

# The Beginning of Miracles

From a Sermon by St John Chrysostom

I have said earlier that there are some who say that this was not the beginning of miracles. Why, they argue, was this beginning linked with Cana of Galilee? For this beginning, he says. He did in Cana of Galilee. But upon this point I offer no opinion. But this I affirm, that after His baptism Christ began to perform miracles, and before that He wrought none; but whether this or another was the first performed after the baptism it is not necessary to discuss.

And he manifested his glory. In what manner? For not many beheld what He had done, only the waiters, the chief steward, and the bridegroom. How then did He manifest His glory? In what way? He manifested it so far as His own action was concerned; and if others who were present did not then hear of it, they would soon hear of it: for it is spoken of even to this day, and it is not forgotten.

That all did not know it on that day is evident from what follows; for after He had written, that He manifested his glory, the Evangelist goes on: And his disciples believed in him: they who already regarded Him with awe. Do you not see that signs and wonders were necessary at this time, when honest and impartial men were present who would give close attention to what was being done?

For these men would be more readily disposed to believe, as well as accurately to observe, what was done.

And how could He have become known to all without miracles? Because His doctrine and the prophecies sufficed abundantly to inspire wonder in the minds of those who heard Him, so that they who were well disposed would have paid attention to what was done. It was because of this that in many other places the Evangelists tell us He would not work a miracle, because of the antagonism of the men living there (Mt. xiii. 58; xii. 38).

Again, no one could help believing what is made known by manifest signs; although they might disbelieve what was revealed to them by words alone. Therefore, at first, the Lord allowed the meaning of His words to be veiled. But after the prophecies had been fulfilled He gave the disciples an understanding of His words, and likewise such grace of the Spirit that they took in the whole of His truth: He will. He says, teach you all things and bring all things to your mind. For they who in one night forgot Him, flying from Him, and denying even that they knew Him, would scarcely have remembered all that He had said over a long period of time unless they had received special assistance from the Holy Spirit.

But if they were to learn from the Holy Spirit, you will say, what need was there to be in the company of Christ, since they would not understand what Christ said? But the Holy Spirit did not teach them, but only recalled to their minds what Christ had said. And it is no small glory to Christ that the memory of His words was thus to be recalled to them. In the beginning it was only from the benign will of God that the grace of the Holy Spirit was so copious and great a gift; then later it was due to their own virtue that they retained so great a gift.

# Holy Cross Parish

## Society of Saint Pius X

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## Second Sunday after the Epiphany 2022

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# This Week's Schedule

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Second Sunday after the Epiphany. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

7:30 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January: St. Anthony, Abbot. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January: Ferial. *Comm. St. Prisca.* (4<sup>th</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Ferial. (4<sup>th</sup> cl.)**

*Comm. Ss. Marius, Martha, Audifax, Abachum & Canute.*

7:20 am Low Mass

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Ss. Fabian & Sebastian. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January: St. Agnes. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Ss. Vincent & Anastasius. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

8:00 am Low Mass

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

7:30 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass

## Confessions

Sunday 7:00 – 7:30 am & 9:00-10:00 am

Thursday & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Saturday 7:30 – 8:00 am

# Announcements

## Prayer request

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Catherine Fox who was recently buried at Holy Cross.

## Faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Moore, John O'Driscoll, Peter Simos, Michael Carlile, Marjorie Elliott, Anne Conway, Allan Walker whose anniversaries occur in December.

## Altar Serving

Any boys who would like to learn to serve Mass, please contact us on 48295177 to arrange practice times

## Farewell for Fr. Stafki

Fr. Stafki has been reassigned to Rockdale parish and his last Sunday here will be the 30<sup>th</sup> January. We wish to have a farewell for him, conditions permitting, after Mass on that Sunday. More details to come.

## Parish rosters

Date	Church cleaning	Church Flowers
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Mansfield	Chrissie
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	George	Liz
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rose & Gillian	Gillian
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Liz & Aija	Aija

Date	Altar Serving for the 10:00 am Sunday Mass
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Francis Small