

St. Julie Billiart Parish



Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 16 2022

St. Julie Billiart, Dartmouth – Diocese of Fall River

Sunday and Daily Mass Schedule

January 15th – January 23rd

Sat.	Jan 15	2nd Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) Odilia DeMello
Sun.	Jan 16	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr) 7:30am Rev. John Andrews 9:00am <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:00am Joan Kindamo
Mon.	Jan 17	St. Anthony; Abbot (Wh) 9:00am Manuel & Ilda Teixeira & Family
Tues.	Jan 18	Feria (Gr) 9:00am Carol A. Tavares
Wed.	Jan 19	Feria (Gr) 9:00am Robert Trahan
Thurs.	Jan 20	St. Fabian; Pope & Martyr (Rd) 9:00am Jeanne Guillotte
Fri.	Jan 21	St. Agnes (Rd) 9:00am Ann Fagundes
Sat.	Jan 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Vi) 9:00am Norman Ferreira
Sat.	Jan 22	3rd Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) 4:30pm John & Eugenia Gomes
Sun.	Jan 23	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr) 7:30am Carol Arsenault & Laretta Rutter 9:00am Arthur Senna 11:00am <i>Pro Populo</i>

Note: *Feria* designates a weekday which does not celebrate a feast or memorial for a saint or other dedication.

Pro Populo means a Holy Mass “for the people”. It indicates the obligation for priests to celebrate one Sunday or Holy Day Mass for their parishioners.

Please Pray For:

All the Souls in Purgatory and for parishioners who are ill at home or in nursing home or hospital and especially also for: *Lilly Harris, Jenna D., Connie Bernado, Dan D., John Costa, Jaime Pimentel, Joaquina Robinson, Helen W., Delmar C., Fran, Donald Baxter, Spencer, Kathy & Marianna M., Eric, Kateri, Steve Fonseca, Brian D., Louise R., Dan D., Margaret K., Bob, Frank C., Janice Sharp, Melissa M., Maria S., Bill H., Lucille Dussault, Tom & Matthew, Grace Gonsalves, Margaret K., Joe Barbero, and Benjamin Enoksen, Mia, Reanna M., and Kristen B.*

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January	- Maintenance Collection (all month)
January 16	- Catholic Communications
February 7	- Home Missions

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

Parish Synod Meeting

As I have announced in a previous column and also in homilies, the Catholic Church is presently holding a 3-year, world-wide Synod, which opened at the Vatican last fall. A Synod is a meeting of representatives from the Church to discuss a given theme or subject. The subject for this present Synod, chosen by Pope Francis, is the process of synodality itself, by which consultation is given and received in the Church. It is the hope of Pope Francis that this Synod on synodality will help the Church to discover how it can be more faithful to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The present Vatican Synod involves a diocesan phase, in which each parish is asked to host a Synod meeting inviting parishioners to reflect on and discuss aspects of the present life of the Church. Again, the purpose of these meetings is to listen more carefully to what the Holy Spirit may be saying to the Church at this time in salvation history.

To this end, we will hold a parish Synod meeting here at St. Julie's on Saturday, February 12, from 9:30-12:30 in the parish hall. All interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. The meeting will be facilitated and led by parishioners Luke and Olive Douglass who are members of the Parish Pastoral Council and also our “parish ambassadors” to the Diocese for the Synod process. The format of the meeting will be small group reflection and discussion on how the Holy Spirit is presently leading and guiding the Church. I encourage those who are interested in attending this meeting to join us also for the daily Mass, prior to the meeting, at 9:00.

As many of you have probably noticed (*I hope*), we pray regularly here at St. Julie's in the general intercessions at Mass for the authentic reform and renewal of the Church. We ask God to help all the members of the Church, including her leaders and shepherds, to be more faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so that the Church will be a more credible and effective instrument of salvation. We know that many people have stopped practicing the Catholic Faith, due to scandal, the pandemic, and a loss of faith. It's our hope that this Synod will help the whole Church listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction on how we can invite and encourage people to return to the practice of the Faith, so that the Church can more perfectly fulfill her mission to help souls discover the more abundant life of redemption and grace here on earth and the eternal life of salvation in Heaven.

ON THE COVER - BY STEVEN N. GUILLOTTE

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:3-5)

We should never forget that we learn about the Wedding Feast at Cana from St. John the Apostle. Besides "Apostle", the Church has several other titles for John, e.g. "Evangelist" and "Beloved". After reading reflectively about the marriage feast at Cana, we might also call John, "Caregiver".

