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Saturday Vigil:

Saturday 4:30PM (English)

Sunday (English):

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM

Domingo (Español): 1:00PM

Weekday Mass: 12:10PM

(Wednesday–Friday)

Sacrament of Confession:

Saturdays at 3:00PM

or by appointment

Baptisms, Marriages, & Quinceaneras:

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Tuesday–Friday: 9:00AM–12:00PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 15

4:30PM Missa Pro Populo

JANUARY 16

8:30AM † Patsy Ebel
(Duane & Michelle Dudics)

10:00AM † Kenny & Alice Frank
(Joseph & Rebecca Frank)

11:30AM † Atoinette Light
(Dea Gratias)

1:00PM † Michael James
(Sandy James)

JANUARY 19

12:10PM † Patsy Ebel
(Joe & Linda Kocks)

JANUARY 20

12:10PM † Irma Noriega
(Patricia Anspah)

JANUARY 21

12:10PM † Adolph Falcon
(Lucille Estrada)

Prayers for the

*Oraciones
por los
enfermos
en nuestra
parroquia*



Sick in Our Parish

Elizabeth Stewart
Maria Cristina Tovar
Zendyn Thompson
Ahdar Caero
Mike, Grace, & Celia
Hazdovac
Mary Long
Joann Currie
Imelda Comon
Daniel Xavier Huidor
Carlos Blanco
Robert Gonzalez
Pauline Vega
Amelia Agnes
Teresa Alatorre
Marcelina Arias
Alicia Capinha
Olin Gilbert

Pete Delao
Ofelia Paraton
Mateo Gonzales
Sgt. Susan Barriento

Prayers for the Deceased

Oraciones por los difuntos

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Rebecca Shon
Gloria Zollar
Concepcion Sanchez
Francisco Sanchez
Mike Solano
Leonor Vega
Geneva Guerra
Angel Campos
Gilberto Garcia
Eric Mijarez
Carmen Cisneros
Linda Barnett

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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're

getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as

we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



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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

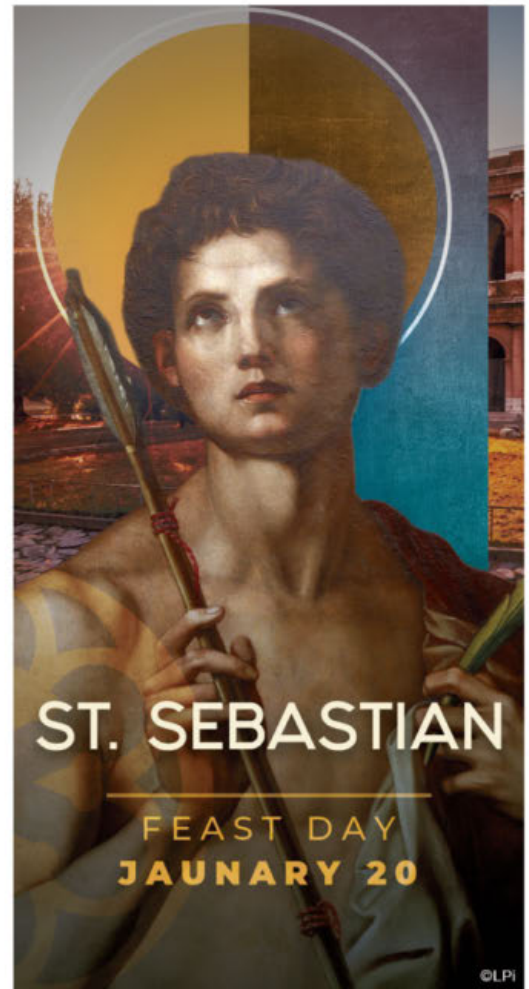
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- 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 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.

**READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!**

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

PRAYER

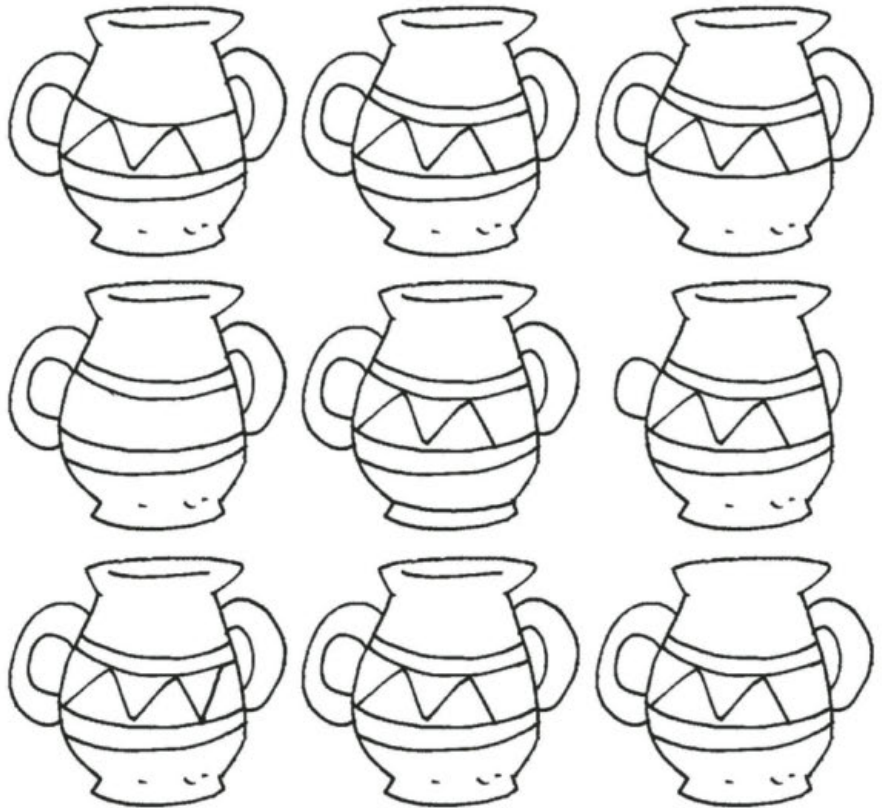
Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

**MISSION
FOR THE WEEK**

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.

KIDS CORNER

Find the two identical jars.



ANSWER: NUMBERS TWO AND EIGHT



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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.

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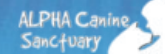
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