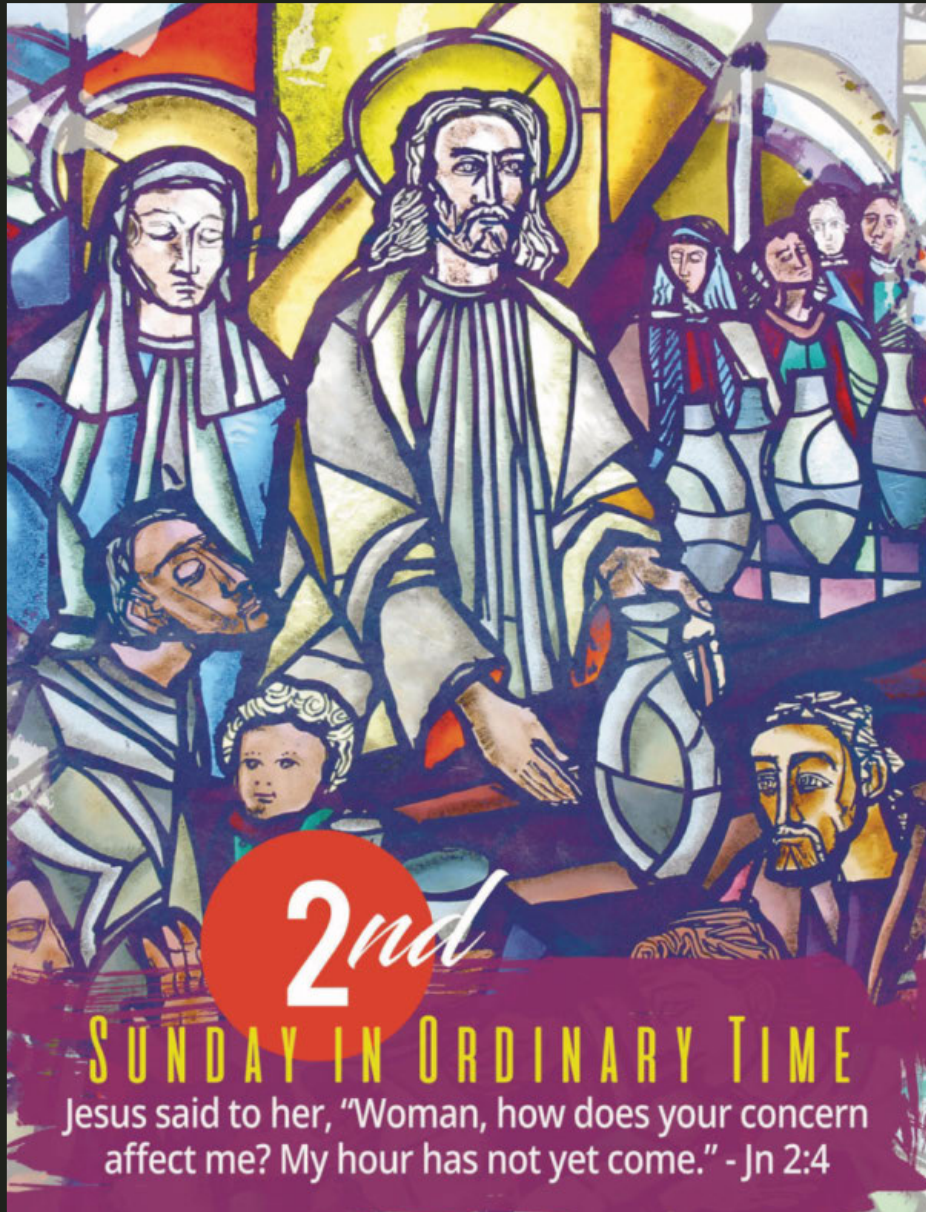




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**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

January 16, 2022

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Wednesday 10:00am — 11:00am  
Thursday 7:00am — 7:45am  
Saturday 3:00pm — 4:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am—7:50am  
Sunday 10:00am—10:20am

### REGULAR MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY	WEEKEND
Tuesday 6:00 pm	Saturday 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am	Sunday 6:30 am
Thursday 8:00 am	8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am	10:30 am



Now that we have returned to Ordinary Time, we have concluded our Christmas celebration. While this topic may have been a little more timely during that season, there are only so many bulletins that go out. This weekend I wanted to briefly discuss children in Mass.

We are a blessed parish in many ways. One of our blessings is a large number of younger families. This naturally means that we will be blessed with many children in our pews. While everyone (especially the parents) would love for the children to be perfectly quiet during Mass... that is not going to happen. Children will be children, and there is nothing wrong with that. The best place for these young people to learn to be in a church, is to be in the church. Please be mindful of that when someone around you has a rough Mass. We are all in this together, and we are here to support each other. Plus, each one of us was disruptive in Mass in our younger days, and we are doing better now.

