

January

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4PM
 Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
 Weekdays 8 AM
 Saturday Morning 9AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12 Noon

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30 Am, 3:15-3:45 PM

Anointing of the Sick & Homebound Visitation

Please call the Rectory at 856-456-0052 if anyone is homebound, in the hospital, critically ill or wishes to receive the Eucharist or the Anointing of the Sick.

Faith Formation

Director of Christian Initiation for Adults:
 Director of Youth Religious Education: Elizabeth Mariani
 Directory of Music: Joe Gorman

Queen of Ireland Gift Shop

Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-2PM and after all Masses on Sundays.
 Kathy Arensmeyer, Director

Baptisms and Marriages

Baptism: See inside bulletin for exact detailed information.
Marriages: Arrangements must be made 1 year prior to marriage date. Please call the Rectory.

Policy for Certificates of Eligibility: In order to receive a certificate, **You** (Not your mother or father) must be a practicing Catholic, registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church. You must attend Mass regularly. Use of weekly offering envelopes will tell us you are attending regularly.

Trustees: Elaine & John McNutt

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Rev David J Klein	In-Residence
Kevin C Heil	Deacon
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Ronnie Battersby	Financial Secretary
Dan Spencer	Admin

Organizations Meeting Schedules:

Knights of Columbus: John McNutt, Grand Knight
 856-287-2547

Catholic Daughters of America: Elaine McNutt 856-981-6382

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians: Maread Gallagher, President

Legion of Mary: Wednesdays

9:15 AM

Adoration: Thursdays 12 PM

Religious Education: Wednesdays 3:40 PM & Thursdays 3:40 PM

Pro-Life For All Life



Jesus Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt. Please pray for all those seeking refuge.

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

- St. Vincent de Paul

Baptisms and Marriages

Baptism: Held the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 11:30 Mass. Class is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Rectory. You **CANNOT** attend class until eligibility slips are received. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

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Attention:

To all prospective Godparents:

The Rectory requires a minimum of **6 weeks** notice to verify and provide certificates of eligibility. Please be mindful of the Baptismal date when asking for the certificate of eligibility.



If you would like to make an online donation, you can do so by visiting our website: www.stmarysgloucestercity.org and follow the direction under the Giving Tab.

By contributing electronically, the parish will have the benefit of stable monthly contributions and achieve a significant reduction in administrative costs.

Keep in mind that you can always use your credit card to receive rewards. If you need assistance contact the Rectory.

Collection

1/02		1/09		12/19		12/25		12/26	
Parish Offerings	3338	Parish Offering	3141	Parish Offering		Christmas Eve	19492	Parish Offering	4118
Special Collection	1885	Parish Improvement	827.86	Parish Improvement		Christmas Day	8593	Parish Improvement	1858
Total	5223	Total	5968.86	Campaign for Human		Additional Christmas	3151	Total	5976
				Total		Total	31236		

Anyone who may be contributing to House of Charity via Employee Giving/Payroll Deduction thru United Way, United Way funds come in thru a bulk batch donation and if the acknowledgement is not sent to the diocese office it's not credited to any parish/individual. Please contact the Coordinator Carole Lackore at 856-583-6156 or carole.lackore@camdendiocese.org

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: please email Sarah Murphy @ cupcakeeva04@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, email address and mass preferences in order for her to make a current contact list.

Going forward Masses will be limited to 3 recipients per Mass as per the Bishop's Office.

We would like our sick and shut-ins to receive Holy Communion frequently. If any of our Eucharistic Ministers would like to bring the Blessed Sacrament to any of their confined neighbors or family members please call the staff at Mary's House 856-456-0052. Ask them to write down your name and phone number down to pass along to Monsignor Hodge. Also, ask the communicant if he or she would like Monsignor to come to hear their Confession and/or give them the Sacrament of the Sick. We want our elderly, our sick and our home-bound to know they are an integral member of the parish whose prayers are most powerful.

BEGINNING AT THE VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th – parishioners should be encouraged to wear masks while attending Mass. If a pastor wishes, those who chose to not wear a mask may be asked to sit in particular places in the church which are so marked. Priests, deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **are required to wear a mask which covers their mouth and nose** whenever they distribute Holy Communion and to use hand sanitizer before and after distribution. Social distancing should be practiced where possible. Holy Water may be retained, but parish staff should make sure to change the water frequently.

