

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church



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From the Pastors Desk....

Gospel Reflection
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

January 16, 2022

Gospel - John 2: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 the 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.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ◆ **Pray** a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- ◆ **Read** the passage slowly. As you listen, ask in silence, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this passage?"
- ◆ **Listen** for a word or phrase that calls your attention or touches your heart.
- ◆ **Share** a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life at this moment.
- ◆ **Ask** in silence, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.

Thank you to the RI Constable Association for your generosity in giving Christmas toys to the needy families in our parish. This organization is working with "Layla's Dream" Foundation throughout RI in donating toys to Hasbro Children's Hospital and other organizations. Layla was a beautiful 5 year old child who died of a sudden illness in 2017.

Reverend Peter J Gower



MASS INTENTIONS

January Mass Schedule 2022

15	4:00	John Ginolfi Ann Gower
16	8:30 10:30	Anita Lombardi Matthew Dilorio
17	8:00	Jesse Gomez
18	8:00	Mary Ann Cecere
22	4:00	Preston Walker
23	8:30 10:30	Anna Carbone Carmine Pezza
24	8:00	Anna Carbone
29	4:00	Marie Rose Costabile
30	8:30 10:30	Frances Grasso Anthony & Betty Antoscia John & Marie Raposa, Loretta Iudicianni Shirley DiPippo, Ben Marcoccio Jason Pisani

Ministries at Our Lady of Grace Parish

Holy Name Society: Is an organization of men from our parish who, in addition to keeping spirituality as a main focus, offer many fundraising events to aid the parish. The Holy Name Society meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

St. Anne Sodality: Is our parish's women's organization, whose main focus is also spiritual. This group of women meet on the second Tuesday of the month. St. Anne Sodality plays a large part in keeping our parish alive.

Rosary Society: Is a group of parishioners who meet every weeknight during the months of May and October to pray for the needs of the community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Is a group of parishioners who knit or crochet shawls for men and women. While most of this work is done at home, the group meets regularly to pray over the shawls that are then distributed to women, men and children who are dealing with health issues.

Religious Education: This is a group of dedicated men and women who prepare for and present lessons to children of all ages as they prepare to receive the Sacraments.

Altar Server Society: These young people of our parish from grade 3 and up assist our Pastor at the altar of the Lord.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The parishioners called to this ministry are aware of the extreme importance of the celebration of the Eucharist and the reverence with which it must be distributed to the community.

Lectors: This ministry to proclaim the Word of God to the faithful assembled in church is carried out by parishioners who volunteer to help our parish in this way.

Food Closet Ministry: This ministry exists to help the parish in their effort to feed those in the community who are experiencing difficulty in providing food for themselves and their families.

"View from the Pew" George W. Reilly
A Tip for the New Year – Helping Others

Want to transform your life in 2022 and create a positive change for you and your loved ones? I hope you are thinking YES while you read this and, if so, will seriously consider the following tips as part of your New Year's resolutions. You know, those random thoughts we always have at the beginning of a new year hoping to break old habits and start practicing new ones to enhance our lives and the lives of those around us. Let's try to make these resolutions stick. Good luck.

Volunteering your time, money, or energy to help others doesn't just make the world better—it also makes YOU better. Studies indicate that the very act of giving back to your parish and the community at large boosts your happiness, health and sense of well-being. Here are 10 benefits of lending that helping hand.

1. **Helping others feels good.** There is some evidence to suggest that when you help others, it can promote physiological changes in the brain linked with happiness. This heightened sense of well-being might be the byproduct of being more physically active as a result of volunteering or because it makes us more socially active.

2. **It creates a sense of belonging.** Helping others can help us to make new friends and connect with our community. Face-to-face activities such as volunteering at a food bank can also help reduce loneliness and isolation. Did you know that at OLG we have a food bank that helps so many every week?

3. **It gives you a sense of purpose.** Studies show that volunteering enhances an individual's overall sense of purpose and identity. This is because helping others can make you feel rewarded and fulfilled.

4. **Giving helps keep things in perspective.** Helping others, especially those who are less fortunate than yourself, can help to put things into perspective and make you feel more positive about your own circumstances.

5. **It's contagious.** One study found that people are more likely to perform feats of generosity after observing another do the same. This effect can ripple throughout the community, possibly inspiring dozens of individuals to make a difference.

6. **Helping others can help you live longer.** Regular volunteering can improve your ability to manage stress and ward off disease as well as increasing your sense of life satisfaction. This might be because volunteering alleviates loneliness and enhances our social lives.

7. **It will give you a sense of renewal.** Helping others can teach you to help yourself. If you have been through a tough experience or just have a case of the blues, the "activism cure" is a great way get back to feeling like yourself.

8. **You will boost your self-esteem.** People who volunteer have been found to have higher self-esteem and overall wellbeing. The benefits of volunteering also depend on your consistency. So, it would seem to me that the more regularly you volunteer, the more confidence you will gain.

9. **You will create stronger friendships.** When you help others, you give off positive vibes, which can rub off on peers and improve your friendships. Being a force for good in a friend's life can help build a lasting bond. What's the point of living if not that?

10. **You become a glass half-full type person.** Having a positive impact on someone else could help you change your own outlook and attitude. Experts say that performing acts of kindness boosts your mood and ultimately makes you more optimistic and positive.

Who can you serve? What can you do to lend a helping hand today? Chances are you will not have to look far to find someone in need. Be on the active lookout for ways to do it and people you can help, as it all starts with embracing a simple idea – what can I do to help others today? Stay warm and healthy and happy new year!



Food Pantry

Our food pantry is low on several items.

Please donate some of the items listed below so that we can help our neighbors in need.




- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
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