

St. Joachim Catholic Church

“THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS”

JANUARY 16, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Noon Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri

RECONCILIATION

30 minutes before weekend Mass,
Anytime by appointment.

NOVENA

Tuesday Noon Our Lady of Perpetual Help

ADORATION

1st Friday of each month, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

PASTOR

Rev. G. Amaldoss Ph.D

GUEST MINISTERS

Father Stephen Leake

Father Deogratias Ekisa

Father John Andrew

BAPTISM

Parents, please call the Church office to begin the process of preparation for baptism.

FUNERALS

When a member of the immediate family returns to the Lord, before contacting the funeral home, please notify the Priest. Our office will contact the Bereavement Ministry to help provide comfort, care, and support to your family.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the Parish Priest at least six months in advance.

OFFICE HOURS

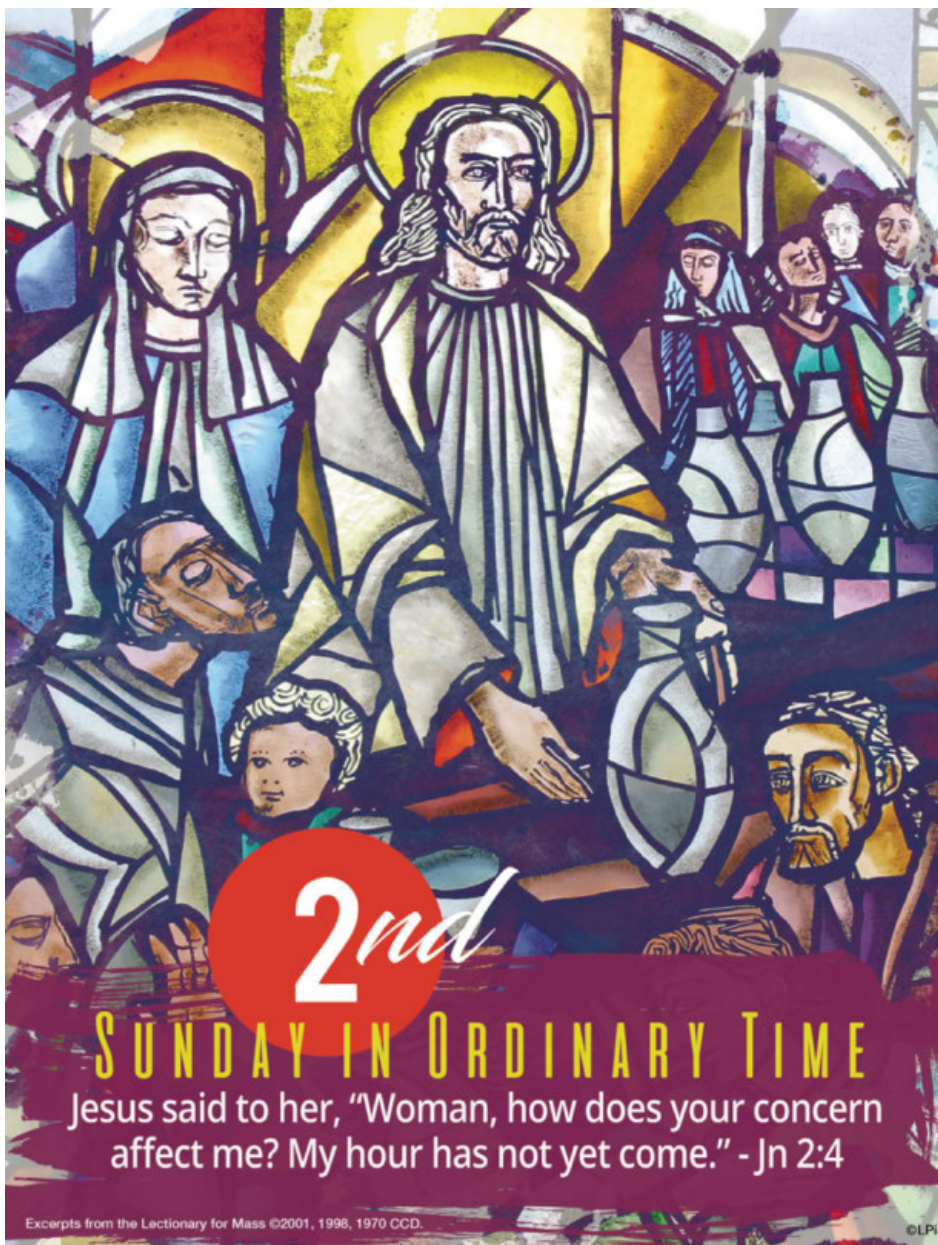
Monday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Welcome Visitors!

