

SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Traveling with Daisy Lou to the Hospital: On New Year's Day, I needed to visit the "new" Henry Ford Warren Hospital (formerly the old Ascension

Macomb) to anoint and pray the Church's final prayers for Charlotte Power, who was critically ill. Charlotte is the mother of Kathy Kalich, Mary Power, Sue Mackowski, Bev Schiller, and Chris Toporek. The Lord called Charlotte to the eternal kingdom on January 11, and her funeral was celebrated this past Thursday. May she rest forever in God's gentle and loving hands!

After our 10 AM Mass on New Year's Day, I helped Father Bob close up the church and then I gathered everything I needed for our family's New Year's Day Mass and gathering. Our New Year's Day celebration is as big as Christmas in our family. We come together for Mass and another great meal, always featuring Chop Suey, to cap off a week of family Christmas celebrations. I really should write about this in a future TALLer Tales, but our New Year's Day gatherings have been happening longer than I've been alive! And, since World War II, the main dish of the day has always been Chop Suey. It's amazing how this tradition has endured, continuing to bring immediate and extended family together. I can't imagine celebrating New Year's Day any other way!

I was scheduled to celebrate Mass for our family at 3:00 PM for the Holy Day. I figured I could manage to swing by the hospital, anoint Charlotte, then continue to pick up my mom in Shelby Township before heading to Allenton. Easy peasy ... or so I thought. And since I was traveling with my mom, Daisy Lou was the vehicle of choice!

When I reached the hospital, I was surprised by how packed the ER parking lot was. After circling a few times, I decided to park in an adjoining lot that was "somewhat" marked "Associate Parking." The sign was faded, the gate was open, and honestly, I assumed it might no longer be associate-only parking. I wasn't going to be there long anyway, so I pulled in. Out of courtesy, I parked way in the back so as not to bother anyone. Daisy Lou typically takes up two spots lengthwise, but occasionally, I use four spots just to give myself room. This time, I parked along the edge of the

lot, trying to be as unobtrusive as a van her size allows.

Once inside the ER, I learned that the trauma area was chaotic, and I'd have to wait. After finding the Power daughters, I sat and prayed with them for a while. Eventually, I returned to the security desk to see if I was cleared to enter. The officers informed me that the charge nurse wanted me to keep waiting. Patiently watching the ER's organized chaos that day, I stood at the security desk for about 45 minutes. Then, over the security radios, I heard an announcement that made me chuckle. "Does anyone know ANYTHING about THAT Sprinter van parked in the lot? It's taking up FIVE parking spaces!"

Without missing a beat, I spoke up. "That's mine!"

The security officer behind the desk immediately radioed back, "That's the priest. He won't be here long. He's just waiting to get back into the ER." I couldn't help but hope that Daisy Lou's notoriety might speed things up and get me back to see Charlotte sooner. It didn't help right away, but eventually, I was allowed in to say all my prayers.

When all was done, I returned to the parking lot, curious to see how many spaces I had actually taken up. Were they exaggerating? I counted carefully ... it was only 3.5 spots, not five! Take that, security team. They're lucky I didn't arrive in a semi, or the story would've been titled, "The Priest and the Parking Lot Takeover."

Somehow, I think Daisy Lou might still be a source of conversation at that hospital. Next time, I'll aim for just three spaces ... but that's as low as I'll go!

Reconstruction Update #2: By the time you read this, I will be at home starting the recovery process from my foot reconstruction surgery. As I stated at Masses last weekend and as I wrote in my bulletin article last week, I will be "physically absent" for a few weeks; but be guaranteed I'll be making some "virtual appearances" from time to time.

Most of this week, I've been practicing how to get around with my new iWalk device. It will take some getting used to, but it's going to work. It hasn't failed me yet, and I've tried walking around the house a bit. It does take some work and thought power to make it happen. Besides practicing how to walk with the iWalk, I've been prepping my house with all the stuff I need to get around for the next 10 weeks.



From knee scooters (I have two), to crutches, to grab bars, to walkers, to raised toiled seats, to a bedside table, to an extra laptop, to foam wedges, to ice packs, I think I have it almost ready. I've been worried about getting up from my recliner, but Mary Pat gave me an awesome idea this morning to have someone build a small platform for the chair to sit on! That was easy. I've also watched a bunch of videos on walking with the iWalk and learning how to be non-weight bearing for 10 weeks. I still have the shower transfer to figure out because of how small my bathroom is, but I'm up for the challenge.

I have a few days to finish my prep work and then I'll be well on my way to recovery. Thanks for all the prayers and best wishes. I'm sure I'll have PLENTY to write about from this experience!

