



The Evangelist



The Weekly Newsletter of St. John the Evangelist Parish



Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Bourne in a Blanket of White ~ By Clem Walsh

Psalm 96

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Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith that seeks to help one another to love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Our life centers on the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church. From these encounters we seek to be Christ's eyes, hands, voice and heart in the world. We warmly welcome visitors and seekers and anyone who is curious about faith, Church and God; we rejoice in the Lord when returning brothers and sisters join us at Table.

To be truly happy, find a way to serve God. ~ Father Tom Frechette

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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Mass Schedule

All Masses Live Stream and live attendance

Sundays:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
4PM Saturday Vigil

Bourne TV's Public Channel 13 (Comcast - 1 week delay)

Saturday: 3:00 PM

Rosary: 7 days a week at 7:30 AM

Sunday: 3:30 PM

Daily Mass:

7:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Live Stream & Archives: <https://www.stjohnspocasset.org/livestream>

Daily Rosary (in-person or live stream): Monday - Thursday 6:50 AM, Friday 7:30 AM

Holy Days: Vigil 4PM; Holy Day: 7:30AM, 7 PM *Check newsletter to confirm times*
New to Our Faith Family? We are blessed you could join us at the Eucharistic Table! It is our hope and prayer that you find a welcoming, faith-filled, spiritual home as you grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the Welcome Center. If you are interested in or curious about any of our offerings and don't know where to begin, a Staff Member will be happy to help.

Welcome Center & Store Hours (508) 563-5887:

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Sunday: By Appointment

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Welcome Center prior to making any arrangements. Parents and the child will meet with the Deacon. All will be explained and a date will be selected for the Baptism at that meeting.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 2:30-3:00 PM or by appointment.

First Communion & Confirmation: Formation is conducted in a two-year Sacramental preparation program. Contact Deborah for more information. Baptized Adults 18+ seeking Confirmation should contact Father Tom or Deacon John.

Marriage: Congratulations! Please contact the Welcome Center at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Sick & Homebound: Contact the Welcome Center to arrange regular visits.

Holy Orders: Please contact Father Tom for more information.

Becoming Catholic: Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic and wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Contact Father Tom or Deacon John for more information.

† Our Parish Calendar †

Some events may require
prior sign-up.

Check inside for more details
or call the Welcome Center.

COVID-19 protocols: Masks are no longer required but we ask you to respect each individual's decision to wear or not wear a mask in church. Please respect each other's personal space.

If you feel at all under the weather, or if you have been or suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19, for your own health and safety and that of those around you, DO NOT attend Mass or any other church function.

Please note: All church events are Live attendance and live-streamed.

Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday, January 16:

- **Sunday Mass** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, January 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

- **Welcome Center Closed**
- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **No Walking With Purpose this week**

Tuesday, January 18:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch** 12 Noon WC Hall

Wednesday, January 19:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group - Schutten** Room 1 10:30-12 Noon

Thursday, January 20:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass

Friday, January 21:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, January 22:

- **That Man Is You - Men's Program** 7-8:30AM~WC
- **Reconciliation** 2:30 - 3 PM
- **Mass:** 4 PM



Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday, January 23:

- **Sunday Mass** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, January 24:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Walking With Purpose** WC Afternoon 1-2:30 PM
Evening 6:30-8 PM
- **Small Group 20s & 30s**, WC 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, January 25:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch** 12 Noon WC Hall
- **Small Group**, Joan Borgatti, Room 5, 3-4:30 PM
- **Small Group**, Mike Fougere, Room 3, 6-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 26:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group**, Jan Schutten, WC, 10:30 AM-Noon
- **Small Group**, Terry Chalker, WC, 3-4:30 PM

Thursday, January 27:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass
- **Small Group**, Liz Schwefler, WC 8:30-10 AM
- **Small Group**, Kara Russell, Room 5, 9-10:30 AM

Friday, January 28:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM
- **Small Group**, Michael Cryan, ZOOM 4 - 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 29:

- **That Man Is You - Men's Program** 7-8:30AM~WC
- **Reconciliation** 2:30 - 3 PM
- **Mass:** 4 PM

Join a Small Group today!
Find out what you're missing!

† Around the Parish †



That Man Is You!

To paraphrase the beginning of the Indianapolis 500 Car Race: "Gentlemen, Start your snooze alarms!" "That Man Is You!" ~ our parish Men's group begins again **this Saturday, January 22 @ 7 AM** in the Welcome Center Hall. The 40 + men who attended our Fall session are reminded of their "homework": to ask and bring a new member. Our first meeting back will be celebrated with a hot breakfast! You are encouraged to pre-register at www.TMIY.org, making sure you select our program here at SJE.