All parish meetings/gatherings that take place indoors are **limited to the number that can be present while maintaining** all social distancing protocols. In addition, **all participants are expected to wear masks which cover their nose and mouth** for the duration of the meeting. If someone is unable to do so for health reasons – they must be reminded to keep a greater than six-foot distance from other participants.

While there is no prohibition on offering hospitality – best practices suggest that buffets and beverage centers should be limited.

Frequently touched surfaces should be sanitized on a regular basis. Parishioners should be asked to sanitize the bathroom after they use it or the parish may choose to have facilities staff available to do so.

ADORATION FOR LIFE

“If everyone prayed one hour of Adoration a week, there would be no abortion “

Mother Teresa

The Eucharist and Prayer has sustained the Pro-Life movement since the regrettable decision to legalize abortion in the United States in 1973.

We are as close as we have ever been to overturning Roe vs Wade.

Please be a voice for the unborn and sign up for an hour (or 1/2 hour) of Adoration here at St. Mary's on THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th anytime between 12 noon and 7 pm.

We need as many parishioners as possible to ask our Lord, the Father of all Life, to end Roe and the brutal practice of abortion. We are also praying that as a Parish we can better support mom's in need.

With God All things are possible.

Sign up sheets are on all the tables in the back of church.

God Bless You,

Pro-Life Ministry

St Mary's is pleased to offer both **Masses** and **Bell Ringing**. We offer a beautiful card for the living and deceased memorializing the ringing of our magnificent Bells of St Mary. The donation for the Ringing is the same as announced Mass: **\$15**. St Mary's is pleased to now offer the ability to sponsor **Altar Flowers**. The cost is **\$50** per spray with upgrades available upon request.

The Candles for the week of January 16, 2022 for the following Intentions

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE is burning for **Helen Tricocci (D)** R/b Lisa & Ronald Munn

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE is burning for

SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning for

Saint Francis of Assisi Candle is burning for

Saint Anthony of Padua is burning for

St Patrick is burning **In Memory of**

The Divine Child Jesus is burning **In Memory of Deceased Nieces Donna, Michele & Sharon** R/b Aunt Connie Detwiler

Altar Flowers are in Memory of **Joseph P Driscoll (D)** R/b Wife Olive Driscoll

Saturday January 15, 2022 **Bells: In Memory of Joseph P Driscoll (Ann Rem)** R/b Wife Olive Driscoll

9:00 AM James Patrick Madden (D) R/b William & Debbie Johnson

4:00 PM Thomas J O'Donnell Jr (D) R/b Dom & Kathy Staiano, **Helen F Tricocci (D)** R/b Pat Sharp, **David Kalt (D)** R/b Kathy Arens-meyer, **George Hodge III (D)** R/b Jim & Joan Braunwarth

Sunday January 16, 2022 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Bells: In Memory of Joseph P Driscoll (Ann Rem)** R/b Wife Olive Driscoll

7:30 AM Int Denny/McHugh Children (L) R/b Herbert Family, **Sharon Collins** R/b Steve & Patirica Hause

9:30 AM Joseph P Driscoll (D) (1st Ann Rem) R/b Wife Olive Driscoll, **Tom Reed (D) (Ann Rem)** R/b Wife & Children

11:30 AM Marge Saunders (D) R/b Kevin Murphy, **Harry Brown (D) (Birth Rem)** R/b Phil, Gabriela & Philip Brown, **Gabriella Remetei (D) (Birth Rem)** R/b Family

Monday January 17, 2022 **Saint Anthony, Abbott**

8:00 AM Int of Denny/McHugh Children (L)

Tuesday January 18, 2022

8:00 AM Lloyd "Butch" Watkins (D) (Wedding Ann Rem) R/b Wife Mary, **Colin Fitzpatrick (D) (Ann Rem)** R/b Kathleen Fitzpatrick

Wednesday January 19, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday January 20, 2022 **Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

8:00 AM Bill James (D) (Ann Rem) R/b James Family

Friday January 21, 2022 **Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 AM Marie "Franny" Spencer (L) (Healing Int) R/b Son Danny

