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### MASST INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 am + Sophia Wojciechowski Darin  
9:30 am + Pedro Garcia  
11:30 am + Aaron Scofield  
1:00 pm + Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Abraham Aguirre  
Manuel Aguirre  
6:00 pm + Rafael Gomez  
+ Reina Martinez

#### Monday, January 17, 2022

8:30 am

#### Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:30 am + Aaron Scofield

#### Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:30 am + Jovita Villarruel Garcia  
Jose, Santiago & Jayleen

#### Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:30 am + Trinidad Zamudio

#### Friday, January 21, 2022

8:30 am Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

#### Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 am + Joseph Guido Darin Sr  
9:30 am Maggie, Maritza & Angela Ortiz  
11:30 am Fabian & Maria (Aniversario)  
Familia Avalos Angeles  
1:00 pm Aniversario de la Hora Santa  
6:00 pm Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

### January 16, 2022

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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#### Masses/Misas

Sunday/domingo:

8:00 am & 11:30 am (English),

9:30 am, 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

(Español)

#### Matrimony

If you wish to begin marriage preparation at St. John's, you must be a registered member. You may contact a parish priest to set the intended date and to receive more information regarding marriage instructions and diocesan regulations.

#### Matrimonio

Si desea empezar la preparación de matrimonio en la Iglesia de San Juan, tiene que ser miembro registrado de la parroquia por seis meses. Puede contactar a uno de los padres para apartar el día de la boda y para recibir mas información acerca del matrimonio y las regulaciones diocesanas.

#### Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm in the Church or during the week, call the office for an appointment.

#### Reconciliación

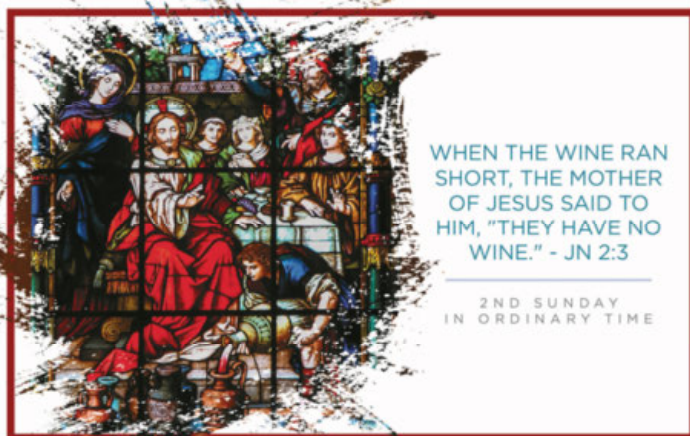
Los sábados en la Iglesia de 3:00 pm hasta 3:45 pm. Durante la semana, llame a la oficina para hacer una cita.

#### Baptisms in English

Will be celebrated on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am.

#### Bautismos en Español

Se celebran el segundo, tercero y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 9:00 am. Pasen a la oficina para registrar para el Bautismo.



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## ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*“Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.” Jn 2:11*

The story of the Jesus at the Wedding Feast of Cana has always been source of religious humor. Even some experts on Jewish religious customs speculate that the reason that there was some shortage of wine is that Jesus and the disciples were unexpected guests and they didn't bring the customary gift of wine to be shared.

Theologically the significance of this story is that it is the first of several signs Jesus performed to demonstrate his divinity. The sign in the Wedding Feast of Cana is referred to as a miracle of replacement or of something new of a richer quality that takes the place of the old and the ordinary (like new wine in new wine skins). In Jesus we experience a transformation, a complete change. The water of the ordinary becomes the wine of divinity. In the story, Mary is the symbol of the Church. She intercedes and tells the servers to “Do what He tells you.” Mary invites us to be attentive to the words of Jesus. To the degree that we are attentive to the words of Jesus we experience his transforming power.

We live in a time when we long for the transforming power of Jesus. The ordinary has become chaotic as we try to deal with what has become the new normal. For example, we ask ourselves, will Covid ever end and what are the long-term effects. How are we going to adjust to this new normal? What kind of effects will this have in our society? How will this affect us personally? How do we constantly try to educate our children? On another topic, in terms of our social/political reality, how do we heal social divisions? How can we have respectful dialogue?