John wrote his gospel after the death and resurrection of Jesus, that is, after Jesus entrusted Mary to the care of John at the foot of the Holy Cross. We might assume that Jesus so entrusted his Blessed Mother to John because he was the person whom Jesus most trusted. Might we also consider that it was because Jesus observed throughout His own ministry that John was the disciple most attentive to Mary?

In today's gospel reading St. John begins his second chapter with, "*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there*" (Jn 2:1). There were of course many people there, none more important than the two people everyone went to celebrate with: the bride and bridegroom. John tells us in his second sentence that "*Jesus and his disciples were also invited*", and because Jesus came we may surmise so did his disciples, including John. And while the ultimate focus of all Sacred Scripture will always certainly be Jesus Christ, John places "the mother of Jesus" as the heroine of his beautiful biblical account with a phrase worthy of the opening of a famed novel; and if our time on earth was such that it permitted us to meditate and pray all day, a soul would greatly benefit by ruminating for hours over this first verse in the second chapter of St. John's gospel: *There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there*".

That the Blessed Mother was there *is* significant because she acts as the presenter of Christ's miraculous ministry to the world. It is no coincidence that Mary presents a concern to Jesus in the same way Eve presented the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge to Adam; nor is it a coincidence that Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman" echoing the scene at Cana all the way back to Eden. For the Blessed Mother and the obedient Son are acting out this first scene in man's redemption by correcting the origin of man's deadly drama. John took account of this because he was attentive to Mary. Attentiveness is the stock and trade of all caregivers.

We place on our bulletin cover for this **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** a work by the Italian Baroque master **Mattia Preti**, entitled *The Marriage at Cana* (courtesy the National Gallery). Preti, a follower of Caravaggio, was a great Tenebrist painter and we see here how Preti uses color to blend light and dark in numinous shadows emphasizing the faces of Jesus and Mary. Our Blessed Mother even leans in the direction of Our Blessed Lord indicating that her will is one with her Son's. Preti paints a confluence of movement with the pouring of water into wine stirring back through the left hand of Jesus and then through Jesus Himself back to Mary where the miraculous movement began. Preti also completes a near full circle with the wine being poured out by a servant into the glass of the winetaster. Let us to be attentive to Mary just as is St. John; just as is Our Lord Jesus.

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HOLY MASS

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Monday-Saturday 9:00am

Holy Days 9:00am & 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm

Saturday 8:00-9:00am

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Any Time by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-3:00pm

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER: There is no better prayer on earth than the Holy Mass. There is no more important thing to pray for these days than the *Legal Protection of Unborn Children*, which is what the Church prays for at Mass on its Day of Prayer on **Saturday 22 January**. The U.S. church chooses this day to pray nationally because it was on this day in 1973 that the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* rendered the abortion procedure to be a constitutional right. On the same day the Court also ruled in *Doe v. Bolton* that the right to an abortion could not be limited by the state when abortion was being sought as of matter of "health". "Health" was broadly defined so as to provide virtually no legal protection to unborn children. As the U.S. Supreme Court mulls over the legalities of abortion once again in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, it is imperative that we pray not only for the sacrosanct right-to-life of children in the womb, but also for a culture of life that cherishes and welcomes children as a gift and a good, and as fellow, living, creations of God.

At our **9:00 am Mass this coming Saturday** we will pray together asking God himself to intercede on behalf of his innocents and to mold our hearts into the image of his generous and loving Sacred Heart.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING: The parish office will be closed on **Monday 17 January** in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. We will still celebrate Holy Mass at the usual time of 9:00 am.

MASS INTENTIONS: We opened the Mass Book for the period of July through December 2022 on Wednesday 12 January. Parishioners are now able to schedule 3 Mass intentions (i.e. 1 weekend and 2 weekday). Once a few weeks have passed we will evaluate the total Mass intentions scheduled and make you aware of the availability of any more Masses.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS AND GOSPEL: in the *Credo hymnal* are on **page 974 through page 975** (for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time).

ROSARY RALLY: You are invited you to join in praying an outdoor rosary at a *Public Rosary Rally for Life* on **January 22, 2022** at **Noon** at Maplewood Park on Stafford Road, Fall River. This date corresponds with the annual March for Life in Washington, DC on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade*. Please arrive by 11:55 am (5 minutes early) and bring a chair if you would like to be seated during the prayer time. For more information contact Barbara Wenc at 774-263-4117

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CATHOLIC DEVOTION IN JANUARY: We are a bit late in making this announcement, but midway through the month is not too late to keep in mind the traditional Catholic devotion for the month of January. In January, Catholics express a special piety toward the **Holy Name of Jesus**. In this month we should especially consider if we ever use the name "Jesus" in a vain or casual way that is not praiseworthy to God. It is also an opportunity to remind us to call on the Holy Name in times of need with short declarations such as "*Jesus, I trust in you*" or "*Jesus, I love you*". The Holy Name of Jesus is feared by Satan and his minions, so let us use it as armor and shield in times of need.

