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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 16, 2022

2nd SUNDAY in ordinary time Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." -Jn 24 Excepts Farm the Lecturary for Mean 0000, 1979, 1978 CCO.

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we reflect upon the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine. This miracle reminds us that God is constantly at work within us especially in the ordinary things of life. His power working in us can achieve more than we can ever think of or imagine. Believing in Him not only opens our eyes to see His glory but also leads us to share in His glory.

We read in the Gospel that the six jars were used for ceremonial washing were able to contain between 20 and 30 gallons of wine. That is a lot of wine. There is no way the guests could have consumed that much wine. Why did Jesus give so much wine? Because he is an extravagant giver. He never gives just enough; he always gives superabundantly. What the guests had tasted cautiously before, they now drank in abundance. This is the same thing Jesus did when He fed the multitude. He multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 men and their families. And when everyone had eaten their fill, there were twelve baskets of bread and fish leftover. He gave them more than they could eat. But that is the way God gives, in superabundance.

St. Paul experienced this kind of extravagant grace in his life. For he said, "Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:13-14). According to this world's standards, we may be poor, but we have an extravagant God who lavishes us with his blessings. To the dying thief on a cross, he gave the gift of paradise. To a woman caught in an immoral act, he gave the gift of God's amazing grace and forgiveness. To a grieving father, he gave back a child from the grip of death. To the one who denied him, he gave the keys of the kingdom. He is lavish with his gifts. Jesus gives the promise of abundant life here and now, and beyond this world, eternal life.

We remember in the story that when they filled the jars, they filled them to the brim. And when the master of the banquet tasted the wine, his eyes lit up. He could not believe what he was tasting. He said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink, but you have saved the best till now" (John 2:10). Jesus always saves the best till last. The world puts its best upfront and things go downhill from there.

Interestingly, Jesus waited until their resources had run dry before he performed the miracle. Only when the people came to the end of their supply were they ready to receive what Jesus had to give. In an article entitled "The Present Power of a Future Possession," John Piper said, "The cost of food in the kingdom is a hunger for the bread of heaven, instead of the white bread of the world. Do you want it? Are you hungry? Or are you satisfied with yourself and your television and your computer and your job and your family?" Likewise, the cost of the new wine that Jesus is offering is thirst. Are you thirsty? Do you want something more? If so, when you come to Jesus you have come to the right place, for he is the God of abundance and life. He gives extravagantly. You have to come to him with your thirst to receive this wine. As you stand there with your empty life, follow the instructions of Jesus' mother when she says, "Do whatever he tells you." If you do, something wonderful is about to happen — a miracle.





These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 16-22 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to signup, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

- 16 Dennis Payne
- 17 Jackie & Clemie Cecil
- 18 Merici Carrico
- 19 Phoebe Johnson-Huff
- 20 Brad & Melanie Mills; Tony & Joyce Mills
- 21 Paul & Theresa Crowe
- 22 Janice & Joe Bill Millay

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

- 16 Chris Johnson Family
- 17 Francine Wright
- 18 Martha Rose Johnson

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- 20 Pam & Jim Higdon
- 21 Marilyn & Jessie Rhodes; Debbie Postlewaite
- 22 Wanda Lanham

MASS INTENTIONS

January 17-23

Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	No Mass
Wed.	8:30 a.m. SW	No Mass
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	No Mass
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	No Mass
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Callie & Catherine Harley +
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	John W. Lanham +
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Sun. 6:30 a.m. SW Parishioners Sun. 8:00 a.m. SL Carl O'Bryan + Sun. 10:00 a.m. SW Mitchell Cecil +





Marie Fulkerson, Nick & Tyler McManaway, Danny Edge, Randall Cecil, Evan Barr, Mary Johnson, Janette Ford, Janice Payne, Roger Gilmore, Stephanie Mattingly, Charlie Boy Lanham, John Wells, Lisa Mayfield, Bobby

Hamilton, Bernard & Lillian Haynes, Bob & Helen Ward, Chad Roberts, Chuck Winters, Edith Johnson, Cindy Payne, Ronnie Goetz, Joe Fitzgerald, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, David Montgomery, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Keilen Aud, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Janet Cecil Aud, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

January 9, 2022		St. William		St. Lawrence	
		envelopes		envelopes	
Regular Collections	\$	11,944.00	\$	1,733.00	
Loose	\$	57.10	\$	85.00	
Children's	\$	1.00	\$	2.00	
Online giving	\$	351.38	\$	250.00	
Total	\$	12,353.48	\$	2,070.00	
Weekly Budget	\$	9,700.00	\$	3,000.00	
Collections Year to Date**		265,602.46	\$	98,692.66	
Budget Year to Date**		271,600.00	\$	84,000.00	
Over (Under) YTD**		(5,997.54)	\$	14,692.66	
Good Works	\$	60.00			
Support Life Ministry	\$	225.00	\$	100.00	
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE				\$ 1,003,779.15	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 22-23

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4pm Barb Huskisson; Darlene Fulkerson 6:30am Jack Haycraft 8am Kelly Lanham 10am Matt Murphy

SERVERS

4pm Fish Family 6:30am Wayne Haycraft 8am Isaac Howard, Haycraft Family 10am Lyla & Reese Boehman, Lucy Hallmark

LECTORS

4pm Marilyn Rhodes 6:30am Jane Goodman 8am Tiffany Harrington 10am Joe Varble

SACRISTANS

4pm EMHCS 6:30am Wayne Haycraft 8am Eathan Johnson 10am Toni Isbill

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT PLEASE CALL A SUB OR IF THAT DOESN'T WORK THE OFFICE AT 270-281-4802

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Thursdays 5-5:30pm. **St. William** Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Burch, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Shijo at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

Dependent on Alcohol? If you drink everyday or feel you need a drink to relax or have a good time, your brain may be dependent on alcohol. Come find freedom or support as a loved one at A.A. & Al-Anon Meeting: 8pm Sundays at St. Mary of the Woods Cafeteria

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 15, 2021, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org





Counseling

Is the pandemic stressing you out? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit owensborodiocese.org/counseling.