Here is a story to prove the point. My dad likes to tell the story that one Sunday he took my brother and I to mass by himself. I am not sure why my mother was not there. We were good Catholics... the ones that sit in the back of the church. When it came time for communion, my dad set us apart from each other and told us to not move. It was a small church and he couldn't have been gone more than a minute or two. When he returned to the pew my brother was in a headlock and had a bloody nose. He grabbed each of us and carried us right out of the church. See, all kids have a past, and some of them still make it to the priesthood. Please be sure to have mercy on the parents with the excited little children and offer a prayer for them.

*Father Adam*

**SAT JANUARY 15**

4:30pm Jaime Martinez

**SUN JANUARY 16**

6:30am †Mr.&Mrs.Louis Hoover

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am Lewie Levin

**TUES JANUARY 18**

6pm Charles & Mary Martin

**WED JANUARY 19**

8:00am Sara Kibret

**THURS JANUARY 20**

8:00am † Dr. Sarah Littlefield

**FRI JANUARY 21**

8:00am Dr. Mary Lillig

**SAT JANUARY 22**

4:30pm † Mayrene Norris

**SUN JANUARY 23**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Dennis Streit

10:30am † Linda Sayer

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Collections for Jan 2nd**

**Regular Offertory**

Budgeted	\$5,012
Collection	\$13,944
Difference	\$8,932

**Towards Christ**

Budgeted	\$746
Collection	\$2,658
Difference	\$1,912

**Budget Year to Date**

**Income**

Budget July 1- Jan 2	\$574,899
Actual July 1- Jan 2	\$560,634
Difference	-\$14,265

**Expenses**

Budget July 1 - Jan 2	\$597,951
Actual July 1 - Jan 2	\$467,78
Difference	\$130,164

**50 / 50**

There was not a winner for Jan 2nd, # 261 was drawn. The balance was \$ 9,389.59

**YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENT**

Financial statements with a contribution of more than \$250 have been emailed to the address we have on file. If you have changed your email address, please call the office. If you have any questions or did not receive your statement, email sarah@divinemercuryks.org.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### 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)

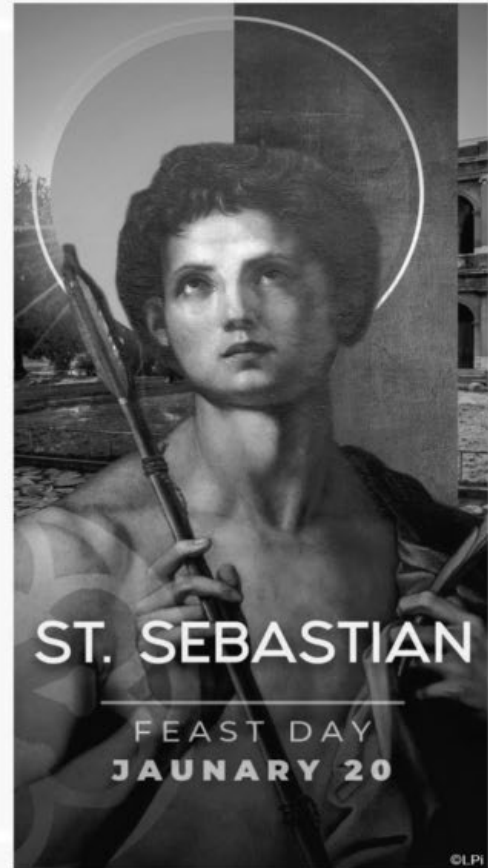
### GOSPEL:

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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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