Can't make all the sessions? Not a problem! Your membership comes with online access to the video library, so if you miss a session, not a big problem...simply watch the video on the week you miss so you can stay at pace with the group. We have over 40 members ranging in age from 21 to 92, and the comments range from "I wish there was a program like this when I was younger" to "this is everything I've always hoped for in a Catholic men's group," to, during our hiatus: "I hate to admit this, but I have really missed meeting on Saturday mornings...I can't wait for it to start up again." Come and see what you've been missing (*and didn't even know it!*)

See Father Tom or one of our core leaders: Rick Creed, Phillip Henderson, Matt O'Brien or Bill Satkevich for more information or to sign up. Don't pass up your chance to become a man after God's own heart!

Happy New Year! We are so excited to be announcing that our next Small Group session will begin **the week of January 24th!** If you have not yet experienced a Small Group this is a wonderful opportunity for you to jump in!

The SJE Small Groups are usually 6-12 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message and who support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is a place to care for others and to be cared for.

Fr. Tom's Christmas gift book, "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly, will be used as our main discussion piece. Please come by the Welcome Center Office if you would like a copy....it really seems to be the right book at the right time!

Our weekly meetings (in-person and zoom) run for 7-8 weeks.

Monday 7-8:30 pm 20's & 30's Small Group

Tuesday 1:15-2:30

Tuesday 3-4:30

Tuesday 6-7:30 - FULL

Wednesday 10:30-12

Wednesday 3-4:30

Thursday 9-10:30

Friday 4-5:30 ZOOM

If you are interested in Facilitating a Small Group at a time that suits you better, please let us know! It's a very rewarding way to serve God and our Parish! As Fr. Tom reminds us...We are meant to be together as a community of faith, and by that communal gathering we accomplish the mission Christ calls us to. Please call or stop by the Welcome Center Office to register for a Small Group and to pick up your copy of "Life is Messy"! We look forward to seeing you!

Patty and Gina

† Around the Parish †



It's the Best Time to Join the Choir!

If you are anything like I was, you sit out in a pew, week in and week out, singing the hymns and thinking "I can do that!" or "I should do that!" or both. Now that Christmas is over and the choir is all back to square one in our preparation for Easter, it is the very best time to come and see if the choir is for you.

We meet for practice on Wednesday nights from 6:30 PM until 8 PM (both times sharp!) and we practice from 9:45 AM until just before the start of the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. We sing every Sunday 10:30 Mass until Holy Week, when we sing at the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 4 PM Saturday and then we sing the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. All voice parts are welcomed and needed, as are all levels of talent. We are in particular need of Sopranos and Altos.

You do not have to read music to be a part of our choir. You must be willing to put in the work based on your skill level to learn the music. *At practices, we work together at the pace of our slowest learner.*

From the beginning of the Covid outbreak the members of the Music Ministry have held each other accountable in terms of sickness and exposure and that standard will continue.

Come up and see John at Mass or email me at john@sjeparish.com to find out more.

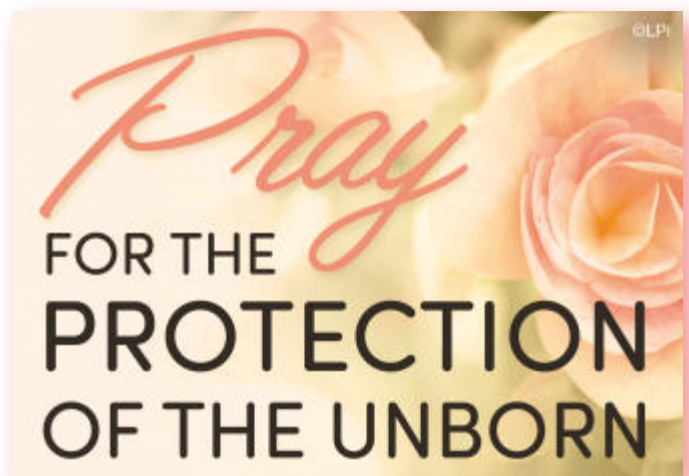
John Brennan

Lunch Bunch On January 11, Lunch Bunch had their first Hot Lunch of the New Year! Were you there? We have some new faces this New Year, perhaps you joined us? If not, consider it! This is a great way to meet new folks, connect with old friends, a warm, caring, and comfortable group that is one of the jewels of St John's Church. You bring a sandwich, we provide the beverages, dessert, and fun. On the 2nd Tuesday of each month WE provide a nice warm meal! All this for \$2.00! Our Comedy Team & Trivia Team are both up and running at full steam! Our Raffle has become real popular too! Join us almost every Tuesday for fun, fellowship and for each other!

