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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday <i>(Spanish)</i>	12:00 pm
First Sunday <i>(Bilingual)</i>	10:00 am
Tues. & Fri.	5:30 pm
Wed. & Thurs.	8:00 am
Saturday (Sunday Vigil)	5:00 pm
Sunday Vigil @ Coalgate	5:00 pm

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C JANUARY 16TH, 2022

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

New Parishioners: Welcome! We are glad to have you. Please register in the vestibule, parish website, or at the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Offered on Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.; Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing: Offered during *Mass for the Sick* on 1st Tuesdays of the month. Call the office/rectory for sick visits.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION

JANUARY 9TH, 2022

	Jan. 9, 2022	Jan. 2, 2022	Total M-T-D
Main	\$4,709	\$3,086	\$7,795
Assistance	\$280	\$950	\$1,230
Bldg/Main	\$380	\$35	\$415
Youth	\$60	\$20	\$80

*N/B Our budgeted operating cost for January 2022 is \$18,000. Your generosity has brought in \$7,795. We'll need an extra \$10,205 to fully fund the parish this month. Thank you to all those giving larger donations. May God reward you tenfold!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 17—Ken Curtis; Jan. 18—Daryls Hutten, Sofia Herandy; Jan. 21—Daisy McLaughlin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kindly let us know when your wedding anniversary falls and we'll celebrate with you and your family.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ada Nell Ward, Alan Holloway, Amy Nohelty, Bette Santine, Bob Armstrong, Candace Sanner, David Griffin, Don Laws, Donna Espinosa, Donnie Sherman, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Tweedel, Frank Gonzales, Gary Jackson, Guy Hudson, Hal Dalton, Herman Seiter, Ian Leybas, Irma Gonzalez, James Gray, Jamie Keef, Jason Wright, Jesse & Johnny Stiles, Jim Kelley, Jim Lauerman, Jonathan Reed, Juanita Zimmer, Kimberly Thomas, Mark Grosfield, Mary Zoller, Mr. Homer Sr., Norma Powers, Paul Mills, Paul Zoller, Ruth Lauerman, Sawyer Davis, Sue McMullin, Sue Tillman, Tad Bowden, Tammy Gardner, Teddy & Janet Bernasky, Tim Mills, Tony Helmert, Zearley Families, Andrew Zdeb, SSG Ben Ales, Edward Zdeb, PVT Erick Palacios, SGT Greg Thompson, AMN James Lisle, PFC John W. Pelzel, PVT J P Dunlay, AMN Michael Kaskie, SGT Pierre Terlaje, SSG Timothy Moore; those who suffer from Coronavirus.

(To add or remove a name on this list, please email stjohnmcalester@yahoo.com or call 918-423-0810).

REFLECTION *Fr. Chukwudi Jo Okonkwo*



I'm open about the fact that I occasionally like to have a glass of red wine after dinner, and a smudge of Bailey's Irish Cream on my coffee. In fact, Santa delivered two giant bottles of Baileys during the Christmas, which should last me a year or so. Having made that disclaimer, I'm going to reflect on the Cana event, where Jesus miraculously changed water into wine. It wasn't a few liters that he produced for the final toast, rather a prodigious amount—150 gallons. That amount could keep St. John's supplied for a few years. And it wasn't cheap wine or grape juice, rather wine of the best quality. It's ironic that while fundamentalists advocate a literal interpretation of the Bible, on this miracle, they choose a mental restriction. **Jesus didn't turn water into grape juice, at least by this account.**

The massive supply of wine in today's miracle makes you wonder why such abundance. Did Jesus not know that the evil one uses alcohol to enslave people so he could spread misery in their lives? However, the first and second readings answer that question by illustrating Israel's espousal in the Wedding Feast of Heaven, and the abundance of spiritual gifts, produced in the people of the new covenant—highlighting the spiritual meaning of the miracle. After Pentecost, observers of the miracle accused the apostles who had emerged from hiding, saying: "They have been drinking too much wine" (Acts 2:13). Peter countered that "these men are not drunk since it is only the third hour of the day" (Acts 2:15). He spoke about the spirit that the Lord promised through the prophets that he would pour out on His people, which would be like new wine. **The relationship between the Cana event and the Pentecost have been noted and studied: (1) The mother of Jesus was a central figure in both events, (2) Each arose out of a needy situation, and (3) The gifts were abundant, and meant for others.**

The miracle at Cana is a Gospel passage many would-be couples choose for their wedding. Many crucial points can be drawn from the miracle. The hosts of the event, the bride and groom, sent out invitations to many, including Jesus, His apostles, and His mother. It does matter who we invite to our homes, our lives, or families, and our society. **Because we often face inevitable embarrassing situations where our insufficiencies and limitations reveal themselves, we need people around us who can fill up those needs that we cannot fulfil for ourselves all the time.** We cannot give ourselves love, life, happiness. Married people have needs they cannot fulfil for themselves. Hence, it won't hurt to invite God, the author of all good things into our lives and our homes.

