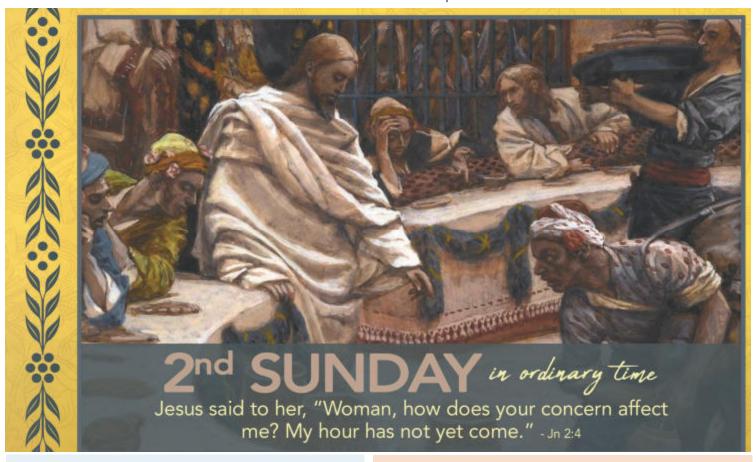


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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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 alee. 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 foast at Cana shows us that God even outs His blessing on our happ ness. 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 wo 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 I fe 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 If e 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 fool shly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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."

- Jn 2:1-3

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The churches are open for private devotions:

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Important Information

Baptisms: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

Prayer Line: For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-938-4864, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

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SATURDAY VIGIL, January 15

4:00 p.m. Carole Snyder by Billy, Janette, Matthew, Josephine & Christina

SUNDAY, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Louise Magaldi by Chris & Jim Lewis 9:00 a.m. Claude Brochu by Brochu Family 11:00 a.m. Lincoln Streeter by Scabich Family

MONDAY, January 17

8:00 a.m. Laurette Billig by Friend

TUESDAY, January 18

8:00 a.m. Peter & Kay Nelson by Lisa Grivers

WEDNESDAY, January 19

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Blackmore by Elaine Zagorski

THURSDAY, January 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Laura & Frank Phillipe

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 22

4:00 p.m. Joyce & Paul Bey by Bey Family

SUNDAY, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Lloyd Estey by Daughter, Lorrie Coelho 9:00 a.m. Richard Haberstroh by Joan & Garvin Boudle 11:00 a.m. Jane Helbig by Scabich Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for GREGORIO S. CRUZ

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for JOYCE & PAUL BEY

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one,

please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who in your prayers are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa,

Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR

JANUARY 18-25

Our Father.

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.

Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Sunday 2 p.m., Jan. 23, 2022 - Chris Doucot, a pastor and pacifist, and his wife, Jackie Allen-Doucot, are cofounders of the Hartford Catholic Worker. It is a North Hartford social service organization that assists people who need food, clothing, shelter and other necessities. In addition to their local work, the couple does humanitarian work abroad. They've traveled oversees several times, including to Bosnia, Iraq - and twice to Afghanistan. Chris will speak about their travels and specifically about the way war affects civilians in foreign countries. The event is sponsored by the South Windsor Historical Society and the Wood Memorial Library. It will be held at the library, 783 Main St., South Windsor. Admission is \$5.

Any questions, please call John Mason at 860-614-7560



Our office will be closed on Monday, January 17th, 2022 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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A letter from our Temporary Administrator, Fr. Joseph Keough

Dear Parishioners,

By way of introduction. I am Father Joe Keough. You can call me Fr. Joe or Fr. Keough, whichever one you are comfortable with using. Just use the first three letters of the last name (pronounced "Keo").

I am happy to be with you as Temporary Administrator. I'm just not sure how long I will be here. Like a substitute teacher, waiting for the teacher to return.

My previous assignment was pastor of Divine Providence Parish in New Britain. A native of Meriden, I lived in Connecticut all my life and have been a priest for just over 25 years. I have served in many parts of the state but this is my first assignment on "the other side of the river". I ask for your patience as I navigate my way around.

I thank you and the parish staff for the warm welcome and ask for your prayers as I minister to the Saint Junipero Serra Parish family as we await the return of Fr. Castro. Be assured of my prayers for you!