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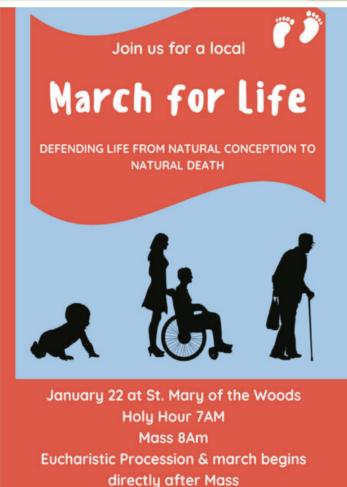
Volunteer Coordinator

Requirements

- communicate verbally & written in English and another language
- prior experience working with volunteers
- adhere to state and community regulations, confidentiality, and diplomacy

Sent your cover letter and resumeto:

diocese.hr@pastoral.org



Saints & Villains of the Bible: Judith

As we continue looking at Saints and Villains in the Bible that you never heard of at VBS, we look to a strong woman of great faith, Judith. She was an unlikely hero, as she was a woman and a widow, but she trusted in God and saved the Israelites from utter destruction at the hands of the Assyrians. Judith has a whole book bearing her name, but let us look at Chapters 8-14 for this particular story. The Israelites had been under siege from the Assyrians for a long time. So much so, that they were running out of food and water and giving up hope. The leaders decided to surrender if deliverance did not come in 5 days. When Judith, a wealthy, beautiful, and wise widow, heard of this she was enraged at the Israelite's lack of faith and trust in God. She gathered the Israelite leaders and called out their cowardice and despair. She told them they could not put a time limit on God or command Him. However, since they did not believe, she would deliver the Assyrians into their hands within their allotted 5 days. First, Judith prayed to God and asked Him to use her as an instrument in delivering His people from the Assyrians. She then took off her mourning garb, adorned herself with jewels, packed food provisions, and headed out to the Assyrian camp with her maid. When they arrived, she played the role of a traitor and all the men of the camp were captivated by her beauty. They took her to Holofernes, the Assyrian general, who also was captivated by her beauty and wisdom and believed she would deliver the Israelites into his hands. He set his mind on seducing her and allowed her to go out and pray each night in accordance with the Jewish law. Judith stayed in the camp for four days, eating her own untainted food and going out to pray every night with her maid to fulfill her Jewish obligations. On the fourth night, Holofernes decided to have a banquet. He invited his servants and the stunning Judith in the hopes that she would be his. The Bible tells us "Holofernes was in rapture over her...he was burning with the desire to possess her, for he had been biding his time to seduce her from the day he saw her." He attempted to get her drunk, but he himself drank "more than he had ever drunk on one single day in his life." His attendants left when it drew late, and Judith and Holo-



fernes were left alone in his tent. Judith knew the moment had come, and she prayed for God to look upon this hour and give the Israelites deliverance. Holofernes was drunk, asleep upon his couch. Judith found his sword, grasped his hair, and struck twice, cutting off his head. She called her maid who put the head in their bag of provisions. They then both left the camp, leaving some guards thinking they were going to pray as usual. In the morning, Holofernes' servants did not disturb him because they assumed he was sleeping with Judith. Meanwhile, Judith and her maid had returned to the Israelite city and shown the leaders the head of Holofernes. They quickly organized the troops and began an attack on the camp at dawn. When the Assyrians saw the Israelites attacking, they ran to the tent of Holofernes to follow his lead. They knocked first, assuming he was still sleeping with Judith. But when he didn't answer they entered and saw his headless corpse on the floor. They realized Judith was also gone and this single woman had brought down their mighty army. The whole camp was thrown into chaos and fled. The Israelites overwhelmed them and won a great victory. Let us too, follow the example of Judith. Let us never lose faith or hope in God. Let us always turn to prayer in times of need. And finally, let us have the courage to be instruments of God's will wherever we are called in this world.



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! January 17-23

January 17 Chicho & Martha Morris52 yearsJanuary 20 Kevin & Yvette Bowlds27 yearsJanuary 22 Phillip & Debbie Castlen40 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

January 17, 2022

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 *Help the dream awaken*

One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality. "But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day."

January 18, 2022

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 Shop with a conscience

Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated?

"The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

January 19, 2022

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 *God loves an underdog*

We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: "Start being brave about everything... Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do everything." Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need.

"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

January 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 *Listen to the peoples' laments*

The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of

Saint Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they "help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience." Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain.

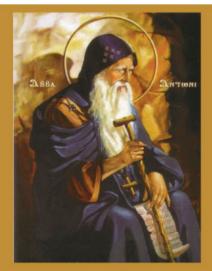
"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

January 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 *I stand with Agnes*

The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should—horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourthcentury martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms? "You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm."



A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, "You are mad; you are not like us."

ST. ANTHONY THE ABBOT

Two Jesuit novices both wanted a cigarette while they prayed. They decided to ask their superior for permission. The first asked but was told no. A little while later he spotted his friend smoking and praying. "Why did the superior allow you to smoke and not me?" he asked. His friend replied, "Because you asked if you could smoke while you prayed, and I asked if I could pray while I smoked!

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