A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life: On Wednesday, Catholics in the United States are asked to observe the day as a day of prayer and penance for life. While the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at federal and state levels, continuing efforts are needed to protect children and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. It's mindboggling to think of how many abortions are done each day in our country!

We must continue to pray for a greater respect for human life in all stages, not just during the March for Life but throughout the year. Visit uscbb.org/prolife for a wide range of pro-life resources.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 19, 2025



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



Mass

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

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Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to die to save us? Why would God himself have to take on nasty human flesh, then suffer the horrific death of crucifixion to get us to heaven? Why couldn't he just wave a magic wand and make everything right? He *is* God, after all. It's a great question – one worth pondering at length. I continue to spend much time considering this question.

Church Fathers, and many subsequent theologians, have commented extensively on the need for the Son of God to assume a human body. Their thoughts run wide and deep – far more thoroughly than my limited mind is capable of grasping to any appreciable degree. But one aspect of the explanations that these gifted and wise Church men and women have offered for the necessity of Christ's incarnation captures me: Jesus came to be one of us because ***we needed him*** – not because he was feeling innovative one day and decided that incarnation was worth a shot. He came because he saw us floundering at life and came out of love for us to save us.

We needed Jesus to come as a human, not only to sacrifice himself for our sins, but to demonstrate for us what it means to be human. He literally had to show us how to live because, prior to his coming, no one, from the time of Adam and Eve, had "lived right." We were permanently broken once Adam and Eve had turned their backs on God. We had fallen from grace. And, without grace, we are without hope.

So, two things were going on after the Fall of our original parents: first, we were stuck with a sinful nature that we could not adequately repair, because of our very fallenness. (We were in a "Catch

22": we couldn't fix ourselves because we had forfeited what we needed to possess in order to be fixed: communion with God.) Secondly, we didn't even know how to be humans *with each other* anymore. We had rejected true love in exchange for self-love. We had thrown charity to the back of the bus and put egoism in the driver's seat of our lives.

Many think that the attraction to sin that we exhibit as humans is not that big of a deal. We look at ourselves, and many folks we know, and conclude that we are overall good people. We even hold up some folks who model great humility and sacrifice, and ask how God could ever reject them, if they came to him asking for heaven. "Good grief, how could God ever reject *them*?! They're so darn **nice!**" Or what about little kids? All those little crumb-crunchers who are toddling along or rolling around on the floor laughing? Does God really have to come and die on a cross for *them*?

Well, think about that for a moment. What is one of the first words that little ones seem to master quite effectively once they start talking? How about, "NO!" And that 'no' usually comes at a time when a *good* thing is being asked of them, but which doesn't fit well with what *they* want to do at the moment. Furthermore, concerning those genuinely wonderful, kind, patient, selfless people that we know, (I hate to be the one to break this to you) they sin, too. Sincerely good people have moments of weakness when they give into their worldly desires and think or do things that they should not. This is not good. And it is not something we can morally write off. When we sin, as rare as it hopefully is, we demonstrate that we cannot do this whole 'life thing'

on our own. Being nice is not what gets us to heaven. Divine life requires divine intervention.

Which brings us back to where we started: Jesus' coming to save us. Even though Jesus is fully divine – the Son of God – he is also fully human. He knows precisely what we go through as humans. He knows what it means to hurt; to mourn; to be exhausted; to be hungry, angry, stressed; and to be *tempted*. In fact, given his level of understanding, his temptations were probably far beyond anything we could fathom. But Jesus did not cave. He never fell and sinned. He lived 'right' – *as a human!*

We need Jesus. We needed him to pay the price we could not pay, by giving his life in sacrifice for us. He restored us to grace with his sacrifice. With grace restored, we are once again enabled to live in the way Jesus showed us how to live, with his own life as an example. He came **for us** – out of love **for us**.

This cannot be overemphasized. Waving a magic wand would not have accomplished what Jesus did. Jesus Christ restored our communion with God without making us into "a different animal." Jesus fixed what couldn't be fixed *by us*. In Christ, we have been given back our freedom to choose God as Father. We have been given the ability to love again. To love in a way that only is possible with God's grace.

Thank you, Father, for sending your Son, together with the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Bob



January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today's Gospel? If you're unsure, you're not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today's first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. "As a young man marries a virgin," the prophet Isaiah writes, "your Builder shall marry you." Jesus is the "Builder" of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls "Woman," stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will "wed" himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is clear that Scriptures give us many "stories behind the stories" – a sort of "visible invisible" as we see with today's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, self-sacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God's immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.