Saturday January 22, 2022 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children**

9:00 AM Sharon Collins R/b Kathleen & James Irwin, **St Mary's Spiritually Adopted Children & Their Parents** R/b St Mary's Pro-life Ministry

4:00 PM Thomas J O'Donnell Jr (D) R/b Debbie & Tom Blake, **Donald McMichael Sr (D) (Ann Rem)** R/b Wife & Family, **Margaret Coyle (D)** R/b Debbie & Tim Blake

Sunday January 23, 2022 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Bells: In Appreciation Living & Deceased Members of Saints & Singers**

7:30 AM Int Denny/McHugh Children (L) R/b Herbert Family, **Hugh McKillop Jr** R/b Chuck Williamson, **Anna Nocella** R/b Jim & Claire Marie Devereaux

9:30 AM Jill Lottanzio R/b Jennifer Jackson

11:30 AM Anna Britton R/b Family, **Mary Ellen White (D)** R/b Family

Please keep in Your Prayers

Our Sick: Annetta & Hugo Adorno, Florence Underwood, Martin Roach, Thomas Kain, Claire Dunn, Olive Driscoll, Caroline Dougherty, Justin Locker, Billy Gormley, Bob Glassman, Bob Ludwick, Eva Christ, Maryann Liebrand, John Risely, John Greene III, Denise Glassman, Grace Cooney, Barbara Burns, Eleanor Kain, Dominic Abate, Donna Musick, Charlene Riley, Carol Samsanavicius, Frank Angeloni Sr, George Springer, Grace Piscopio, Jack Heiser, James E Miller, Jillian DePoder, Cindy Dolson, Joe Flinn, John Battersby, Annette Pecina, Samantha Boulden, Johnny McDevitt, Jordan Neff, Joseph Carlino Sr, Ronnie Convey, Kelli Cline-Perrone, Marion Hakanson, Linda & Tom Ryan, Linda White Locker, Lynne Jergensen, Diane Sutcliffe, Marie "Franny" Spencer, Marion Scalzo, Mary Lou & Bill Adams, Mike Murphy, Nicholas Mecchione, Elise Cowgill, Ed Hlopak, Mike Battersby, Rich Notis, Judy McGrath, Selma Toal, Sr Nora Foley, Lindsey Sobelewski Eller, Theresa Gorman, Carolyn Foyle, Nick Pinolini, Troy Lail, Vickie Virden, Wayne Bradlock, William Kelly, William Liven-good, Winifred Settler, Richard & Pat Schwartz, Tom Pierman, Kelly Gartland, Frances Bregler, Susan Stano, Clare Kearney, Richard Dolson, Jon Sciarra, Chrissy Barron, Bill Ritchie, Marge Laarkamp, Connie Klein, Jill Mosco, Georgette Carter, Sally Ludwick, Ms Cerelle, Dolores "Ducky" Whilleson, Bob Stone, Bill Ritchie Jr, **Sue Green, Nancy McKeown, Joseph C Perry Sr, Pat Sullivan, Frank Knox**

Our Military: Colin Ward, Marine; Johnathan T Brown, Navy; John (Jak) Sullivan, US Air Force; Jacqueline Myers-Barton, US Army; AJ Parent, US Coast Guard, Sean Patrick Ward, US Army, Christopher James Grieco, US Air Force

Our Deceased:

Our Recently Baptized:

Prayer for the Spread of Perpetual Adoration

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins.

We need your peace in our hearts and among nations.

We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness.

Announcements

1. THE NEW BOOK CLUB READING IS AVAILABLE IN SAINT JOSEPH'S SACRISTY. THE DONATION IS ONLY \$3.00. THE BOOK WILL BE DISCUSSED ON THE LAST THURSDAY IN JANUARY.

New Parishioners

We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors. Let us know how we may be of service to you. You may register at the Rectory: Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM.

A reminder we are still cleaning the Church after each Mass due to the Covid Virus.

A big thank you to those who are spraying the disinfectant. We appreciate your help.

We also thank those wiping the pews and doors.

If everyone could help us by leaving kneelers down at the end of Mass that will let the cleaner know someone was in the pew.

