino, que ha venido a este mundo para reclamar a su novia, la Iglesia, compuesta, al menos potencialmente, de todos los hombres. Este milagro nupcial es realizado a través de la intercesión de la nueva Eva, la Virgen María, la novia de Dios, cuyo consentimiento para el matrimonio entre el hombre y Dios se imploró en nombre de toda la naturaleza humana.

Así, el nuevo Adán y la nueva Eva manifiesta en Caná, el vino nuevo de la nueva alianza de vida divina a la que todos estamos llamados. Qué misterios gloriosos! Es una fuente de gran honor y dignidad para los católicos en el estado casado que Cristo asistió a un matrimonio (el autor del matrimonio asiste a una boda!) y eligió un banquete de bodas para el primero de sus milagros. En efecto, Cristo es indica simbólicamente la sacra mentalidad del matrimonio cristiano en Caná, ya que toma agua (matrimonio natural) y la eleva a un nivel mas alto de su transformación en vino (matrimonio sacramental). Este nuevo vino será capaz de indicar su propio matrimonio con la Iglesia, que de por sí es indicado por la presencia del Esposo divino y la Nueva Eva.

Las palabras de nuestra Madre bendita - sus palabras finales registradas en la escritura - son particularmente conmovedoras se considerados como una especie de palabra cariñosa para el consejo de las parejas católicas casadas: "Haced lo que él os diga". Es como si ella está diciendo a nuestras familias: "Confía en él. Él es tu esposo. Él es tu Dios. Él es mi Hijo. Él es el autor del matrimonio y ha promulgado sus leyes. Siganlo lo que Él les dice. Pongan sus vida por cada uno de los otros en la Cruz. Rechacen el egoísmo y la lujuria. Envíen lejos cualquier orgullo o terquedad. Sean generosos. Guarden sus mandamientos, siempre. Reciban a los niños generosamente. Nunca profane su matrimonio por males indecibles que separan el amor de la maternidad y hacen una burla de Dios. Manténganse benditos y puros. Mueran el la Cruz vivificante. Haced lo que él les diga porque Él te ama."

María, Madre de la Iglesia, la Nueva Eva, la Novia gloriosa de Dios, resplandeciente en Caná, reza por todas las parejas casadas católicas. También ruega por la sanación del matrimonio y de la familia en nuestra cultura, tan devastada por la lujuria, la anticoncepción, entretenimiento moralmente pecaminoso, y el divorcio. Que nos guarde a todos en su Corazón Inmaculado, revelado en las bodas de Caná. Amén

Oren por mi, Padre José Previtali