Fr. Joe Keough

Nine Days for Life Novena



The Knights of Columbus of St. Junipero Serra Parish encourage you to participate in the Nine Days for Life Novena promoted by the US Council of Catholic Bishops, which takes place January 19-27, 2022. 9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human

life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participation is from home at a time most convenient to you. Daily guidance and reflections are on the Novena website, which is https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life. There is no need to sign up for anything or provide any information – just click on the block for the day of the week you're on, and you get all the resources for that day on one web page. Please contact Steve Leslie at 860-644-3501 with any questions.

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End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system or online giving-those who received statements last year will automatically receive their statements by end of January by email, or mail, if there is no email on file. Please contact Ginger at ginger@southwindsor.cc if your email has changed, if you have email and prefer a hard copy, or if you would like to request a statement for the first time.



Grocery bags for the monthly collection will be given out on 1/15 and 1/16/2022 for the January food collection that will take place 1/22 and 1/23/2022 at all masses. Local

Little Free Pantries in South Windsor, local individuals and families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and Bristol Men's Shelter Emergency Pantry will benefit from your generosity and care for the less fortunate. We appreciate your help!

Volunteer opportunities for the St. Vincent de Paul Society include helping with the monthly collection on the weekend of the 4th Sunday of the month, unless it



is Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter, selling raffle tickets at Knights of Columbus Bingo on Friday nights 4:45 – 7 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall, sorting clothing on occasional Monday mornings, and pickup and delivery of kitchen items and used furniture in good condition on Saturday mornings on the truck. The St. Vincent de Paul Board meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, all are welcome to attend and see what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about. Currently we are meeting by conference call. If you would like more information about volunteering or attending a meeting please email president@societyhelpline.org and if you have kitchen items or good used furniture to donate please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org If you need help or know of someone else who needs help, let us know by posting a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or by calling 860 648-0216.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, just come and see what it's all about. We start off the evening with The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Rosary and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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Unanswered Prayers

We all have some seemingly unanswered prayers that rest heavy on our hearts. These worries, and loves, bring us face to face with the truth of our need to trust in God.

Saint Sister Faustina was told by Jesus: My child, make the resolution never to rely on people. Entrust yourself completely to My will saying, "Not as I want, but according to Your will, O God, let it be done unto me." These words, spoken from the depths of one's heart, can raise a soul to the summit of sanctity in a short time. In such a soul I delight. Such a soul gives Me glory. Such a soul fills heaven with the fragrance of her virtue. But understand that the strength by which you bear sufferings comes from frequent Communions. So approach this fountain of mercy often, to draw with the vessel of trust whatever you need (Diary, 1487).





Loose Ends

The ribbons lay,
As a whisp in the breeze,
Each one to their side,
Beckoning to be tied,
But instead,
they flutter free,
In the air.

I imagine, Rows and rows, Of pretty bows, Looped and uniformed, Without loose ends, That threaten to run away, As the ribbons, That fly this day.

But as the river runs,
And knows no bounds or threads,
Is it possible that beauty,
Can be found,
Amid loose ends?
Bringing my heart,
And soul to soar,
Grasping to understand it,

All the more.

Yet it is always the hope, That I shut the door, Enclose the story, behind the words, Happily ever after, A phrase that ties the ribbons, Neatly in my heart, Though I sense, True beauty exists, In the ribbon's, Carefree wisp.

Even though,
I know,
All possibilities are then,
Ended,
Without loose ends,
To mend it,
- Fly free, my heart,
Without the fear of what,
It all may mean,
They are being carried now,
My dreams –
To perfection.
Jesus I trust in YOU!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

FILIAL TRUST

CCC2734 Filial trust is tested - it proves itself - in tribulation.22 The principal difficulty concerns the prayer of petition, for oneself or for others in intercession. Some even stop praying because they think their petition is not heard. Here two questions should be asked: Why do we think our petition has not been heard? How is our prayer heard, how is it "efficacious"?

CCC2737 "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." If we ask with a divided heart, we are "adulterers"; God cannot answer us, for he desires our well-being, our life. "Or do you suppose that it is in vain that the scripture says, 'He yearns jealously over the spirit which he has made to dwell in us?" That our God is "jealous" for us is the sign of how true his love is. If we enter into the desire of his Spirit, we shall be heard.

Do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask him; for he desires to do something even greater for you, while you cling to him in prayer.

God wills that our desire should be exercised in prayer, that we may be able to receive what he is prepared to give.

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant 860.644.2549 faithformation@southwindsor.cc

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