WE WELCOME YOU WITH JOY TO THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS AND INVITE YOU TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH BY FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE OFFICE LOBBY.

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MY DEAR PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP AT ST. JOACHIM



When you read this bulletin, I will be visiting my sister Elizabeth in Trichy, South India. Then, I will be blessing two new houses we built for some destitute families. These families are utterly poor and have no means to have a house that can be called home. Then, I will be visiting two pilgrimage centers to pray for myself, all of you, and our world.

The birth of the Messiah is the HOPE all humanity can have on this earth. Without hope, life is very hard to live on this earth. Hope is the lifeline God has given to all of humanity. Hope is the

realization of what God has in store for all of us. When man had nowhere to turn, God has given us His only son to be our Savior to save us. The time of Christmas tide and after strengthens us to live this hope effectively. May we learn to as people of hope believing in our Lord Jesus.

In living hope, I remain,

Father Amal



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

BURNS IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Andrew Daigle & All Deceased Members of the Este Family
January 16 - 22

MASS INTENTIONS

1/15	4:00 pm	Claire Lucido, Claude Lafont, Ambrose & Andriella Foret, Rosalie & Huey Foret, & James Drachenberg
1/16	8:30 am	Louis D'Angelo
1/16	10:30 am	Andrew Daigle
1/17	Noon	All sick members of our parish community
1/18	Noon	Silvia L. Perez, Jose Perez Sr., & Jose Perez Jr.
1/20	Noon	Christy Perez
1/21	Noon	The benefactors and donors of our parish community

While masks are not required, Father Amal strongly recommends wearing a mask while in Church to protect yourself and those around you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Yvonne Abadie, Shane, Steve, & Vergie Allemore, Dianie Ancar, Laurette Barbier, Paulette Boulas, Robert Burns, Liz Ford, Charles Gautreaux, Don Holman, Diane Landry, Sal Lomonaco, Craig McGee & Family, Gerald Planche, Keith Reinholt, Frank Sauvinet, Terry Shaw, Doris Smith, Darrell Sullivan, Maude Temento, Jerry Verrette, Leisa Walker

WORSHIP & REFLECTION

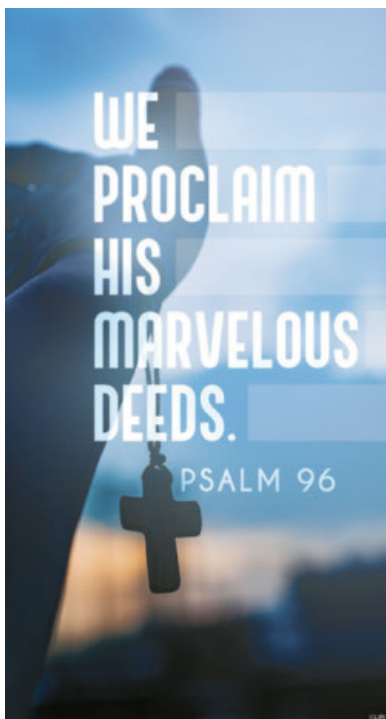
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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source 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. ©LPI



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"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 ©LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY READINGS

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)

CIVIL RIGHTS DAY

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities. St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed

by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.