As we understand the Cana story, Mary is a symbol of the Church, we should heed her instructions to the servers, “Do what ever he tells you.” Pope Francis warns us of a tendency to be completely absorbed in ourselves and in our own desires and interests that we can't make space for God and others in our lives. It is difficult and to challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the Gospel. By being attentive to the words of Jesus we can experience the new wine of transformation. We can become more selfless and less interested in our desires and privileges, and more interested in the good of all. This can be a way of dealing with the chaos that we experience. The new normal calls us to change and transformation. We do so by being attentive to the words of Jesus.

.....a word about our parish life

This week at Mass we hear some of our parishioners talk about the value and importance of registering in the parish. As a community we strive to come to know each other so that we can better serve each other. As registered parishioners, we share in the responsibility and obligation to support our parish. The support that is given allows us to serve our community as best as we can. It allows us to maintain our buildings, provide a place to worship and develop our programs. Our parish records can also verify a person or family's presence in the United States which is important in matters of immigration. The Covid Virus has had a strong negative impact on our parish. As we move into the future, we can take steps to assure our stability. A good step is assuring that all our parishioners are registered. In this way, we can demonstrate the strength of our community.

Fr. Larry



**Monday, January 17, 2022**

9:00 am Food Pantry  
Religious Education

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

Religious Education  
6:30 am Prayer Group

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

Religious Education

**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

7:00 pm Encuentros

**Friday, January 21, 2022**

7:00 pm Jufra  
7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

9:00 am Baptisms (Spanish)

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
16 January 2022**

**Believing Signs.** At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

What evidence do I have that God is with us still?

What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?

Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this

*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

- Deacon Jim
- Deacon Jose
- Benjamin Mendoza
- Francisco Mendoza
- Maria Eugenia Mendoza
- Brother Ed
- Amy Avalos
- Arnaldo Rodriguez Vega
- Amado Cruz
- Rafael Sandria



***Support the works of the Lord through the  
2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal***

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish

This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$19,700, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.



## *Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

*“Este principio de señales hizo Jesús en Caná de Galilea, y manifestó su gloria; y sus discípulos creyeron en él.” Juan 2:11*

La historia de Jesús en las Bodas de Caná siempre ha sido fuente de humor religioso. Incluso algunos expertos en las costumbres religiosas judías especulan que la razón por la que hubo escasez de vino es que Jesús y los discípulos fueron invitados inesperados y no trajeron el regalo habitual de vino para compartir.

Teológicamente, el significado de esta historia es que es la primera de varias señales que Jesús realizó para demostrar su divinidad. La señal en las Bodas de Caná se menciona como un milagro de reemplazo o de algo nuevo de una calidad más rica que toma el lugar de lo viejo y lo ordinario (como vino nuevo en odres nuevos). En Jesús experimentamos una transformación, un cambio completo. El agua de lo ordinario se convierte en el vino de la divinidad. En la historia, María es el símbolo de la Iglesia. Ella intercede y les dice a los servidores que “hagan lo que Él les diga”. María nos invita a estar atentos a las palabras de Jesús. En la medida en que estamos atentos a las palabras de Jesús experimentamos su poder transformador.

Vivimos en una época en la que anhelamos el poder transformador de Jesús. Lo ordinario se ha vuelto caótico a medida que tratamos de lidiar con lo que se ha convertido en la nueva normalidad. Por ejemplo, nos preguntamos si Covid terminará alguna vez y cuáles son los efectos a largo plazo. ¿Cómo nos vamos a adaptar a esta nueva normalidad? ¿Qué tipo de efectos tendrá esto en nuestra sociedad? ¿Cómo nos afectará esto personalmente? ¿Cómo tratamos constantemente de educar a nuestros hijos? En otro tema, en términos de nuestra realidad social/política, ¿cómo sanamos las divisiones sociales? ¿Cómo podemos tener un diálogo respetuoso?

Como entendemos la historia de Caná, María es un símbolo de la Iglesia, debemos prestar atención a sus instrucciones a los servidores: "Haced lo que él os diga". El Papa Francisco nos advierte de una tendencia a estar completamente absortos en nuestros propios deseos e intereses que no podemos hacer espacio para Dios y los demás en nuestras vidas. Es difícil y desafiante escuchar las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio. Estando atentos a las palabras de Jesús podemos experimentar el vino nuevo de la transformación. Podemos llegar a ser más desinteresados y menos interesados en nuestros deseos y privilegios, y más interesados en el bien de todos. Esta puede ser una forma de lidiar con el caos que experimentamos. La nueva normalidad nos llama al cambio y la transformación. Lo hacemos estando atentos a las palabras de Jesús.

