

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
(Jan. 20, 2013)**

A Feast at Cana

One of the many things that I like about this story is that it shows us Jesus have a good time. He is with his mother and his disciples and his friends, the bride and groom, and he is enjoying himself. It's a chance for him to relax in a festive atmosphere. Unfortunately, for him, he is soon called upon – even before his time – to do something special for these friends.

Now in spite of appearances to the contrary, this is not really about a wedding, it's about Jesus: who he is and what he has come to do.

Now all of this may even be more significant this particular weekend when we prepare for the inauguration of the President and to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Martin Luther King's entire work was an effort to bring about unity among all people, black, white, brown, yellow and to do it in a non-violent fashion. We have, fortunately, moved forward since his death, but, unfortunately we still have a long way to go.

At the same time, as we approach the inauguration, our nation is divided. There is need of a great deal of reconciliation and a much greater effort at cooperation, working together for the good of all.

Just as the wedding feast at Cana, there will be celebrations, inaugural balls, and parties where people will come together to enjoy one another's company. Wouldn't it be great if this kind of companionship, this kind of community, could continue after the parties are over, and we could make every effort to be united in the work of making this a better nation and a better world to live in.

This is what Jesus was modeling at the wedding feast at Cana. Dear friends, it's worth the effort. And surely it is God's will.