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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday—Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sunday | 7:00am, 8:30am*, 10:00am, 11:30am **Masks are required*

CONFESSION

Saturday after 4pm Mass Sunday after 8:30am Mass

ADORATION

Tuesday 6:30pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion Thursday after 8:00am Daily Mass

OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic Parish nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist. As a community, we advance spiritual growth through

lifelong learning.

Connecting people with God, through authentic relationships to serve the community.



02 PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/15 Adam Geiger

Sunday 1/16 Fr. Theodore Lobo †, Philip & Michael Montano †

Monday 1/17 St. Mark Parishioners

Tuesday 1/18 St. Mark Parishioners

Wednesday 1/19 St. Mark Parishioners

Thursday 1/20 Al Dorazio †

Friday 1/21 Sandy Caputo and Family †

Saturday 1/22

Donald Spader †, James Hunter †, Dan Conforti

Sunday 1/23

Sue and Dave Martini †, Guadalupe Hernandez Gutierrez †, Thanksgiving





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You Will Be Called By A New Name

By Rev. Rudolf Ofori The prophet Isaiah knows very well how important names are to people-which is why he tries to cheer up the despondent Israelites by telling them: "you will be called by a new name..... no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land The Wedded." The good news is that the Israelites are not going to be stuck with their old name "Forsaken"- for there is going to be a wedding. And just as the bride changes her name in the wedding, so the Israelites are going to get a brand-new name.

Isaiah promises that the time will come when God will take his people to himself like a bridegroom takes his new bride, and there will be great rejoicing in this new relationship. So it is that Israel waits for the day and the hour when this great event will take place. They wait for the big wedding.

In today's Gospel we hear from John that the wedding is on. At the festival of a Jewish wedding in Cana Jesus reveals his glory through his first great sign. It's an unusual wedding for there are two bridegrooms! There is the bridegroom just married, and there is Jesus who is the real bridegroom. He is an invited guest at the wedding, but Jesus is the long-awaited bridegroom of Israel. Jesus will transform this private Jewish wedding into a great sign to show that the time has come when God will take his people to himself in a new way. Jesus has come as the bridegroom to claim his: bride, Israel.

During the wedding feast the wine runs out and Mary expects Jesus to do something about it. Jesus' negative answer to Mary underlines the point that he cannot be bound by family relationships, but only

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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

by his Father's will. Mary's final words, "Do whatever he tells you," recognize the supreme authority of Jesus and what he must do himself.

There are six large stone jars used to provide water for the Jewish ritual of cleansing. Jesus tells the servants to fill these to the brim, and after they do this, they discover that the water has been changed into wine. All 120 gallons of it! When the steward tastes it, he compliments the bridegroom for keeping the best wine until last- but he is complimenting the wrong bridegroom! Again, the wrong name. Jesus is the one who has supplied choice wine in abundance, and in doing so has revealed his glory. When the disciples see what has happened, they believe in Jesus.

The story gives us a marvelous image of the loving relationship we have with God through Jesus. Jesus has come to claim us as God's own, and he is generous in the gifts he brings. There is nothing mean about Jesus in the story: not a thimbleful of plonk, but gallons of the choice stuff! Luke has the same point in his Gospel: "Surely you cannot make the bridegroom's attendants fast while the bridegroom is still with them?" (5:34). It is not the time of fast, but the time of feast. And the feast is generous: "from his fullness we have, all of us, received" (Jn 1:16).

Of course, the ultimate generosity of Jesus is shown when he dies for the love he has- when the bridegroom lays down his life for his bride. Jesus gives his whole self in love. He gives us his body and blood in this Eucharist so that we can be united with him and with our Father. So let us rejoice today that we know the name of the bridegroom and that he knows our name in love.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



LITURGY

Reflection & Respond

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

This week in Readings & Observances

Heavenly Father, we pray for...

Daily, Ivette Camino †, Wayne Elias, Ruth Kieffer , Maggie

Mary Ann Sena, Karen Gonzales, David Schultz, Jack

Wirth, Maria Ruiz, Don Green, Dottie Chemler, Troy

Rasmussen, Tom Cenac, Tom Dillon, Sabrina Gonzales

Iturralde † and Family, Tina and Sam Calello, Jo

Readings for the week of January 16. 2022

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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:	2 nd 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:	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St.
	Marianne Cope, Virgin



Stewardship

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	Regular	Building Fund
1/2/2022	\$34,794.42	
1/9/2022	\$28,249.29	\$1,541
Christmas 2021 Total	\$31,302.94	R





MASS FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 22, 2022, on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Bishop Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Life at St. Augustine Cathedral at 9:00 AM.

