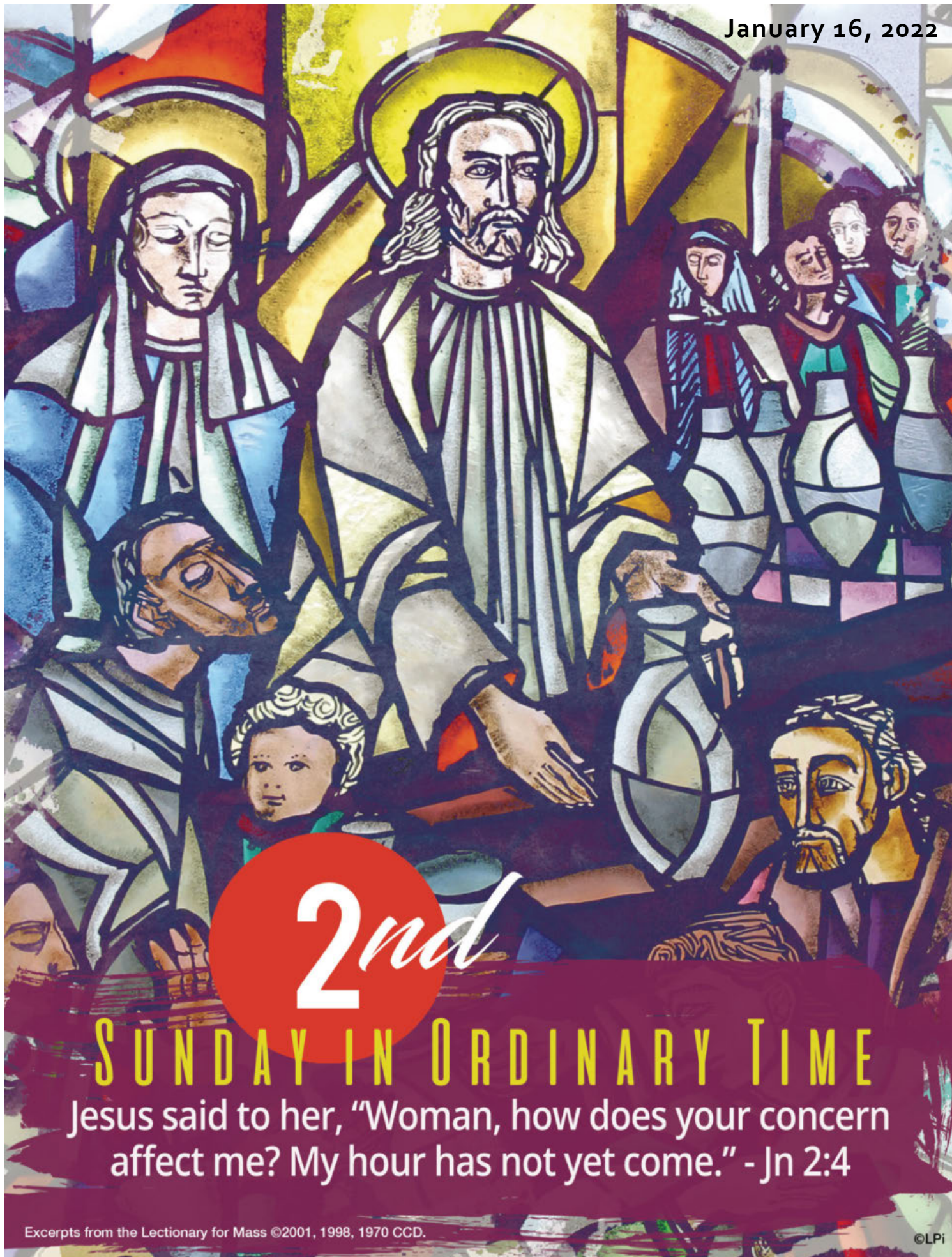


January 16, 2022



2nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR

January 16, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ervin Schmitz†
10:30 a.m. Ericka Wright†
Emerson Mistelske†

January 17, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day & St. Anthony

Note: The parish office is closed in observance of MLK Jr. Day.

