

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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EVANGELIUM LIVE: John 2:1-12

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I find this passage from the gospel very curious, because the story seems very simple to me but then reading it several times between the lines reveals details that speak so much to me.

Every time I read it I am amazed at the response Jesus gives to his mother, it seems almost like a response of defiance, of superiority and disinterest. I have always wanted to say to my mother 'Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.' when she called me instead of my brother to do some housework, and then justify myself that Jesus had also answered his mother this way, but I am sure she would not have taken it well. After all, I am just me, while Jesus is God, and perhaps this small difference my mother would have noticed. It amazes me how Mary seems to ignore her son's response, in fact she then instructs the servants to follow Jesus' orders, who eventually solves the problem his mother had pointed out to him. I really like this mother figure in this passage: the one who can see beyond things, who already knows what we are capable of. Sometimes the humility and kindness of a loving mother can help us and see our talents



and what we are called to. After all, it seems to me that Jesus would not have performed that miracle without Mary's invitation.

This passage renews for me a sense of gratitude to my parents, for all those times they invited me to step out of my comfort zone, or for all those times they believed in me and helped me understand how to invest my talents. Perhaps without them I would not have managed to get where I am now.

From the prayer composed by Superior General Chicho Rois, 2023

Come walk with us Mary, pilgrim of hope in communion. Give us your hand and your smile. (...) Intercede for us, together with Saint Eugene and all the Oblate saints who have preceded us and make us embark on bold paths to become authentic pilgrims of hope in communion, who live and announce the Gospel.

John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from although the servers who had drawn the water knew, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. After this, he and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there only a few days.