JOURNAL

Although God's love for *us* never diminishes, we sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual "photo album" you can use to remind yourself of God's blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 26 C

Reading One – Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Responsorial Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all

apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Alleluia - Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

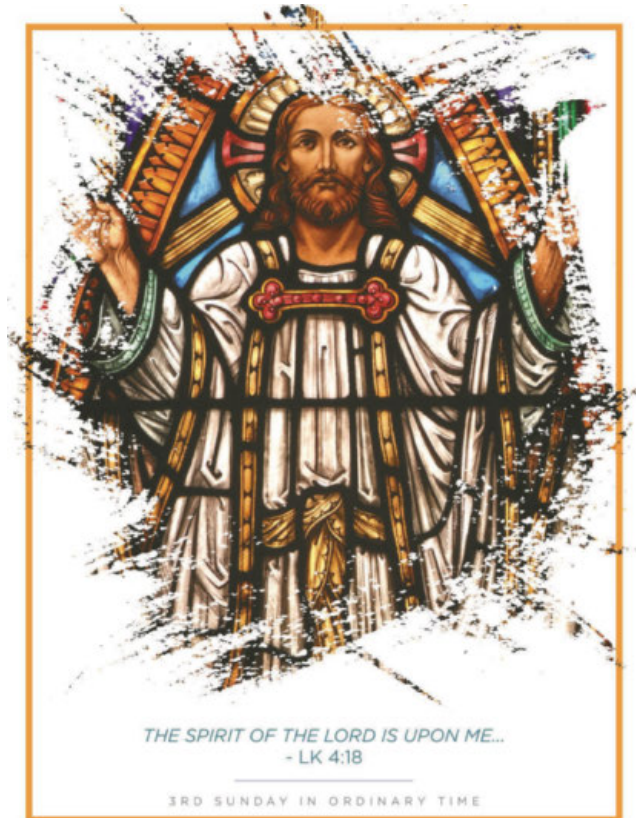
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."





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Thursday, January 30

OPEN HOUSE



5:30-6:30 PM - NEW VISITOR TOURS

6:30-8 PM - ALL FAMILIES

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid's birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn't a big deal but come on. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang "Happy Birthday" and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I'll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it's such a silly little miracle. I don't mean to be disrespectful — of course it's an incredibly important moment in Christ's public life. But it's not healing a leper. It's not raising the dead. It's not even walking on water. It's saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It's so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus' attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn't answer him, because, between you and me, I don't think he's asking her. I think he's asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: "Do whatever he tells you."

I'm so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

Answer:

The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the Church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the Church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the Church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, January 20th

School & Parish Center Closed
7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, January 21st

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation
6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, January 23rd

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, January 24th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, January 25th

11:00 AM: Reconciliation

12:30 PM: Baptism of Lorelai Lee Heinmann
1:30 PM: Baptism of Godfrey B. McLaughlin

4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, January 26th

8:00 AM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
8:00 AM: American Red Cross Blood Drive

10:00 AM: Family Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

January 19, 2025 – Baby Steps

“My baby is about to be born!”

There are probably few things in this world more exciting than that moment. But add a few more words of context, and the feeling might change a little bit: “My baby is about to be born; my wife’s contractions are about a minute apart; we’re nowhere near a hospital!”

That was the situation for a Clinton Township couple a few weeks ago, according to a story in *The Detroit News*.

Frantic, the husband called 911. The dispatcher notified emergency officials and proceeded to talk the father-to-be through the entire birth procedure. Firefighters arrived on the scene shortly afterward and continued care.

“We are incredibly proud of the composed and professional manner in which (the dispatcher) handled this call,” the Macomb County sheriff said in a statement. “Dispatchers like (her) prepare diligently for instances like this.”

Thank goodness that’s the case because, it’s probably safe to say, most people in that situation likely would be frozen with uncertainty and begin to panic.

Training is a wonderful thing. But it also takes a certain disposition and personality type to take the training in the first place; not just anyone could remain that cool under pressure, training or not. We’re reminded of how each of us has different talents and abilities in today’s second reading from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit,” he writes. “There are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

Wisdom, faith, healing – St. Paul spoke of these gifts. Everyone is blessed differently. It takes a village.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	January 20, 2025 Weekday; Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr (Green/Red/Red)
7:00 am	Geraldine Rogier
Tuesday	January 21, 2025 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Red)
7:00 am	Special Intention for Monsignor Mike
Wednesday	January 22, 2025 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (White/Purple)
7:00 am	Pedro Silva
6:00 pm	George J. Bugarin
Thursday	January 23, 2025 Weekday; Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr (Green/White/Red)
7:00 am	Lee Dunn
Friday	January 24, 2025 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 am	Catherine Braga
Saturday	January 25, 2025 Vigil for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (White)
4:00 pm	Zenaida DeLeon, Bonnie Batche, George J. Bugarin, Elizabeth Dresden, a Special Intention for the living and deceased members of the J. Champagne Family, for the Thomas Family and for the Bommarito Family and Staff
6:00 pm	Joseph Calus
Sunday	January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Jeanne Feskorn
12:00 pm	Frances Cipriano, Ron Lagodna, a Special Intention for Christine Bugarin and Sr. Marie Delisi

