

January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Volume 7 Issue 3

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)

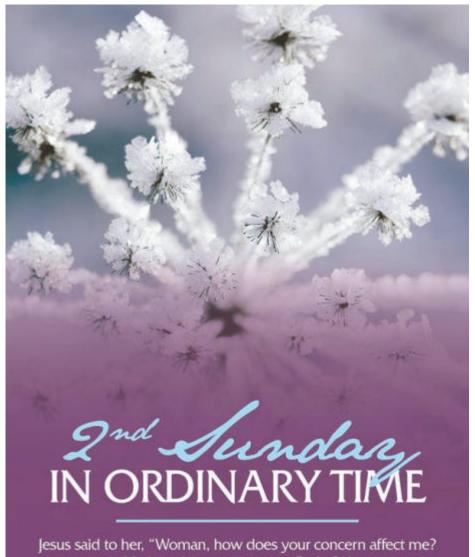
Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

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

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)

Saint Theresa of Lisieux Parish

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My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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WELCOME TO ALL:

If you have moved to this area and wish to join our Parish Community, we invite you to become actively involved in our life and to support our efforts to be witnesses to Christ by sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic parish of Saint Theresa of Lisieux is a community of believers that places the sacredness of the Eucharist at the center of our lives. Our mission is to inform, inspire, invite and involve people in the ongoing life of the Church. Our field of ministry includes residents of the greater South Hadley area. It is our desire to engage all who wish to join our community in the celebration of the life of Christ.

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WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please continue to support the Parish by mailing in your weekly donations if you are not able to attend a Mass. Or consider making your contributions through online giving. Please use St. Theresa's Parish ID# 1596. www.osvonlinegiving.com





LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

LORD'S DAY MASSES Saturday 4:00p Sunday 8:00a | 10:30a

<u>WEEKDAY MASSES - CHAPEL</u> Monday - Friday 8:00a

HOLY DAY MASSES (Day of Obligation) 8:00a | 6:30p

SACRAMENTS

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday 3:30p-3:45p or by appointment.

<u>Adoration</u> Friday 8:30a – 6:00p

<u>Baptism</u> To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Marriage</u> Please arrange one year in advance.

<u>Hospital Visitations</u> Please let us know if a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

<u>Pregnancy Counseling Services</u> Bethlehem House of Easthampton (413) 527-2861

Divorce Support Ministry Bob Nell (413) 575 –5177 St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow MA

<u>To Report an Incident of Church Related Sexual</u> <u>Misconduct</u> Confidential Hotline (800) 842-9055

In Remembrance

Plan ahead and book your masses for 2022 now. Call the parish Office at 413-532-3228 to reserve the dates and times that you want to remember your loved ones.

Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours have changed to be every Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:30 a.m. If you would like to meet with Fr. Michael or Patricia it is by *appointment only*. Please call Carol to schedule an appointment at (413) 532-3228



Saturday January 15th 4:00 pm ⁺ John Piechota by Debbie and Ed Giles

Sunday January 16th

8:00 am † Lynn Ann Baker by Spiritual Life Group 10:30 am † Eva Spychalla by David, Amy and Grace

Monday January 17th 8:00 am Prayers for those Sick and Living in Poverty

Tuesday January 18th 8:00 am Prayers for all First Responders

Wednesday January 19th 8:00 am Prayers for the Youth of the Parish

Thursday January 20th 8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory by Friends

Friday January 21st 4:00 pm † Dolores and David Giroux by Dottie and Rich McKenna

Saturday January 22nd 4:00 pm + Elaine Oldread by Her Family

Sunday January 23rd

8:00 am Prayers for the Parishioners of St. Theresa's 10:30 am † Adelard Jodoin, Jr. by Ann Jubinville

BULLETIN POSTINGS

Please submit any requests/inquiries you have for the weekly bulletin directly to **Rebecca Smith** at <u>sttheresamedia@gmail.com</u>. Requests to be included in the bulletin must be submitted by <u>Saturday the week prior</u> to your desired bulletin date..

ILL PARISHIONERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS

The parish pastoral staff asks: Do you know of any parishioners or family members that are ill, in nursing homes, hospitals, the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Leeds VA Hospital or homebound? If so, please contact **Patricia Smith** at **(413) 532-3228 ext. 116** so that pastoral visits may be scheduled with them.

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3 -4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-1

Weekly Readings



If you or someone you know from our parish is unable to attend Mass on Sunday due to illness or disability and would like to receive communion please call **George Wilson at (413) 533-8710** prior to 8:00 a.m. on that Sunday morning.



PRAY

FOR

PRAYER LINE

Please call Louise Croll to make a Request at (413)532-3228.

Barbara Jean Sexton Denise O'Connor, Joe Nadeau Bradlee Nadeau, Hughie H. Jacqueline Leduc Conner McMahon Quinn McMahon Joan Casavant Edward J. Scanlon Kathy Morin, George Lusignan Anna & Harold Williams Patricia Salisbury Michelle Hadley Guido Schiappa, Sandy DeSouza Maurice Miner, Jackie Krass Bella



Peace and Justice Call to Action!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in the past, our peace and justice

group has been unable to met. Our work is important, so we feel it is time to revive the committee. We are planning on meeting the fourth Sunday of each month beginning on January 23rd at 11:30a.

All are welcome, please call Judy Wilson 533-8710 if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few parishioners to help with the weekly accounting of collections. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Watt at 413-532-8225.



PRAYER LINE

"At the birth of a new year, let us pray for a world renewed in the peace of God" and for each other through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.

If you would like to pray for the intentions of others, please leave your name with the parish office.

Likewise, please contact the parish office with brief prayer requests, first name only or "special intention".

Those who would like to participate in this work of mercy may offer prayer support in many ways. "Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy." -St. Theresa of Lisieux

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YORDINARY MOMENTS

"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.

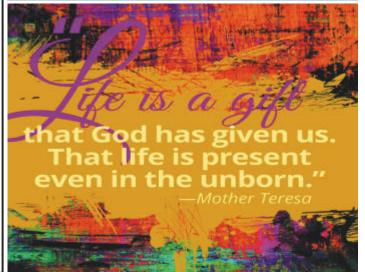
But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

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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 de-

light 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.