.....una palabra sobre nuestra vida parroquial

Esta semana en Misa escuchamos a algunos de nuestros feligreses hablar sobre el valor y la importancia de registrarse en la parroquia. Como comunidad, nos esforzamos por llegar a conocernos para poder servirnos mejor. Como feligreses registrados, compartimos la responsabilidad y la obligación de apoyar a nuestra parroquia. El apoyo que se brinda nos permite servir a nuestra comunidad lo mejor que podemos. Nos permite mantener nuestros edificios, proporcionar un lugar para adorar y desarrollar nuestros programas. Nuestros registros parroquiales también pueden verificar la presencia de una persona o familia en los Estados Unidos, lo cual es importante en asuntos de inmigración.

El Virus Covid ha tenido un fuerte impacto negativo en nuestra parroquia. A medida que avanzamos hacia el futuro, podemos tomar medidas para asegurar nuestra estabilidad. Un buen paso es asegurar que todos nuestros feligreses estén registrados. De esta manera, podemos demostrar la fuerza de nuestra comunidad.

Padre Larry



## Bishop Hicks' Column January 2022 | A New Year's resolution: Re-educating ourselves on the Eucharist



In the days following Thanksgiving this year, I was with a group of friends who are my age (mid-50s). Most of them have children who recently graduated from or are still in either high school or college. Our conversation turned to the Eucharist. I was shocked that even though they are Catholic, a few of my friends and many of their children believe that the bread and wine we receive at Mass are symbols of Christ's presence. Immediately I went into my teaching mode and emphasized that the Eucharist was instituted by Jesus. With the words of consecration, under the appearance of bread and wine, the whole of Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity. Now, this was not a theological debate, and I actually did not receive much pushback from my exhortation. However, one of the college students simply responded to me without any contention or guile, "Hmmm. Is that what we really believe? I did not know that."

This encounter reflects the data and studies that show many Catholics do not believe in or fully understand the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we begin 2022, many of us have made a New Year's resolution. I would like to invite you to join me in a New Year's resolution to re-educate ourselves about the Eucharist. For no matter how educated or faithful we are, we are constantly being invited by our Lord to go deeper in our faith and understanding of the Eucharist.

The document "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 general meeting. The document highlights the importance, centrality, and gifts of the Eucharist. If you have not had the chance to read the document, I invite you to learn more about it by going to the following link on the USCCB website: [www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church](http://www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church). You will notice that you can not only read the document, but also click on a comprehensive online course to learn more about it.

We should continuously strive to grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist and our faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. However, as we learn more, our hearts will hopefully grow with a deep love for God and the Eucharist. Once this love becomes strong, the love of God through the Eucharist will become the central focus and priority of our lives. As St. Ignatius of Antioch said, "I have no taste for the food that perishes nor for the pleasures of this life. I want the bread of God, which is the flesh of Christ, which is love that cannot be destroyed."

Along with the document on the Eucharist, the USCCB also announced a National Eucharistic Congress that will take place in Indianapolis in 2024. Eucharistic congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and the laity to celebrate and glorify the Holy Eucharist while seeking to spread its knowledge and love throughout the world. The National Eucharistic Congress is the culmination of a three-year eucharistic revival in the Catholic Church, which begins on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 16, 2022. For more details about this revival, I invite you to go to the following site: [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)

Hopefully, this eucharistic revival will serve as a spark for Catholics across the United States to help reignite their faith by being healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and to be sent out in mission "for the life of the world." For as we receive Christ in the Eucharist, our desire is to be strengthened to go out into the world and to put our faith into action through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In other words, the Eucharist nourishes us to be the face of Jesus for those who need him most. This echoes St. Teresa of Kolkata's words, "We cannot say that we love Jesus only in the Eucharist – naturally, we want to put that love into action. We cannot separate the Eucharist and the poor."

As you read this column, perhaps it will motivate you to embrace a New Year's resolution to re-educate yourself on the Eucharist. For if the Eucharist is truly the source and summit of the Christian life, then we will be eager to fully embrace the words of Jesus, who said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) †

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