

AUGUST 16, 2015

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PROVERBS 9:1-6

PSALM 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

JOHN 6:51-58

REFLECTION

The First Reading says, "Drink the wine" (Proverbs 9:5). The Second Reading says, "Don't drink the wine" (paraphrase). The Gospel says, "I am the wine" (paraphrase). A person could get really confused reading this weekend's readings. Let's break it down a little though. In the First Reading, the wine is a metaphor for knowledge and wisdom. So yeah, drink that. In the Second Reading, the wine is a literal "don't-get-drunk-and-do-stupid-stuff" wine. So no, don't drink that. In the Gospel, the wine is a sign of God's presence and salvation. Jesus comes to us in the form of bread and wine, he becomes one with us, and he brings us life, love, and eternal salvation. So, yes, drink that wine.



"THE CATHOLIC MASS"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJtRXzyWul8

"CHAMPIONS OF FAITH EXTENDED"

Athletes give their testimony of faith in Christ.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmY2-RXo65o

ACTION

The next time you go to Mass "drink in" the presence of Christ. Pay special attention to the readings. Be aware in song and spoken responses, in the Eucharist, in the person of the priest, and the people around you that Jesus is trying to be present to you in all these different ways.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Where and when in your life do you feel closest to God or Jesus?
- When have you experienced feelings of unity and community in your life?