

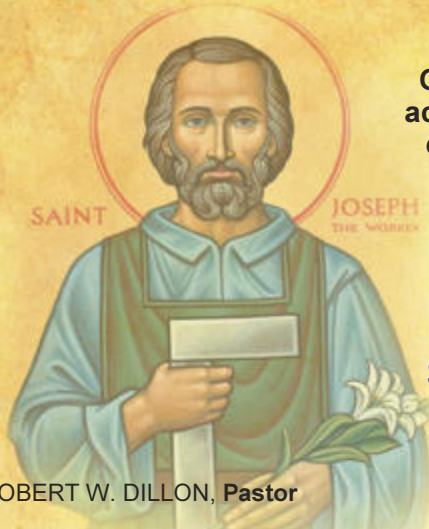
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

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The Sacrament of Matrimony is an image of God's love and commitment to us. Couples should make arrangements with a priest at least six months prior to the ceremony. The date of the ceremony should be finalized with the church prior to making any other arrangements

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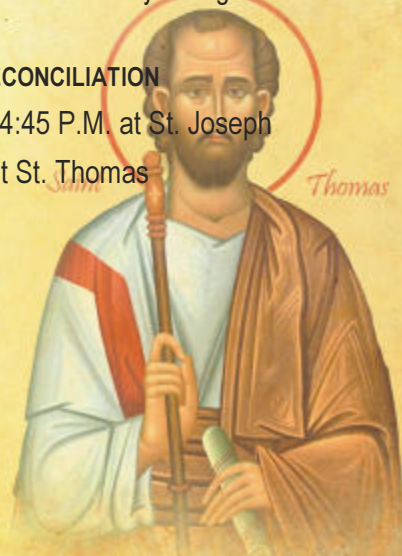
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COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Regular administration of the Sacraments should be arranged for shut-ins by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00—4:45 P.M. at St. Joseph
5:00—5:45 P.M. at St. Thomas



MASSES

Saturday Evening:

St. Joseph: 5:00 P.M.

St. Thomas: 6:00 P.M.

Sunday:

St. Joseph: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon

St. Thomas: 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. Italian Mass

11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M.

HOLY DAYS: Due to the variable nature of Holy Days, the schedule of Masses for these special celebrations will be printed in the bulletin prior to the feasts

Weekdays:

St. Joseph: Monday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.

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Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00am Robert Hanson
10:00am Loretta & Ungarelli Family
12Noon Bruno Evangelista

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish
Tuesday: 9:00am Mike Perez-Living
Wednesday: 9:00am Joann Smith
Thursday: 9:00am Richard LaRosa
Friday: 9:00am Antonino Bambina

Saturday, January 22, 2022

9:00am Marie Ruggeri
5:00pm(Vigil) Anthony D. Melillo

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00am Keith Donahue
10:00am Joseph Pergola & Padovano Family
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Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:00am Janet Polito
10:00am Salvatore Ligotti
11:00am Eva DeCrescenzo
1:00pm Rosemary Hughes
6:00pm Frank Siracusa

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Monday: 7:00 am Frank Raspente, Jr.
8:00am Alice McIntire
Tuesday: 7:00am Marion Hassay
8:00am Jeremiah J. Teahan
Wednesday: 7:00am Diane Pierce
8:00am Adeline Aquilino
Thursday: 7:00am Milan Sikorjak-Living
8:00am Emily & Anthony DeLuca
Friday: 7:00am Antonia & Nicola DiGioia
8:00am Beatrice Conti

Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:00am Maryann Monachino
6:00pm(Vigil) Frank L. Libretta

Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:00am Carmen Ortiz
10:00am Frank Raspente, Sr.
11:00am Alex Castino
1:00pm Lena Barile
6:00pm Grace Lutrario



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In your sympathy, please pray for: Joann Moran, Philip Sabella, Thomas Cardone and Josephine Giordano.

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.



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WEEKLY PRAYER

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

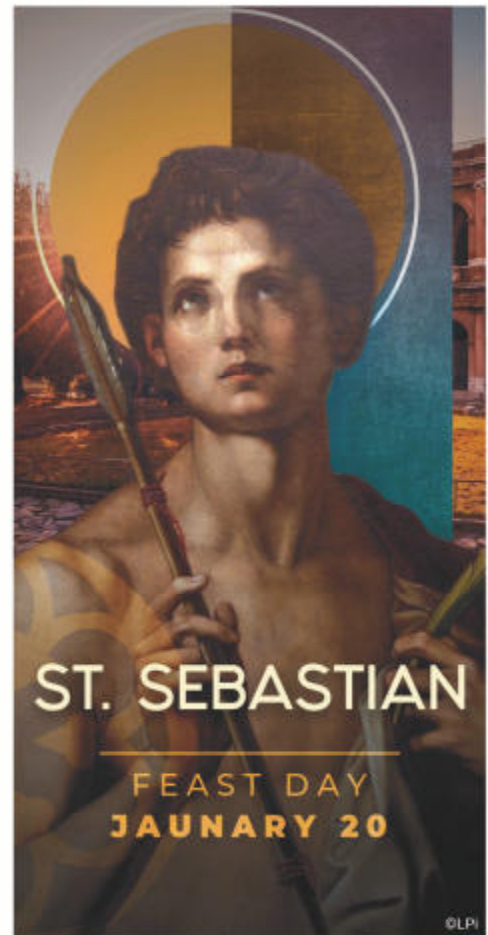
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- 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

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



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 Bruggen. 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.



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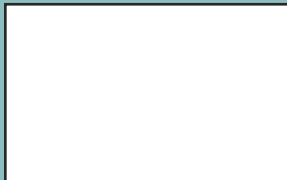
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