



Marianist Moments

Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence

November 19

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Introduction

On November 19, we celebrate the feast of *Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia*, Our Lady of Divine Providence, the Patroness of Puerto Rico. Our Lady of Divine Providence has its roots in the Scriptures. It is attributed to Mary's intervention during the wedding feast at Cana. Christ's first public miracle occurred due to the intercession of his mother. She helped avoid an embarrassing situation for the newlywed couple through her foresight and concern. Our Lady of Providence is sometimes also identified as Queen of the Home.

Prayer

Adapted from the Mass of Our Lady of Divine Providence

✠ Eternal God, may Our Lady of Divine Providence strengthen your faithful people so that, through her intercession, we may seek your kingdom above all else and receive your help for our earthly needs. We pray for your divine peace to spread throughout the world. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 2: 1-12, RSVCE

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of

the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Caper'na-um, with his mother and his brethren and his disciples; and there they stayed for a few days.

Silent Introspection

Marian Writings, Vol 2, 81, William Joseph Chaminade

Contemplate the following quote from Father Chaminade about Mary's words to the servants at the Wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you."

. . . We, who come last of all, we who believe ourselves called by Mary herself to aid her with all our strength. . . have taken as our motto. . . these words of the Blessed Virgin to the servants at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5). Convinced as we are that our special mission, despite our own weakness, is to perform on our neighbor's behalf all the works of zeal and of mercy, make use of every possible means to preserve this neighbor of ours from the contagion of evil or to cure him of it, under the general title of instruction in Christian morals, and in this spirit, we make it the object of a particular vow. . .



Group Sharing

Meditating on the feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence, recall an experience you're your life or someone you know wherein Mary's special presence or miraculous assistance was received during a time of need.



(Image: Our Lady of Divine Providence)

✠ May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.