

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

PRAY

- Do you like a party? I heard that OLOS people were party people – is that true?
 - Well JC was a party person too – and today he shows up at a wedding – WITH disciples
And surprise, surprise – they run out of wine
 - So Mary comes up to Jesus – I hope you're happy – They're out of wine
 - If we watch Mary in this story there is a teaching here for us
 - Watch what Mary does –
 - 1st – she sees the problem – responds with Compassion
 - 2nd – she brings the problem to Jesus
 - 3rd – she is Confident He'll fix it
 - 1st - Compassion of Mary
 - Mary sees the need – (don't we all) but in compassion she does something.
She sincerely cares for the couple that has run out of wine.
 - How many of us see a problem –
That's not my business
I don't want to get involved,
What can I do? I don't know? How we going to fix this?
Mary sees the problem – and does something about it
 - Mary goes to Jesus right away.
 - 2nd - Intercession of Mary
 - Mary takes the need to Jesus – she intercedes – Mary Mediatrix.
 - We *can* go to Jesus, to God – but Mary & Saints can intercede for us
 1. Jesus hadn't intended to change the wine
 2. When Mary made the request, Jesus changed his plans
 3. US TOO – Seek & you will find, ask & it will be given
 4. We can make a difference in prayer
 5. Remember Moses after the Golden Calf?
 - a. God wanted to wipe them out, raise up a new nation
 - b. Moses interceded for them and changed God relented
 - c. Our prayer has that same power - Not just Moses
 - d. Intercessory Prayer is a powerful resource.
 - 3rd - Confidence of Mary
 - “Do whatever he tells you” (Mary's last words in scripture)
 - She walks away & doesn't look back, confident in whatever He'll do
Key point – if we ask God's help we can't complain HOW He helps
She didn't know how - Be confident that God *will* act.
2. Pattern for us
- Compassion – to see the needs around us (not the wants)
 - Intercession – pray for those we love (use Mary & Saints)
 - Confidence – God will meet the need, however God deems best

One last little nugget here

- Notice what JC does
He tells the waiters to draw the water out – to use it
Wine wasn't to stay in the jars to be admired
When JC touches our lives – we should share that miracle