COAT DRIVE: The **Ladies Guild** will be collecting gently used men's and women's winter coats for distribution to Sister Rose and Grace House **this weekend of Jan. 15 & 16 before all Masses**. There is also a need for hand warmers at both shelters.

HAND KNIT SCARVES: We continue to collect hand knit/crocheted scarves, hats, and mittens for the local homeless in a collection basket in the church entrance. We will periodically remove these items from the church entrance to deliver them to those in need. The collection will continue until January 30, 2022. Thank you for sharing your craftsmanship with the poor.

Parish Ladies Guild

PLAN AHEAD! Place your orders for **D&D Meat Pies**, Jan. 22 thru Feb. 6, just in time for Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 13th. *Curbside pickup is Sat., Feb. 12th from 3 - 6 pm.* Price is \$11. To order call Elaine (508-863-6009).

THE SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER: through January 22nd is Virginia Souza whom you can contact at 508-742-8208, if you would like us to send a note or card of encouragement to someone who has lost a loved one.

RUMMAGE SALE: We are using Facebook's Marketplace to sell items online. We are in need of higher value items (no clothes) in new or like-new condition. If you have any items to donate please first contact Robin at 508-994-8908 to see if it is something we could use.

JEWELRY DONATIONS: are being accepted and sold on "Poshmark" online. We thank you for donations of Costume, Fine, Vintage or Broken. Call Isabel 508-992-5464 for pickup. Please do not drop off items at the parish.

SVDP Food Collection

THE FOOD DONATION BIN: is being kept outside for winter near the north side entrance to the parish hall. Your food donations are appreciated by the *Solanus Casey Food Pantry* which is operated by Catholic Social Services in the Diocese of Fall River.

Of Villages & Virtues by Steven N. Guilloffe

I recently came across a television show which appears to have debuted in 2014, entitled *Britain's Hidden Villages*. It chronicles visits to beautiful rural areas of England and Wales by actress Penelope Keith. Ms. Keith's purpose is to present "the people who are defining and defending the village way of life."

Sadly, the village church appears to play little or no role in the village life presented in the several episodes I have watched so far. In fact, whenever the church is mentioned by Ms. Keith, it is generally related as something "quaint". The one church "ritual" I have come across in my television viewing was a horn-dance in which festival participants wear antlers on their shoulders which rise above their heads, as they circle each other to music. As I continue to watch the various villages presented, I only hope that their quirky folk dancing will be replaced with some pious faith praying.

Now you have probably heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child". There are many theories as to how this saying arose. None of these are definitive. There may be some truth to this proverb in that families need the support of other strong families to flourish and prosper. And any family living in a region where vice is rampant, will be hard pressed to raise virtuous children.

The danger of course is in what the proverb means by "village". Is the village that wants to assist raising your children interested at all in the classical and Christian virtues? Will the village theorists uphold the rights of parents or will they oppose these natural rights in favor of their own "progressive", village agenda? Will the village be allowed to practice local self-government in accord with the natural law while the State acts as "ministers of divine providence" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sec 1884) in overseeing the noble, village effort, or will the villagers be respected only in so far as they are willing to conform to a higher authority that has divested itself of all Christian principals and freedoms?

Some who are wary of our times have suggested that Christians need to form their own villages to preserve Christian wisdom and education. Some Christians have actually joined together to form such communities.

In any case, Catholics might begin to see their parishes as village centers. This would be good simply because they would see the Eucharist as the center of life from which all else flows out. In our present culture where the attention of Christians is drawn (and quartered) by a malevolent secular pillage, it would be best for Catholics to turn their awareness wholeheartedly to the Eucharistic village, overseen by the benevolent Christ Himself. In this way Catholics will know that their freedom is being guided by the virtues of faith, hope, and love and all the other Christian virtues, without which there can exist no prosperous village on earth - only a perplexing place where men dance around each other with sharpened horns and locked antlers.



The Marriage at Cana
by Gerard David (1500)

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CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Please pray for all of our students who are preparing to receive Confirmation, and especially that they will have a Holy Spirit-filled retreat on **Sunday 6 February**. This retreat is still three weeks away, but we should always keep our youth and youth leaders in mind since the future of the Church will be sustained through the grace our youth receives today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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