Daily Readings

Monday, January 20

Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 2:18-22

Friday, January 24

Hebrews 8:6-13
Mark 3:13-19

Tuesday, January 21

Hebrews 6:10-20
Mark 2:23-28

Saturday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18

Wednesday, January 22

Hebrews 7:1-3; 15-17
Mark 3:1-6

Sunday, January 26

Nehemiah 8:2-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Thursday, January 23

Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Mark 3:7-12



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Minnie Louise Haskins



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James Belloli	Linda Frank	Mila Lictawa	Paulette Russia	James Thompson
Kristen Benedict	Larry Gehrke	David Lott	Jenna Rose	Jeff Trudell
Edna Burton	Larry Graham	Dominik Mackowski	Marilyn Rose	Linda Vitale
Maryann Carlin	Peter Grantz	Sam Manalo	Victoria Rydholm	Eileen Wallace
Ed Cole	Chris Gretchen	Ilene Manning	Lily Saith	Elaine Walters
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Pam Haisenleder	Joan Mannino	Barbara R. Scharneck	Tom Ward
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George Dickerson	Delaney Kraemer	Frank Poeschel	Palma Strussione	Joan Wright
Ray Dinser	Shirley Kraemer	Vicky Pranger	Cathy Sullens	
Jean Edwards	Laurie Krim	Carol S. Provencal	Mary Surmont	
Frank Faiss	Carolyn Kunz	Tracy Rauch	Terri Szolach	

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Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
January 19, 2025

What's New?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and God's people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer forsaken or desolate, but now

a delight and espoused (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating. †



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A Word from Pope Francis

Today, let us try to rummage through our memories, looking for *signs* that the Lord accomplished in my life.... When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion? ... May she, the Mother who is always attentive as at Cana, help us treasure the signs of God's presence in our lives.

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Sunday Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride / so shall your God rejoice in you.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit....

John 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How has God blessed me throughout my life?
- How is God blessing me today?

Using Our Gifts for God's Work

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Paul is appealing to the hearts of the people to live in harmony with one another and to work together for the common good. Paul reminds the church at Corinth that they are no longer members of the material world, but members of the spiritual community of God. Paul's challenge was getting the Christian community to think and act in light of their spiritual reality.

Conflict and division are present in the Church today. Many in the Church find it difficult to remain focused on the works of God in the midst of an increasingly secularized world. We need to remember that we are members of the spiritual community of God. In this community we find equality, unity, mutual love, and peace. Our life with God must



be reflected in the way we think and act in the world for the common good of all people. The work of God must be the work of Christians scattered throughout the world. No human gift is less than or greater than another. The Spirit works in

and through every gift to bring about love and unity in the world. All the works of the Church must reflect the compassion of Jesus, the humble servant of God. Every activity carried out by the people of God is activated by the Spirit to accomplish the will of God on Earth. All the gifts, services, and activities of the people of God must be used to build a civilization of love, peace, and compassion.

Ponder: What world am I living in at the moment?

Prayer: Lord, send your Spirit and empower me to use my gifts and talents for the common good of all people.

Practice: Today I will be an instrument of peace and reconciliation. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "An Examen for Married Couples" by Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC

What is an examen? An examen is the practice of prayerfully evaluating one's thoughts, words, and actions in the light of faith, giving thanks when the day goes well and asking for forgiveness and grace when we need to do better. About this valuable practice, Pope Francis says, "Before ending the day, stop a moment. What happened? Not in the newspapers, not in life: what happened in my heart? Was my heart attentive? Did it grow? Did it go through everything unaware? What happened in my heart?... There is the Holy Spirit. Learning to read what happened during the day in the book of our heart. Do it: it will take just two minutes, but it will do you good, I assure you."

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God of abundance, inspire those with more to share with those who have less and do so with a grateful, joyful heart. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 20–25

Monday, Weekday:

Heb 5:1–10 / Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday, St. Agnes:

Heb 6:10–20 / Mk 2:23–28

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Protection of Unborn Children:

Heb 7:1–3, 15–17 / Mk 3:1–6

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Heb 7:25—8:6 / Mk 3:7–12

Friday, St. Francis de Sales:

Heb 8:6–13 / Mk 3:13–19

Saturday, Conversion of St. Paul:

Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 /

Mk 16:15–18

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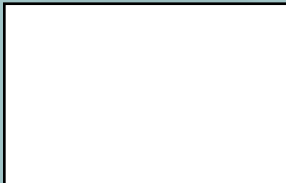
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