MARCH FOR LIFE

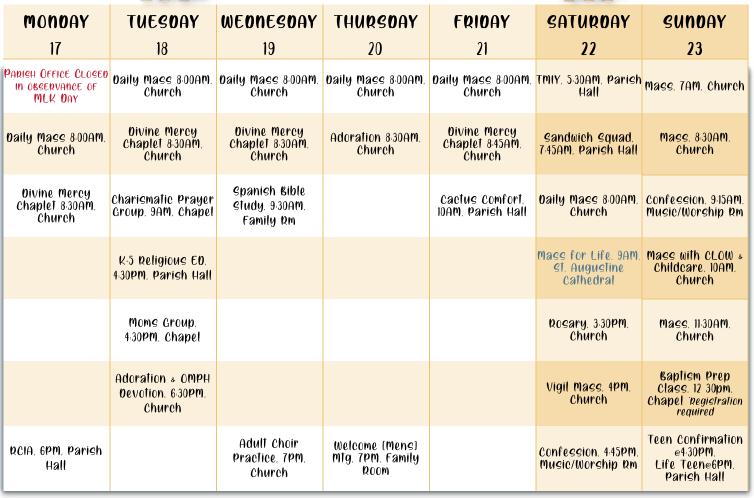
After the Mass for Life join the march on the 48th Anniversary of the Devastating Roe v Wade Decision. This event will occur rain or shine. If possible. carpool and leave one car at cemetery for ride after event. Police escorts and barricaded separate lane provided. Peaceful and Prayer event, bring appropriate signs and banners. All pro-life and pro-families are welcome. Show the Tucson community you support LIFE!!

10am – March for Life begins at the Cathedral to the Holy Hope Cemetery, (4.2 miles) 12 noon - Memorial service for the Unborn





Calendar of Events







from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2207)





Faith Talk for Families

FAMILY VALUES

What's a family value statement? It's a set of guidelines based on your beliefs about how family members should behave. It has little to do with specific instructions (it's not, "The guys need to put the toilet seat down"—that's a family rule). It is more like a company's mission statement. The family value statement applies to everybody—not just the parents, and not just the kids. Take time to put one down on paper.

Questions to talk about at home during meals or at bedtime, or in the car.

- How does your family celebrate God?
- How do you celebrate one another?
- What are your family's values?
- What's an example of living out your family's values?

Teaching Catholic Kids.Com, https://teachingcatholickids.com/faith-talk-for-families-human-life-is-sacred/



The Knights of Columbus Council 13272 wants to thank everyone who participated in the Jim Click Raffle which occurred between May and November. Through your efforts, \$19,410.75 was raised for the Ultrasound Initiative/Pro-Life Activities!! Of this total. a check for \$17.500 was given to the State Representative of the Arizona Knights of Columbus at the Tucson Men's Conference on November 6 toward the purchase of an Ultrasound Machine. The Ultrasound Machine will be placed at the Living Hope facility in Springerville (vicinity of Show Low). The remaining \$1,910.75 will be used for pro-life activities throughout the Fraternal Year.

Unfortunately, no one in the parish won any of the three grand prizes but a record \$1,380,700 was raised for 311 charities.

Again, your Council cannot thank you enough for supporting this raffle and our Ultrasound Initiative/Pro-Life Activities!! May God Bless You and we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and have a safe, healthy, prosperous and Blessed New Year!





WELCOME is back! St. Mark's Women's Welcome Weekend, February 19-20, 2022. Register online at stmarkov.com/welcome-1 or pick up a registration form in the Narthex or Parish Office. Due to covid restrictions there will be no sleepover.

What is Welcome? It's an experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Connect and reconnect with your Catholic sisters and be prepared for the gifts God has in store for you.



Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 <u>sistersagainsttrafficking.org</u>

ODAUSE PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

3 WAYS TO JOIN

9DaysforLife.com



U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Ending Slavery Is Everyone's Work



=Week of Prayer for Christian Unity=

JANUARY 18TH -24TH

This week we pray in unity with other Christians and yearn for a light to lead the way to the Savior who can overcome darkness. The COVID-19 global pandemic, the ensuing economic crisis, and the failure of political, economic and social structures to protect the weakest and most vulnerable, have underlined the global need for a light to shine in the darkness. The star that shone in the east, the Middle East, two thousand years ago still calls us to the manger, to where Christ is born. It draws us to where the Spirit of God is alive and active, to the reality of our baptism, to the transformation of our hearts.

O Lord, you have guided us out of darkness to Jesus. You have illumined the star of hope in our lives. Help us to be united in our commitment to bring about your Reign of love, justice, and peace and so to be the light of hope to all those living in the darkness of despair and disillusionment. Take our hand, Lord, so we can see you in our daily lives. As we follow you, remove our fear and anxiety. Shine your light upon us and set our hearts on fire so that your love surrounds us with warmth. Lift us up to You, You who have emptied Yourself for our sake, so that our lives may glorify You.

The Magi came from the East to pay homage and offer special gifts from their cultures and countries. We pray today for all Christian communities around the world in all of their diversity of worship and tradition: Lord we ask you to preserve these treasures, particularly in areas of the world where the presence and survival of Christians is threatened by violence and oppression.

Forgive our weak efforts and slowness in the pursuit of your will. Give us wise shepherds after your own heart who recognize the sin of division, and who will lead the churches with righteousness and holiness, to unity in you.

We pray for all the refugees and uprooted people in this world: Equip us, Lord, to show hospitality to those driven from their homes, and grant us the spirit of welcome to those looking for a safe haven.

