

SECOND SUNDAY - C - JANUARY 17, 2016

WHAT DO YOU DO TO WARM YOURSELF UP ON THESE COLD MORNINGS?

I IMAGINE FOR MANY IT IS A HOT CUP OF COFFEE....

**I'M NOT A COFFEE DRINKER, SO FOR ME IT IS A CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE
OR GREEN TEA.....THAT WARMS ME UP.....JUST HOLDING THE CUP IS NICE**

HOPEFULLY, OUR READINGS WILL DO THAT FOR YOU TODAY.....

**HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL SEND YOU IN YOUR IMAGINATION ALL THE WAY
TO A WARM AND SUNNY SATURDAY IN JUNE....**

**BECAUSE THE FIRST READING AND THE GOSPEL READING ARE ALL
ABOUT MARRIAGE AND WEDDINGS AND LOVE....**

WHAT COULD WARM YOU UP MORE THAN LOVE...

**SO HOPEFULLY, IT TAKES YOU TO A VERY WARM PLACE IN YOUR HEART
AND IN YOUR IMAGINATION...**

NOTICE THE FIRST READING...

YAHWEH IS SPEAKING TO YOU AND TO ME...

"...YOU SHALL BE CALLED MY DELIGHT....

FOR THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU....

LET THAT SOAK IN AND WARM YOUR INNERS....

THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU....

**THAT IS YOU AND ME AND US.....OF COURSE, THE JEWISH PEOPLE TOO
AND FURTHER "AS A BRIDEGROOM REJOICES IN HIS BRIDE SO SHALL
YOUR GOD REJOICE IN YOU"**

SOAK THAT IN AND LET THAT WARM YOU UP....

***"AS A BRIDEGROOM REJOICES IN HIS BRIDE SO SHALL YOUR GOD
REJOICE IN YOU"***

***CAN'T YOU TRANSPORT YOURSELF INTO THE WARM MONTH OF JUNE
AND SEE THAT WARM, GLOWING SMILE ON THE FACE OF THE
GROOM AS THE WEDDING CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN AND HIS
ANTICIPATION OF REACHING OUT TO AND EMBRACING HIS BRIDE AS
HER FATHER OR MOTHER OR SOMEONE HANDS HER OFF INTO THE CARE
OF THE GROOM....***

CAN'T YOU SEE HIS DELIGHT....HIS COMPLETE JOY/

PERHAPS EVEN SOME OF YOU REMEMBER THAT MOMENT....

***DOESN'T IT WARM YOUR HEART LIKE A CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE
AND WE HEAR TODAY THAT IS EXACTLY HOW OUR GOD IS FEELING
ABOUT US, ABOUT YOU AND YOU AND YOU....AND ME...***

***"AS A BRIDEGROOM REJOICES IN HIS BRIDE SO SHALL YOUR GOD
REJOICE IN YOU.....FOR THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU....***

AND YOU AND YOU AND ME.....

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL GOOD AND VERY WARM NEWS.....

LET US ALLOW THAT WARMTH TO BE ABSORBED INTO OUR COLD LIVES...

AND THEN, OF COURSE, WE HAVE THAT WEDDING IN CANA.....

MORE GOOD NEWS...

NOTE THAT MARY IS ALREADY THERE.....

***THINK MARTY QUACKENBUSH AND THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
SHE'S BEEN THERE...***

***JESUS ALSO IS INVITED - HE AND HIS DISCIPLES SHOW UP
MARY DOESN'T WANT THIS WEDDING RECEPTION TO FAIL BECAUSE OF
LACK OF WINE...
JESUS TRANSFORMS SIX STONE JARS INTO WINE...
AND IT RESULTS IN VERY GOOD WINE..
IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT JESUS' FIRST SIGN IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN IS
AT A WEDDING FEAST.....
GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE GREAT GOD OF TRANSFORMATIONS....
A GOD WHO TAKES A MERE CREATURE FOR A BELOVED SPOUSE...
WHO BECOMES OUR FOOD AND OUR DRINK - AS IF OUR BREAD AND WINE
JESUS, OF COURSE, IS THE GREATEST SIGN OF ALL....
TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN.....
HE IS A MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
A MARRIAGE OF GOD AND FLESH, OUR FLESH
WE CAN NOW TRULY SAY "GOD IS WITH US"
GOD IS "NOT OUT THERE".....
LET US GIVE THANKS THAT OUR GOD IS WITH US.....
LET US PRAY IN THIS EUCHARIST FOR THE ABILITY TO SEE THE
WEDDING OF THE DIVINE AND THE HUMAN IN OUR MIDST....
THE DIVINE SPIRIT TRULY SHINING FORTH AMONG US AND WITHIN US
AND ALL AROUND US....***