More than a decade ago, Dr. Frank Luntz, a secular Jewish statistician, wrote a book titled, "What Americans Really Want...Really," comparing and contrasting quality of life among people who practice their faith and those who don't or don't have any. After an extensive research, results reveal that, **"in general, people who have God in their lives are happier, healthier and more contented compared to nonbelievers and nonpractitioners. They are more likely to be happily married and more likely to spend time with their children. They are more likely to do volunteer work and less likely to engage in anti-social activities. They are better adjusted and closer to family and friends."** Dr. Luntz concludes: "Every type of positive pathology that we believe is good for the human condition has a direct correlation with sincere religious activities."

We can deduce from the miracle at Cana that we need, not only God in our family but also members of the courts of heaven. **Those who say Jesus is enough for them are partially right; but they also need Peter to open the gate, Elizabeth, Anna, Joseph, and especially Mary for the times when Jesus may need to be persuaded to act, as He was at the wedding in Cana.** We need the Church too as a community of saints, where we share life and love, with Jesus as Founder, Head and Animator. And as a promise, God's wine will be abundant.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sunday, Jan. 16, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am † Boody Sears // Guy & Marlene Hudson
- Monday, Jan. 17, Weekday; Saint Anthony, *Abbot*
Private Mass
- Tuesday, Jan. 18, Weekday
5:30 pm † Jim & Evelyn Leinhard // Paul & Mary Zoller
- Wednesday, Jan. 19, Weekday
8:00 am † Dame Barbara Shea, DGHS
- Thursday, Jan. 20, Weekday; Saint Fabian, *Pope, Martyr*; Saint Sebastian, *Martyr*
8:00 am † Sir Benigno A. Rodriguez KC HS
- Friday, Jan. 21, Weekday; Saint Agnes, *Virgin, Martyr*
5:30 pm † Jodi Grosfield // Guy & Marlene Hudson
- Saturday, Jan. 22, Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm † Billy Wright // KC Tulsa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SAT. JANUARY 22, 2022 5 PM MASS

Lector: Linda Faber, Steve White; EMHC (Body) — Tom Steidley

Servers: TBA Music: TBA

Ushers: Volunteers

SUN. JANUARY 23, 2022 10 AM MASS

Lector: Walter & Reta Descher; EMHC (Body) — John Gleese

Servers: TBA Music: TBA

Ushers: Volunteers

NOTICES:

ORDINARY TIME SEASON

The Feast of the Lord's Baptism concludes the Christmas season. On Monday last week, we began the first cycle of the Ordinary Time season that will stretch till Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The change to green liturgical vestments signals the fruitfulness of our baptism and the good works that accompany it.

LAUNCH OF FORMED.ORG FOR OUR PARISH AND COALGATE

As we enter the year 2022, the parish brings you a tool to help you grow in your faith and become true disciples of Jesus. We will be launching "Formed.org"— an online platform that delivers Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more. All you need is an online device and you can sign in and receive thousands of content. The Diocesan Rural Outreach program helped pay for this program. We'll be sharing it with our sister church in Coalgate. The launch date will be January 29/30.

Fr. Jo plans to take a week off to visit family in California. Hence, Wednesday Faith Enrichment will not hold this week.

FAITH AND WORKS ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Faith and Works annual appeal for 2022 is on. You have multiple opportunities and ways in which you can make a donation: through the envelopes you received from the diocese, by one time or monthly credit card giving, by donating stocks or bonds. Remember, your donation to the diocesan campaign benefits your parish, too. We receive a portion for our programs.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Join us for Mass and Eucharistic adoration at 5:30 p.m. Respond to the love of Christ by spending an hour every week in His Living Presence.



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ST. JUDE'S CENTER

The requested items for the St. Jude's Helping Center this week are pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, and other breakfast items. The center is accepting winter items such as coats, blankets, socks, and gloves. You may drop them off at the center or bring them to Church. Also contact Amelia London at 918-424-8833 to volunteer.

Meet and greet your fellow parishioners during coffee and donuts in the parish hall after 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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Thursday Bible Study is on hold until further notice.



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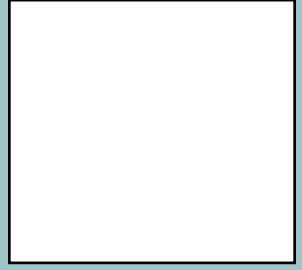
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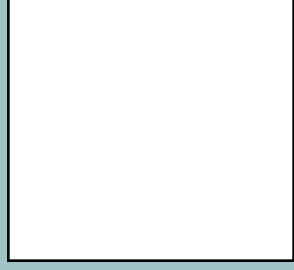


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