January 18, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

7:30 a.m. Steve Hilby†

January 19

7:30 a.m. Joel Palesh†

January 20, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

7:30 a.m. Students

January 21, St. Agnes

7:30 a.m. Holy Spirit community

January 22

4:30 p.m. Ambrose Joseph Keating†
Monsignor Bernard Keating†

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers the
repose of the soul of

William Allen Colonna

whose funeral was on January 8

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Holy Spirit Catholic School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 24–30. Please keep our students, teachers, and staff in your prayers!



It's the Bee's Knees! Skedaddle over to our Night of Spirit Roaring '20s-themed event on Apr. 30! After two years of celebrating virtually, get your feathers and fedoras ready for an in-person Night of Spirit!

REGISTER: Get discounted admission and access to auctions at bit.ly/nos-2022.

DONATE: Auctions are way more fun when you have cool stuff to bid on! Donate experiences, gift certificates, concert and game tickets, handmade items, and more (we're looking at you, unused Christmas gifts!) at bit.ly/nos-donate.

HOST: Visit the group party donation link to submit an idea to bring together the community. Kids events, adult events, family events, or maybe even running your own speakeasy — all are welcome! Visit bit.ly/nos-hosting.

Questions? E-mail us at auctions@holy-spirit.org. To learn more, visit nightofspirit.org or scan the QR code using your phone's camera.





First Reading

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you (Is 62:5)



Psalm

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the
nations (Ps 96)



Second Reading

But one and the same Spirit produces all
of these, distributing them individually to
each person as he wishes (1 Cor 12:11)



Gospel

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)

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



REFLECTING ON SCRIPTURE

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Apples and Oranges?

An Interreligious Approach to Loving God and Neighbor

Jan. 20, 6:30-9 p.m.

Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

The reality of religious pluralism—that there are many religions, that many good and sincere people practice these many religions, and that these many religions will remain many—invites us to grow in our love for God and neighbor by encountering what is true, good, and holy in these traditions. But where and how do we begin this interreligious learning? With examples from Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, we will explore the possibilities religious pluralism and comparative theology provide. Registration is required. Visit collegetownMN.com/theologyday, call (320) 363-3560 or email theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Ordination of the Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams

Jan. 25, 1 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Paul

The ordination will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, with a reception to follow. If you plan to attend in-person, remember that Archbishop Hebda has strongly encouraged mask-wearing at Mass. The ordination will also be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page and aired on Metro Cable Channel 6.

Newly Married Retreat — Living the Dream

Feb. 5, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Church of Saint Peter, Mendota

Couples married for 0-7 years are invited to attend the 2022 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat. Led by Brad and Libby Dupont of Evermore and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the retreat will cover topics including developing couple values, decision making, and planning for success. Cost is \$65/couple. Register by Jan. 31 by calling (651) 291-4488.

2022 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference

Feb. 26, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Saint Louis Park

The conference begins with Mass, followed with music by Caroline Metzinger and inspirational talks by Kelly Wahlquist (WINE founder); Liz Kelly (Catholic author and retreat leader); Leah Jacobson (the Wholistic Feminist); and Alicia Donovan (Biblical beekeeper). The day includes prayer with prayer teams, confession, adoration, lunch, shopping, chocolate, and a fun raffle! Register at wineconference.org by Feb. 1 for \$55 for the Saturday conference or \$100 for the Saturday conference plus a special Friday Gathering (open to 200 ladies)!

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

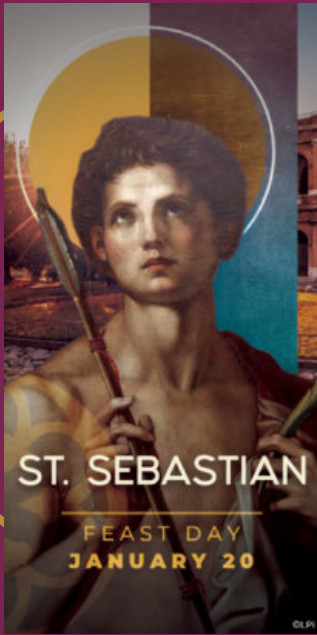
But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



ST. SEBASTIAN JANUARY 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

- Gospel Meditation -

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.





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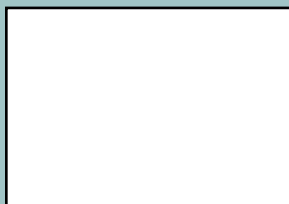
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