

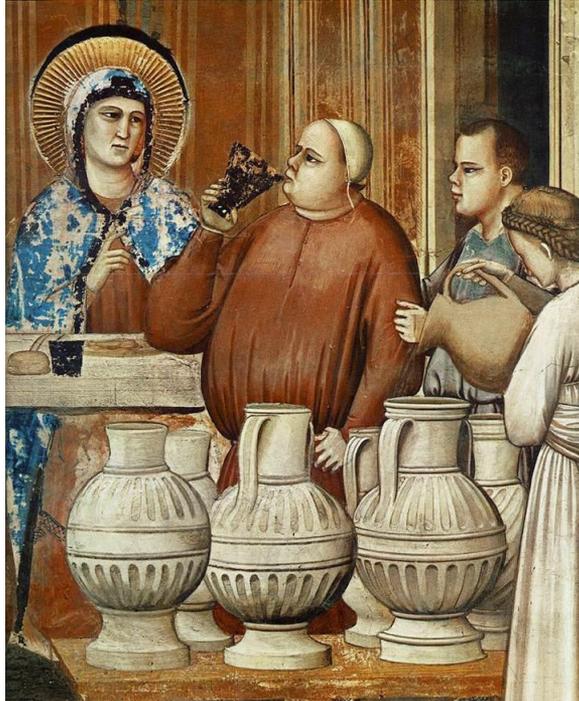
Edmonton

Catholic Latin Mass Community



served by the Priests of the Fraternity of St. Peter (fssp)
for the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



GIOTTO di Bondone, 1304-1306, Wedding at Cana, detail

St. Anthony's Church ♦ 10661 82nd Avenue, Edmonton

January 18th, 2015

Hymns:

Mass	<i>XI</i>
Processional	<i>To be announced</i>
Offertory	<i>TBA</i>
Recessional	<i>TBA</i>

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Christ came to the Wedding

St. Cyril of Alexandria

He came, not so much to partake of the wedding feast, as to work his great miracle and, furthermore, so that he might sanctify the beginning of human generation according to the flesh. It was but fitting that he who was about to restore the very nature of man and bring it to a better state should give his blessing, not only to those already born, but also to those who were afterwards to be born, sanctifying their coming into this world.... By his presence he sanctified marriage, and he who is the joy and delight of all mankind has taken away the ancient sadness of child-birth....

Many things, also wondrous, are prefigured at the same time by this, the earliest of all his signs. For honest nuptials are sanctified and the curse that was once laid on womankind is taken away: no more shall she bring forth children in sorrow (Gn 3:16), since Christ has given his blessing on the beginning of human generation.

The word of God has come down from heaven, as he has said elsewhere (John 6:29), so that, as a spouse, he might persuade the nature which has been joined to himself to be filled with the see of wisdom. Humanity, as is fitting, is called a bride; the Saviour, the bridegroom.

The nuptials are celebrated on the third day, that is, in the last age of the world, for the three numbers signify for us the beginning, a middle period and an end. So do we divide any period of time.... For he struck us down because of Adam's sin and on the third day he healed those who were stricken with corruption and death...in these last times, when he restored all human nature, by becoming man and raising it up from the dead with himself.

Moreover, the place of the event is told to us, in the village of Cana of Galilee, says the Evangelist. The celebration was not held in Jerusalem, nor in Judea, but in a country of the Gentiles, for Galilee is of the Gentiles, as the prophet says (Mt 4:15). For it is plain that the synagogue of the Jews had rejected the heavenly bridegroom, but by the Church of the Gentiles he was received with a joyful heart.

And the Saviour came to the wedding not as one uninvited, but as

one sought for by the multitude of the voices of the saints. Then, as the Evangelist says, the guests ran short of wine; for the law brought nothing to perfection. The code of Moses did not suffice for perfect happiness. Neither was the inward guide to natural sobriety equal to the task of leading us to salvation. So of us also it could be said: They have no wine. But the bountiful God does not despise us who are striving in hunger for the good things. He offers us a wine which is far better than the one we had. For the letter killeth, but the spirit quickeneth.

Further, the Law had not completeness of good things, but the teaching of the Gospel has in it the fullness of every blessing.



St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church was born at Alexandria, Egypt. He was nephew of the patriarch of that city, Theophilus. Cyril received a classical and theological education at Alexandria and was ordained by his uncle. He succeeded his uncle Theophilus as patriarch of Alexandria on Theophilus' death in 412, but only after a riot between Cyril's supporters and the followers of his rival Timotheus. In 430 Cyril became embroiled with Nestorius, patriarch of Constantinople, who was preaching that Mary was not the Mother of God since Christ was Divine and not human, and consequently she should not have the word *theotokos* (God-bearer) applied to her. He persuaded Pope Celestine I to convoke a synod at Rome, which condemned Nestorius. In 431, Cyril presided over the third ecumenical (general) Council at Ephesus, attended by some two hundred bishops, which condemned all the tenets of Nestorius and his followers before the arrival of Archbishop John of Antioch and forty-two followers who believed Nestorius was innocent. When they found what had been done, they held a council of their own and deposed Cyril. Emperor Theodosius II arrested both Cyril and Nestorius but released Cyril on the arrival of Papal Legates who confirmed the council's actions against Nestorius and declared Cyril innocent of all charges. Two years later, Archbishop John, representing the moderate Antiochene bishops, and Cyril reached an agreement and joined in the condemnation, and Nestorius was forced into exile. During the rest of his life, Cyril wrote treatises that clarified the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation and that helped prevent Nestorianism and Pelagianism from taking long-term deep root in the Christian community. He was the most brilliant theologian of the Alexandrian tradition. His writings are characterized by accurate thinking, precise exposition, and great reasoning skills. Among his writings are commentaries on John, Luke, and the Pentateuch, treatises on dogmatic theology, and Apologia against Julian the Apostate, and letters and sermons. He was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1882. His feast day is June 27th (Feb. 9th in the old calendar).

Announcements

Envelopes for 2015—are available now at the entrance to the Church.

Tax Receipts – for Sunday collection donations will be issued very soon. If donations were made to the FSSP through the offices in Ottawa or Calgary, tax receipts are issued from there.

Parish Social – The next parish social (pancake breakfast) will be on Sunday, January 25th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Queen Alexandra Community Hall, 10425 University Ave. Fr. Creurer hopes to present the financial statement and update the various statistical information provided last February.

Home School Conference – The Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference is geared for home schooling families, but is an event all Catholic parents will enjoy, and all are welcome. The conference includes guest speakers Father Paul Moret, Jim Morlino, and Father Leonard Revilla of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, and Mass with Archbishop Smith. It runs Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005-119 Street, Edmonton. Registration fee prior to February 20 is \$75 per adult or \$100 per couple. For more information, contact Veronica at 780-467-8410 or email wchscreg@shaw.ca.

Sunday 11th January 2015: attendance 98 ♦ general collection \$1,200.25

Weekly Mass Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	FEAST DAY
Sunday	18 January	8:00 a.m.	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany (2 nd class)
Monday	19 January	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.)
Tuesday	20 January	7:30 a.m.	Sts. Fabian, Pope & Sebastian, Martyr (3 rd cl.)
Wednesday	21 January	7:30 a.m.	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (3 rd cl.)
Thursday	22 January	7:30 a.m.	Sts. Vincent & Anastasius, Martyrs (3 rd cl.)
Friday	23 January	6:00 p.m.	St. Raymond of Peñafort, Confessor (3 rd cl.)
Saturday	24 January	9:00 a.m.	St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr (3 rd cl.) <i>Confessions: 6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.</i>
Sunday	25 January	8:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany (2 nd cl.)