Compassionate God, you gave the blind the insight to recognize you as their Saviour, enabling us to repent. In your mercy, remove the scales from our eyes and lead us to worship you as our God and Redeemer. In the midst of our sorrow and despite the depth of our sins, give us the capacity to love you with all our hearts.

The birth of Jesus was good news for all, gathering people from different nations and religions in the worship of the holy child. We pray for our efforts to seek harmony and dialogue with other religions: Lord, give us humility and patience to walk with others with respect on their journey.

All praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, O God. You have revealed yourself in the epiphany of your Son both to those who have long awaited your coming, and to those who were not expecting you. You know the suffering that surrounds us, the pain caused by our divisions. You see the world struggling and the deteriorating situation in the Middle East today –the place where you chose to be born, which was sanctified by your presence. We ask you to enable our hearts and our minds to know you. As we join the wise men coming from afar, we pray that you open our hearts to your love and to the love of our brothers and sisters around us. Give us the will and the means to work towards the transformation of this world and to offer each other gifts that may nurture our communion. Grant us your endless gifts and blessings. Receive our prayer in the name of your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

4 WAYS TO GIVE



HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- 1. Call 911 to make a police report
- 2. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriffs Office in the specific area of that state.
- 3. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1.800.234.0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520.838.2513

monthly meetings



MEMBER MEETING EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL.



COUNCIL MEETING EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

Eternal Rest

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



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Pope's Prayer Intention =January 2022=



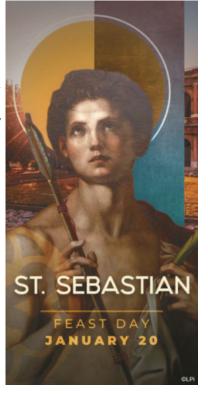
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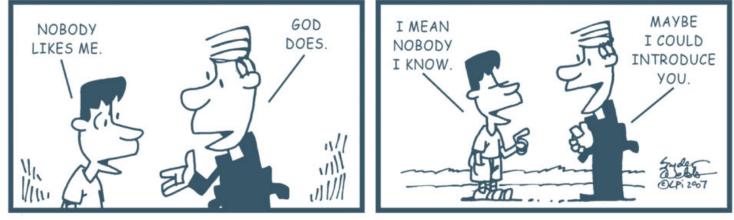
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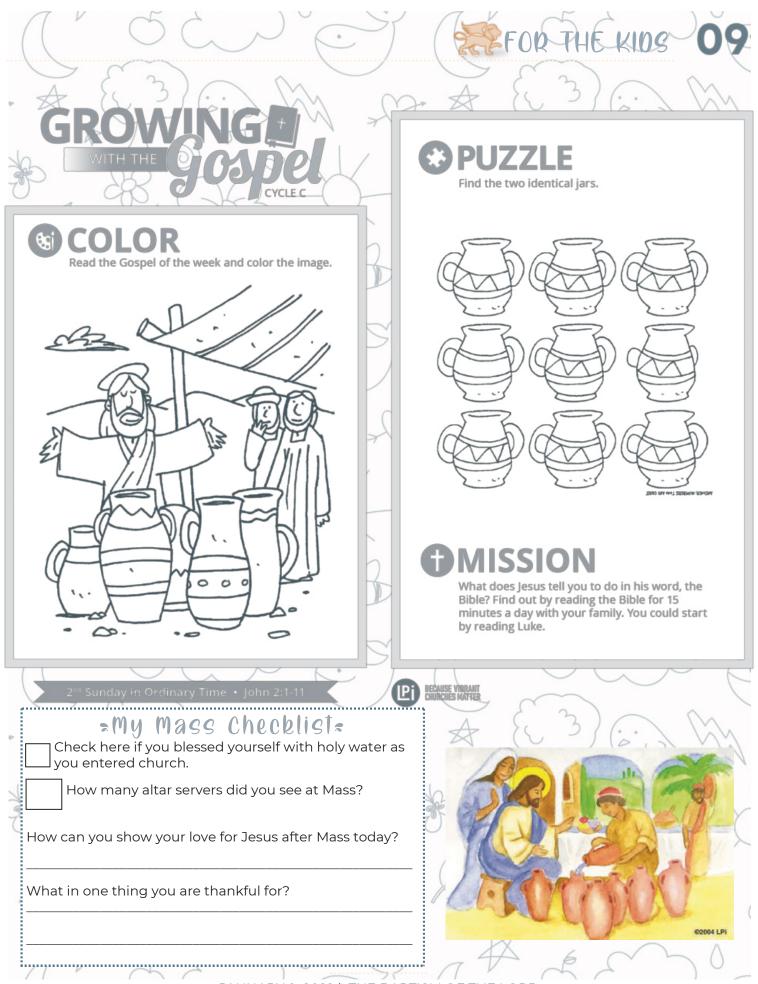
Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. 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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2022 Anniversary Mass Celebration

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger cordially invites you to a special Mass celebrating **Marriage Anniversaries**

for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and will celebrate their

1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary in 2022

on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 2:30 PM

at St. Augustine Cathedral.

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