If you are able to bring disinfectant wipes with you and wipe down your pew after Mass that would be great. You can then leave the kneeler up.

In case of a cardiac emergency in church, please keep in mind that there is an AED located behind the pillar near the St Joseph's Altar. In case of a relevant emergency, someone should call 911 while someone else who is trained should use the AED.

Day of Prayer for the

LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

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Dear St Mary's Parishioners,

My Granddaughter, 2nd Lt US Army Alexa Long was deployed to Lithuania, South West corner of the Baltic Seam North of Poland and east of Russia about 4.5 months ago. Her tour of duty is for 9 months. However, in her letters Alexa mentions how her soldiers would appreciate a *care package* from home. I am sharing a copy of her letter with you written to her mother, Colleen. It is self-explanatory.

Alexa attended St Mary's Grammar School in Gloucester City, NJ and graduated from Gloucester City High School and completed her ROTC training at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. After graduation she was inducted into the US Army. I am asking you to respond as soon as possible to her request for her soldiers. Please do not sit on the request as time is of the essence. All organizations and individuals are responsible for the cost of gifts and postage. Pray for her team of young soldiers who are serving our country.

Thank you from her Grandmother, Olive Driscoll

If anyone is looking for an opportunity to do something for others for the holidays, my Soldiers would greatly appreciate some care packages. There are 21 Soldiers, 17 males and 4 females, most in their 20's. Snacks, non-perishables cooking ingredients, hygiene products, or stuff to do during their downtime are somethings they'd like, especially American products. Mail can take about a month to reach us. Thank you in advance to anyone who sends something, my Soldiers will really appreciate it. Mailing address is:

Alexa Long

70th MCT

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Dear Family and Friends,

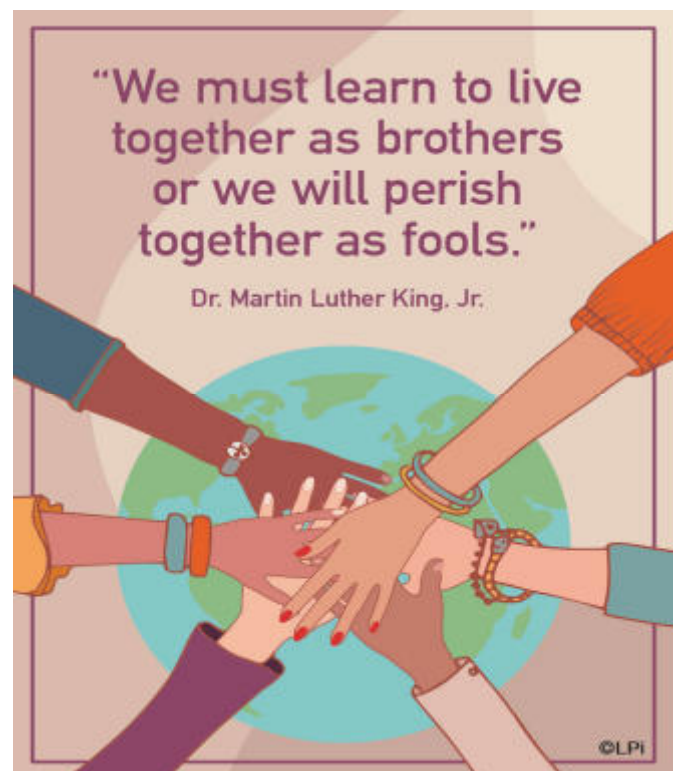
My good friend Jim Noonan has just finished an 8 year-long project, a royal biography which is so rich in history, fun fact, glamor and drama. In fact, if you liked Downtown Abbey you will love *Alix & Minnie: A Royal Trilogy*. This 3 book series is the next Downtown Abbey, in fact, we hope it will go to film one day soon. In the meanwhile, for all interested in great books...please go to Amazon and type in either James Charles Noonan or *Alix & Minnie* to find all three...the story of 2 sisters who rose out of obscurity to the mightiest thrones in Europe between 1853-1929-with intense drama in their extended families. I love the series and hope you will too, and that you will spread the word far and wide!!!

And it is a perfect gift!