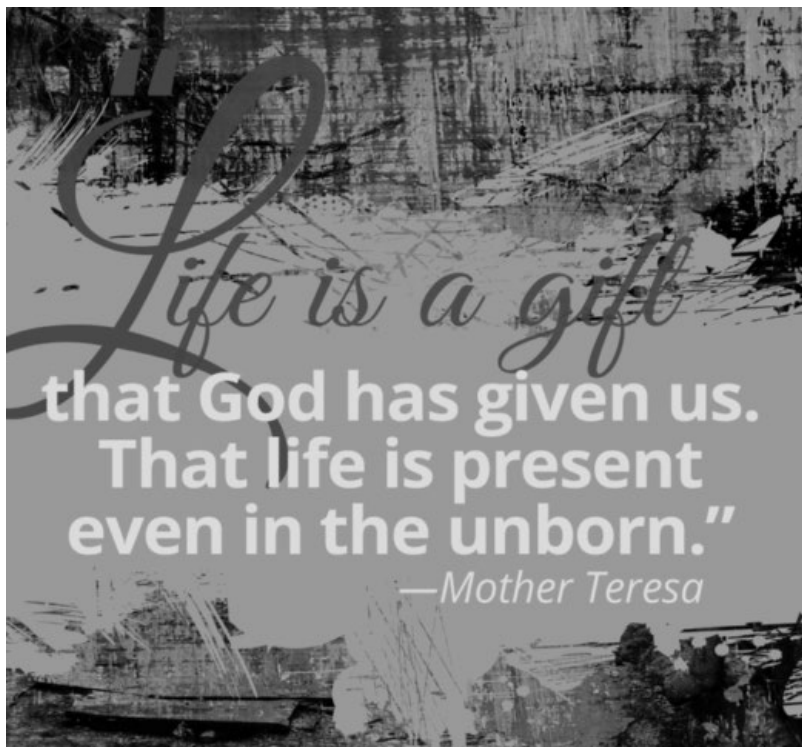


## Saint of the Week

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.



## 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

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're

getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as

we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.

*There was a wedding at 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."*

*- Jn 2:1-3*

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**HELP NEEDED to DELIVER COMMUNION**

Our Parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help visit the hospital once a month on a Friday of your convenience. Our goal is to have two Ministers visit each week and, with several Ministers available, our hope is that each Minister would need to visit only once a month. Contact [paxmusician@yahoo.com](mailto:paxmusician@yahoo.com).

# Kids Corner

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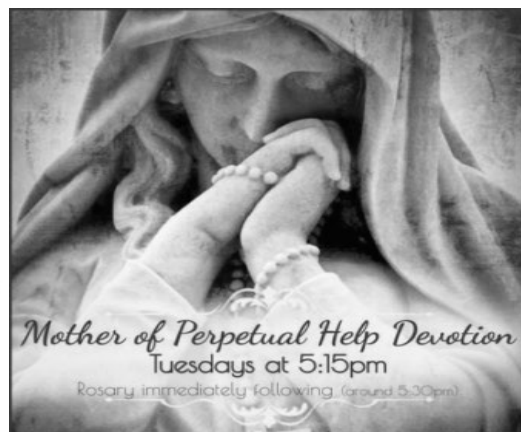
## FAMILY FORMATION EVENT

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Join us **Sunday, January 30th from 11:30am - 1:00pm**. All families (with or without children!) are invited to attend! Family Formation events are a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Catholic Faith and enjoy the fellowship of our community. Lunch will be provided.



At a wedding party, Mary said to Jesus, they have no more wine. Help them. Even though it was not time for him to perform miracles, Jesus honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your mother's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash, or making the bed into a gift of love. This love makes your mother and God smile.



*Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion*  
Tuesdays at 5:15pm  
Rosary immediately following (around 5:30pm)

#### PRAYER

Lord, help me turn chores for my family into gifts for you.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will put all of my toys away neatly after I finish playing.



**January 16th 7:00 - 10:00am**



Join the fun and fellowship and enjoy a hearty breakfast!

Menu includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk, and Orange juice  
\$6/adult, \$3/child



## MARRIAGE RETREAT

**Saturday, February 5th**  
**9:00am - 4:00pm**

### MARRIAGE RETREAT

All married couples are invited to attend a day of prayer & retreat focused on the Sacrament of Marriage. Please bring your own lunch. Kitchen facilities (fridge/ freezer/ microwave) available. Look for a link in the Monday newsletter to RSVP.

# TMIY

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Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men and seek to be the best man you can be?

Then come join us **Thursday Mornings starting January 20th at 6:15AM in the CFC.**

For more information contact Derrick Crimmins at [dccrimm@gmail.com](mailto:dccrimm@gmail.com).

## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



Tuesday

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm Family  
Holy Hour

*Spend time with our Lord*

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### COUNTERS NEEDED

We meet on Monday morning each week to count the collections from the previous weekend. Please contact the office if you would be willing help.

### PARISH EVENTS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

4-7pm Adoration

5:15pm Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

5:30pm Catholic Conversations

**6:00pm Mass** & Evening prayer

6:30pm Into the Deep

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

**8:00am Mass** & Morning Prayer

9am-1pm St. Anne's Sewing Circle

10-11:00am Confession

10am-9pm Adoration

5pm Legion of Mary meeting

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:15am That Man is YOU!

7:00am Confession

**8:00am Mass** & Morning Prayer

5:00pm Confession

6:30pm 3rdThursday Book Discussion

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

**8:00am Mass** & Morning Prayer

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

10-11:30am 2nd Grade Retreat

3:00-4:00pm Confession

**4:30pm Mass**

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

**6:30am Mass**

7:30am Confession

**8:00am Mass**

9:10-10:20am Class K-8th grade

10:00am Confession

**10:30am Mass—Live Stream**

11:30am Youth Group



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