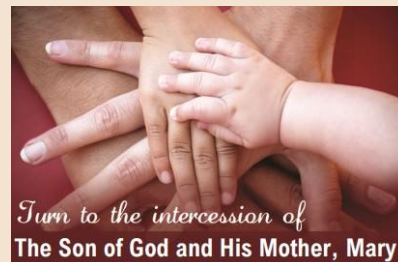




From the Desk of Father Peter

The Wedding Feast in Cana and Our Faith in God

Cana was in the area of Nazareth where Jesus had grown up. His mother was invited to a wedding, and Jesus and his disciples were also there. John's Gospel uses this simple, family event to open our minds and hearts to some profound insights. The supply of wine ran short at the reception and Jesus' mother Mary intervened; was seemingly rebuffed; and yet she told the attendants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. We thought we were just looking in on a reception, but John reveals mysteries to us that continue to envelop our lives today. The Gospel concludes by telling us that the disciples began to believe in him John 2:11. This was just the beginning of their faith journey. So it can be the beginning of ours. As they stayed and traveled with Jesus they would come to deeper insights. So must we! If we stay with Jesus he would lead us to the God the Father. We can take lessons from this Gospel. One of the most important is the intercession of the mother of Jesus on behalf of the wedding people. It should teach us the value of prayer. God knows what is best for us, and prayer provides us a way to express our reliance on him, to ask for guidance, to put our lives in his hands. Let us remember to go to the Son of God Jesus for all things in prayer and never forget the mother of God, Mary, to intercede for us.



Peace and Love to all,

Fr. Peter