Baby Bottles

We offer a huge "THANK YOU" to our thoughtful and generous parishioners who have kindly continued to support Pennies for Babies by dropping off checks, coins and bills, plus donating beautiful hand knit baby outfits over the Christmas holidays.

Birthingright and A Baby Center are so very grateful for any and all contributions. These items help them bring special assistance to children and families here on Cape Cod who are in need of extra services during difficult times. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of many households. God Bless everyone for caring for the less fortunate. *Connie Murphy/ Women's Guild*



† Worship Aid: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time †

NOTE: Please take this Newsletter home

Opening: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live. A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

3. Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground

Where peace and justice meet

Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us,
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.
Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings our glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. 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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the

earth; Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you: **All: And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John:

All: Glory to you, O Lord

John 2:1-11

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." 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." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only

† Worship Aid: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time †

Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us men and for our
salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow your heads for the next two lines)

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he
suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third
day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and
his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I
believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I
confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of Gifts: Give Me Jesus

1. In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus. You may have all
this world. Give me Jesus.

2. Now the journey has begun, Now the journey has begun,
Now the journey has begun, Give me Jesus. **Refrain**

3. When the prize is surely won, When the prize is surely
won, When the prize is surely won, Give me Jesus. **Refrain**

4. I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say,
I heard my mother say, Give me Jesus **Refrain**

Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the
highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection, until you come again.

Amen

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy
kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have
mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have
mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Grant us, grant us peace

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**"My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,**

**and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart,
and allow me to unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."**

Communion Hymn: Vine and Branches

Refrain: I am the vine and you the branches, remain in me
as I remain in you, you will bear great fruit in me

1. A new commandment I give you; Even as I have loved
you now love one another. **Refrain**

2. No greater love is there than this:

Than to lay down your life, your life for your friends. **Refrain**

5. The words that I have spoken are spirit and life, they are
spirit and life. **Refrain**

6. And now as I have washed your feet so you must do
just as I have done. **Refrain**

Meditation Hymn: Love Goes On

1. Love is patient, love is kind, never ending, never ending;
slow to anger, rich in mercy, love goes on beyond all time

2. Love is faithful, love is true, ever joyful and forgiving; love
endures when life is over, love is old and love is new

3. Love alone has shaped our soul, and our hearts are
always restless, until love becomes our purpose, new
creation to unfold

6. There are three gifts that remain when all other things
have perished. Only faith, hope, love enduring, and the
greatest gift is love.

Closing Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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† Points to Ponder †

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 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. ©LPi

Small Group - For 20-30's

Friends in faith will help you go further, faster and in the direction you want to go in! A Small Group is a place you will find friendship and fellowship. If you are in your 20's or 30's we welcome you to join us!

We will be launching our winter Small Group with Fr. Tom's Christmas gift book "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelley on January 24th at 6:30. It is a book about the mess of life, the inevitable and the unexpected. It is a perfect book at the right time. It is a book that will fill you with hope.

We will meet for 8 weeks. Please call the Welcome Center 508 563 5887 (Patty) to register. We have a book with your name on it!

Laura, Michael and Ashlinn

Faithful Departed

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

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 [*see Patty in the office for this and many other ways to honor your loved ones*]. 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! ©LPi



† Take Five for Faith †



Sunday, January 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are gifted, any way you slice it

We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66).

Monday, January 17, 2022

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.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313).

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Thursday, January 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

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.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314).

Friday, January 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

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 fourth-century 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?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315).

Saturday, January 22, 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Cradle-to-grave Catholics

To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term "the Seamless Garment" was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker." Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316).

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† Pray for our Family of Faith †



Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist
10:30 AM Victoria and Larson Coffin

Monday, January 17

7:30 AM Thomas A. Dorgan

Tuesday, January 18

7:30 AM George Oxley

Wednesday, January 19

7:30 AM George Paul Torre

Thursday, January 20

7:30 AM Joseph and Anita Samson

Saturday, January 22

4:00 PM William (Bill) Yetman

Sunday, January 23

8:00 AM James Brown
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist

Monday, January 24

7:30 AM Eleanor Persson

Tuesday, January 25

7:30 AM Marion (Mitsy) Quigley

Wednesday, January 26

7:30 AM Barbara Hanson

Thursday, January 27

7:30 AM Andrew Degan

Saturday, January 29

4:00 PM Joseph and Anita Samson

The Sanctuary Candle

Week of January 16th - January 22nd
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Week of January 23rd - January 29th
In Honor of Newman and Eileen Flanagan



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