

January 16, 2022



# Church of the Nativity

at St. Leo's • St. Joseph's • St. Patrick's • Immaculate Conception

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Please call the Parish Office at the Church you attend for the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage and also for Hospital visits.

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St. Leo's: Saturdays at 4 p.m.  
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## Schedule of Masses

### Saturday Masses:

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's, Tully

### Sunday Masses:

8 a.m. St. Leo's, Tully  
9 a.m. St. Joseph's, LaFayette  
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Pompey  
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's, Otisco

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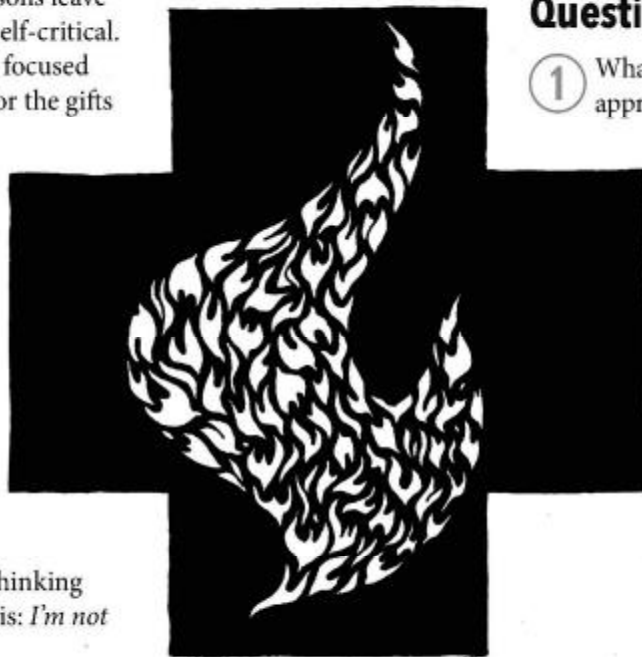
## Different, Not Better or Worse

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 62:1-5 - Jerusalem the Lord's bride
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Different gifts
- ▶ John 2:1-11 - The wedding at Cana

Paul's lesson to the Corinthians that different people have different gifts to share with the world is precisely the kind of lesson we try to teach young children. We might respond to the bragging of a five-year-old with a comment such as "You're right. You can ride a two-wheel bike already, but Connor can't. Connor likes to draw more than he likes to play outside. Did you know he knows how to write the whole alphabet already? You're still learning that, just like he's still learning to ride a bike." If we can teach our children to make observations—not judgments—about themselves and others, they will learn Paul's point. Certain gifts, skills, talents, and abilities are not *better* than others, they are *different* from others.

Adults need to be reminded of this lesson too. How often do we compare our gifts with those of others? Sometimes these comparisons make us feel that we are somehow better. Other times our comparisons leave us feeling harshly self-critical. What if we instead focused on being grateful for the gifts we have been given and look for ways to use them in God's service? Then maybe we could let go of our envy of others and be happy for them and the world that they have such gifts to offer. Our thinking might change to this: *I'm not*



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"You have kept the good wine until now."

**Sheepish Question:**  
To whom or what do I need to give my best at this moment in time?

*very good with groups of young children. Volunteering to help at first-grade field trips is exhausting for me. Thank God Mrs. Harris is better with six-year-olds than I am. Maybe I should concentrate on working with adults, because that's what I'm better at. She's better with kids; I'm better with adults. They are different spiritual gifts, not better or worse than each other.*

### Questions of the Week

- 1 What gifts do you see in others that you appreciate because they are not your gifts, but they are needed in the world?
- 2 How do you use the gifts has God given you in service to others?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, January 15th—Weekday**

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Bob Shepardson

### **Sunday, January 16th—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Mark Lane

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Joanne Skeval/Noreen & John Visone

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Fr. Ed Reimer/Parish Council; Rev. Paul Carey/Jack & Jane Smyth

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Donna Incaudo/Clark & Incaudo families

### **Monday, January 17th—Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Zachary Swan/his family

### **Tuesday, January 18th—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

### **Wednesday, January 19th—Weekday**

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

### **Thursday, January 20th—St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

### **Friday, January 21st—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

NO MASS

### **Saturday, January 22nd—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Joanne Skeval/Jeanette Shepardson

### **Sunday, January 23rd—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Ann Lane/Peg and Bernie King

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Joanne Skeval/Noreen & John Visone

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Cecil Osborne/Maryanne Osborne; Father Paul Carey/Ann Derr;

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Beverly & George Kulick / Marvin Family (Rescheduled)

### **A Note regarding email solicitations:**

There have been reports from parishioners across our diocese who have received emails and texts from individuals claiming to be their pastor. Usually the content of the message will include some form of request for money that is outside of the normal channels of giving, for example electronic gift cards for amazon or iTunes. These messages usually include some sense of urgency and may span over several emails, beginning with an inquiry like "Hi are you available? I have a quick request." Some of these fraudulent attempts have gone so far as to create email accounts which look very much like an official address. Please be aware that neither our parish nor father will ever reach out to you directly via email text or social media for direct solicitation of gift cards, wire transfers or other electronic monetary transactions. If you suspect you may have received a fraudulent request, or would like to confirm the genuineness of a message, please contact our parish office. To report a fraudulent request please forward the message to: [stop-fraud@syrdio.org](mailto:stop-fraud@syrdio.org)

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### **At Immaculate Conception:**

**Come spend an hour with our Lord. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament** on Thursday January 20. at 7 pm. In Immaculate Conception, Pompey. Any questions call Bob Gallerani 609-915-2890

If you would like your year end contribution statement, please email Ann at [icpompey@yahoo.com](mailto:icpompey@yahoo.com)

### **At St. Joseph's:**

Thank you from LaFayette Outreach for your generous donations for our Christmas gift card and Advent food program

### **At St. Leo's:**

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**A very big thank you** to Ann Marie Gordona and the Gordona family for baking all the delicious Christmas Cookies to benefit the High School Youth Trip to Notre Dame. Thank you to the many who have supported this cause and contributed donations! We are most grateful!

## **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.

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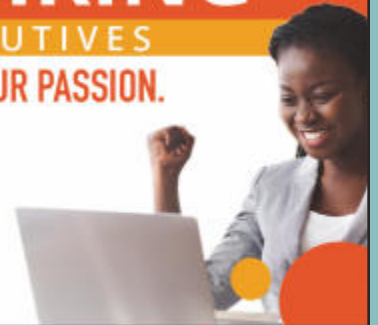
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