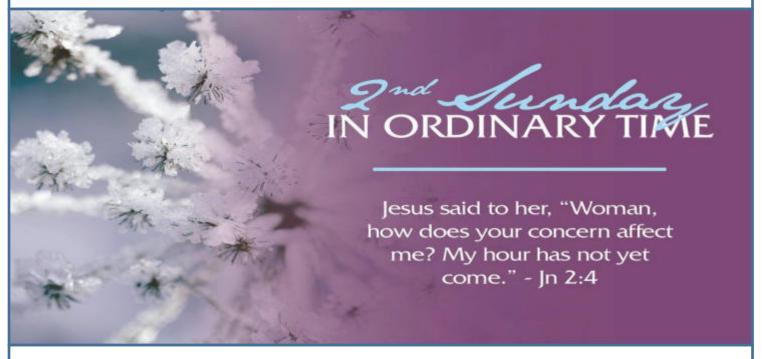
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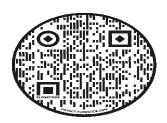
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Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Diocese of Worcester policies. Contact Judith Audelle, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct& confidential). Claire Freda is the St. Anna Parish Safety environment Coordinator.

# From the Pastor Desk

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



My dear friends, today we begin the <u>Ordinary</u> <u>Time</u> in our Catholic Church.

This year 2022, Gospel of Luke - Cycle C, Ordinary Time goes from January 16 to February 27 and from June 12 to November 20.

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think

that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

#### Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance and fasting (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle, the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus, for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks with us every day and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

#### Fr. Carlos

## Parish News

#### **RCIA**



Would you like to become Catholic or you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to receive all of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? For information about

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact Fr. Carlos at fathercarlosruiz@gmail.com or 978-537-5293.

#### **LEGACY OF HOPE**

Update

Parish Goal: \$376,602 Our share of 40%: \$150,641

Pledged as of January 4, 2022: \$336,828.00

In order to reach the goal, we need: \$39,774.00 If you have not pledged, please join us in thoughtful and prayerful consideration for a truly sacrificial gift.

# THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

<u>ADORATION</u> - Everyone is welcome to join us every Tuesday after the 7:30am Mass from 8:00am to 10:00am.

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> - Confessions will be available Tuesday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am and Saturdays 2:45pm-3:45pm.

#### **PARISH COLLECTION REPORT** -

# Thank you for your generous support of our Parish!

The collection report for the weekend of January 9, 2022

Regular Collection\$3718.00Misc. candles, masses etc.\$553.00Maintenance Collection\$1152.00Total\$5423.00

# St. Anna Society News

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:00PM. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

# Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

#### 4:00PM

Toni DeVarney by Patti Lanza & Carol LeBlanc Barry DelBove (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish Cynthia Glidden (month's mind) by Phyllis Lewis Stephen Minchello by Olivia Minchello

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

#### 8:00AM

Lil DeFelice by her family

Cynthia Glidden (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

#### **10:00AM**

Peter LaBelle (first anniversary) by St. Anna Parish Sarah Fratturelli by Claire, Jan and Pauline Mery and John Burke by Joe & Fran Bassett William and Elizabeth Bassett by Joe & Fran Bassett 12:00PM

Paula Gastonguay (first anniversary) by St. Anna Parish Egidio and Teresa Marrone by son Chris

#### 6:30 BRAZILIAN MASS

#### **DAILY, JANUARY 17-20, 2022**

#### 7:30 AM

MONDAY: Marina and Norela Franco by Fr. Carlos TUESDAY: For our men and women serving in our Country's military forces by St Matthew 25 Society WEDNESDAY: Jennie DiRusso by niece

THURSDAY: Roland and Lorraine Benoit by Dan &

Donna Benoit

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

#### 4:00PM

Cecile DeBettencourt by son Ryan Joyce Maxim by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc Cheryl Carchidi by Maureen Wasel Jake Jekanowksi (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

#### 8:00AM

In Thanksgiving To God by Robert and Pauline Perla

10:00AM

Mary Ann Reynolds (1st. Anniversary) by St. Anna Parish Charles Brackett by The Shanley Family

Stephen Lanza (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

#### 12:00PM

Marian Ciriello (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish Vianella Ricardo Dipp (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish 6:30 BRAZILIAN MASS

## School News



Dear St. Anna Community,

Last week at SAS, students in Grades K-5 in their Italian classes, learned about the legend of La Befana and her flight to visit girls and boys on the Eve of The Epiphany. As a school, we said special prayers on Thursday, January 6th as we celebrated The Feast of The Epiphany. As we celebrate the gifts that were given to Jesus, we also are reminded of the tremendous gifts that Jesus gives to us. The picture above, created by the Grade 7 students, beautifully depicts this so well- gifts of forgiveness, love, and family!

Traditionally, on the Feast of The Epiphany, or Little Christmas to some, is when many take down their Christmas trees. As we began this process at SAS this week, we decided that we would take down the Christmas ornaments, but that we would leave up the school Christmas tree. We have decided to decorate with red and white lights and have all of our students and staff write down a special prayer for the new year. To be festive, we will have these prayers on colorful hearts. As life can often pose challenges for us, if we try to embrace the positive and "bright" parts of our days/lives, we are certainly able to be the face of Christ for ourselves and others. I am hoping by leaving up our Christmas tree...soon to be named, prayer tree, that we can be greeted each morning by that true "light of Christ" and students and staff will be able to carry that light with them throughout their day.

God Bless, Mrs. Legendre

# Our Lady, Health Of The Sick, <u>Pray for Us</u>

Samuel Madore, Deacon Jim, Jacob DeCarolis, Diana Escabi, Linda Gonynor, Rickie Gorski Jr., Kathy Holman, Brian LeBlanc, Harry, Cindy and Harrison Levin, Melanie Creamer, Melissa Michaud, Marietta Zani, Frank Cipriani, Barbara Almedia, Sloan Blake, M. Goguen, Steven Davi, Fran Warm, Jason and Frank Fennelly, Amelia Lavenski, Joe P., W. Fletcher, John Ricci, Enrico Domengo, George Gallant, Paul Morizzo, Jacob Rivera, Robert Flynn, David H., Olive Thompson, Lela Male, Leeanne Heath, Brent Heath, Deacon Malcolm Colgate, Pat and John LaPosta.

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