Thank you, Monsignor Hodge

"We must learn to live
together as brothers
or we will perish
together as fools."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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

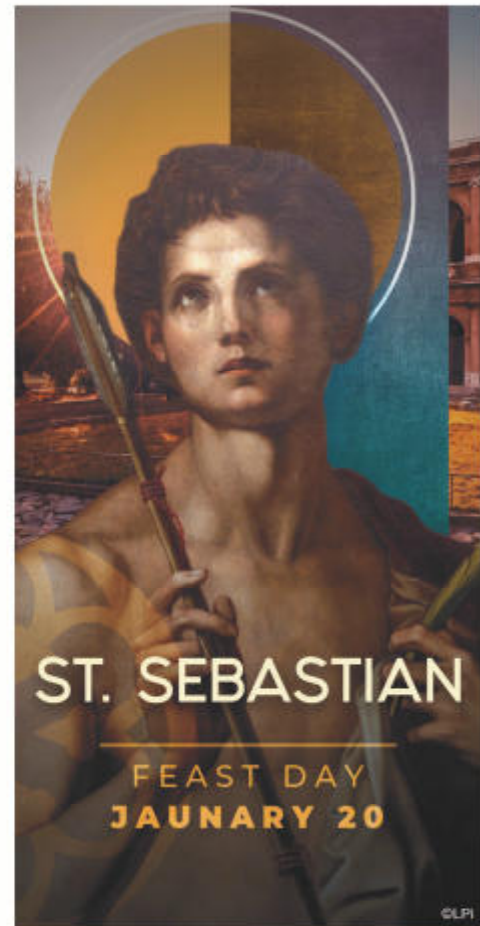
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- 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.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

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)



PSALM

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



SECOND READING

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



GOSPEL

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)

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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 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.

**The following memorial donations were received by the Monsignor Edward B. Lucitt
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In memory of Monsignor Edward B Luccitt from Rich and Jane Raspa

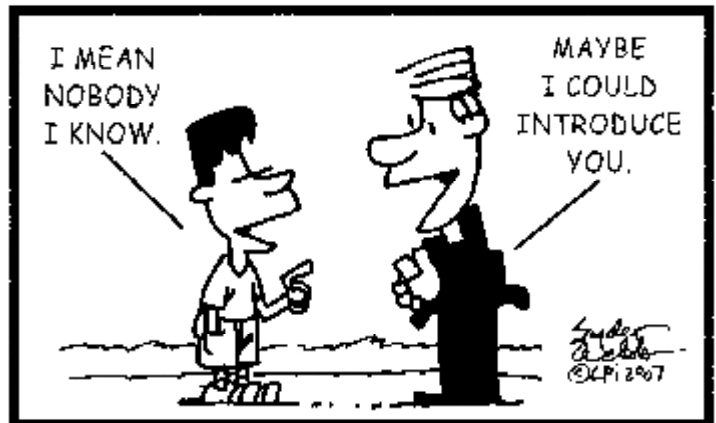
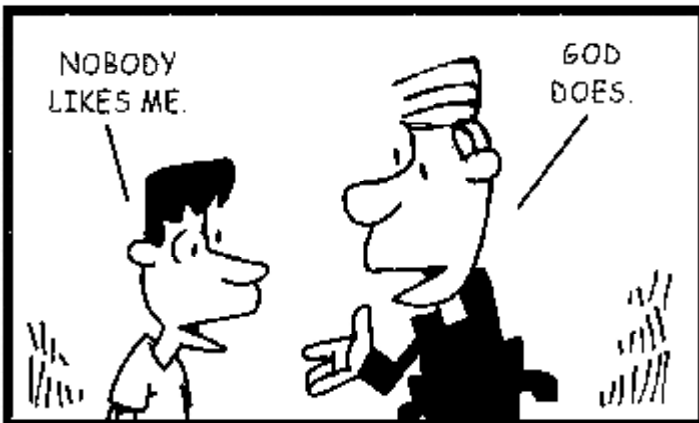
In memory of John P. Sheridan from Margaret Meade

In memory of Elsie Loebell from Jimmy and Beth Bower

In memory of Betty Bird and Wanda Kormann from Charlotte and Anthony Kormann

In memory of Dolores Huberty Mojta from Tricia Kraemer

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lighter Side

Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

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