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STEWARDSHIP

A monetary gift is a service of love, not a contribution. Love should be our motive and a dependence of Divine Providence part of our gift. This dispels arrogance on the part of those who can give or resentment on the part of those who must receive. Both are where they are to glorify God - one by giving, another by receiving. - Mother Teresa



January 9, 2022

1st Collection (including online)	\$ 2,418.00
Church in Latin America (incl. online)	\$ 366.00
Special Projects (renovations)	\$ 60.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections

1/16	Building Fund
1/30	ARCH-NO Catholic Schools
2/6	Contingency Fund

Mass Attendance

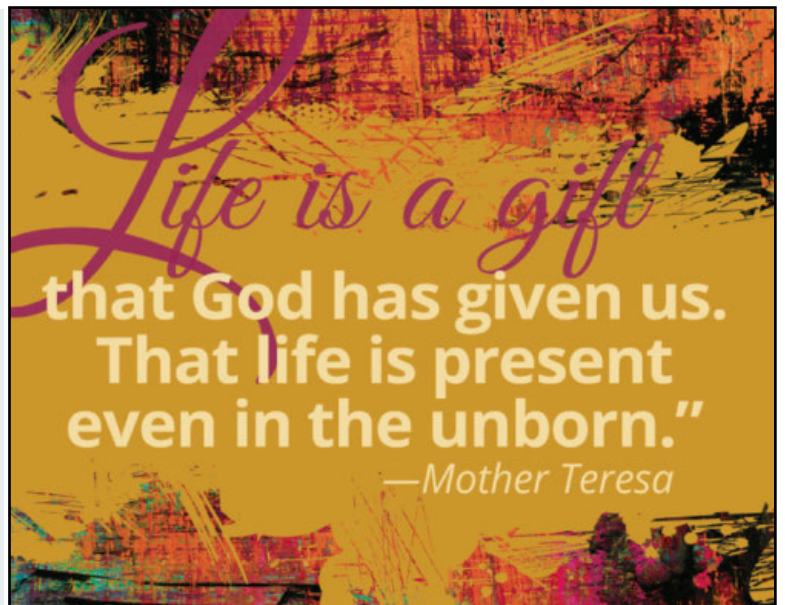
1/8	4:00 pm	47
1/9	8:30 am	58
1/9	10:30 am	30

<p>O'neil & Rita Becnel Love, Your Children & Grandchildren</p>	<p>Andrew Daigle Love You Forever Wife, Children, & Grandchildren</p>		
<p>Carlo Albarado Forever in our Hearts By Wife, Children & Family</p>	<p>Herbert Chaisson & Elsie Chaisson Acosta By Children & Grandchildren</p>		
<p>Henry & Veronica Graf Forever in our Hearts By Maryann, Joe & Elena</p>	<p>Dawn Cookmeyer Boatwright By Family</p>		
<p>Steven Chiasson Forever in our Hearts By Mom, Ronnie & Family</p>	<p>Tommy Ipock Forever in our Hearts Debbie, Raina, Zach & Eve</p>	<p>Philip & Eve Mabile Love you more Debbie</p>	<p>Rosalie & Huey Este, Sr. By Gary, Cathy & Huey Este, Jr.</p>
<p>Ambrose & Andriella Foret By Cathy & Huey Este, Jr.</p>	<p>Mr. & Mrs. William Lazaro, Sr. By William & Wynonia Lazaro</p>	<p>Wendy Ann Kirkland By William & Wynonia Lazaro</p>	<p>Mr. & Mrs. Versie Wallace By William & Wynonia Lazaro</p>
<p>Peter & Rose Mary Vicari & Art Landry, Jr. By Keith, Kathy & Family</p>	<p>Roehl & Vivian Guidroz By Keith, Kathy & Family</p>	<p>Babson "BJ" LeBlanc Forever in our Hearts By Wife, Children & Grandchildren</p>	<p>Robert Allemore, Sr. By Wife Virgie & Children</p>
<p>Josephine B. Parfait Forever in our Hearts By Husband & Children</p>	<p>Victor & Shirley Rome By Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren</p>	<p>Reggie & Russell Moore Forever Young By Mama, Tyra & Aunt Elena</p>	<p>Randy Thibodaux and Michael Mignacca Forever in our Hearts Keith, Meghan, Keith Jr & Tia</p>

GOOD AND FAITHFUL GOD,

you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and solstice. On this day we ask you to remember our dearly departed, especially those above. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are soliciting people to honor their beloved departed by placing their name in this section. These spaces will remind others to pray for your loved ones as we pray for them. Space is available for 1 year and masses will be said in their honor monthly. There is an offering amount of \$100.00 per year.



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