



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently closed for repairs.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will  
take place every day from 9am till 9pm in  
the St. Dominic Savio Center, except during  
weekend Mass times.

## OUR CLERGY

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### 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! ©LPi

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, January 17 • St. Anthony

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention

#### Tuesday, January 18 • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

8:30 am Living & deceased members of the P.J. & Joyce  
Breaud Family

#### Wednesday, January 19

8:30 am Living & deceased Chapel Adorers

#### Thursday, January 20 • St. Fabian • St. Sebastian

8:30 am Priscilla Hoffman

#### Friday, January 21 • St. Agnes

8:30 am Special Intention

#### Saturday, January 22 • Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, All Souls, All Souls of Babies,  
Steven W. Bowers, Living & deceased members of the  
Carmen & Ronald Perilloux Family, Lester J. Millet, Jr., Dan  
Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty  
Hymel

#### Sunday, January 23 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Special Intention, Nguyen Family, All Souls, John Snyder, Sr.  
10:30 am Marilyn Torres  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Maria Teresa Sosa  
7:00 pm Our Parishioners



#### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In Memory of Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel,  
E.J. & Edna Guidry, and Conrad & Betty Hymel

#### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

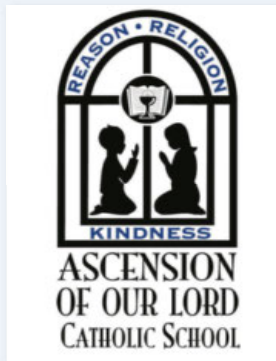
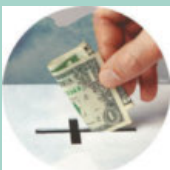
Birthday Blessings for Linda Feucht  
In Memory of Bridgette Oubre  
Prayer Intentions of Diana & Larry Larousse

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## OPEN HOUSE

Grades PreK - 1st

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

**By Appointment Only**

Call the school office at  
985-652-4532 to schedule an  
Open House appointment.



Grades 2-7 may call the  
school office to schedule  
a tour at an alternate time.

## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award program offers all Louisiana high school seniors who are practicing Catholics the opportunity to apply for this award. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application at the Parish Office or print one at the link below. **Deadline to submit your application is January 21st.** For more info, visit [www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla](http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla).

### Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

will take place on

**Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00pm**

at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.

*This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.*

*The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997.*

To register, please call the Parish Office before January 24th.

Please note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass, and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

On this day of solemn prayer for legal protection of the unborn, let us pray for an end to abortion in our world.

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR **Retreat**



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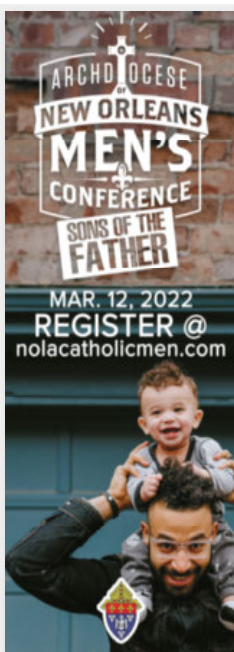
This three-day virtual retreat will help you cultivate a lifelong relationship with the Word of God by learning directly from the hosts of *The Bible in a Year Podcast*: Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. For information and to purchase a retreat ticket, visit [ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-in-a-year-retreat](http://ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-in-a-year-retreat).

### Louisiana Life March Baton Rouge

January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10 am - 12 noon



[www.lalifemarch.com](http://www.lalifemarch.com)



The 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2022** at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. All men of our parish are invited to attend! The day will include empowering speakers, prayer, Mass, and reconciliation to help men reflect on what it means to be "Sons of the Father." We hope this day fires up the men of our parish to grow in their love for Christ, their families, one another, and to take their place in the life of the Church! To register and learn more about the 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, visit [nolacatholicmen.com](http://nolacatholicmen.com).

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Monday, January 17 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Parish Office Closed; No school; No PSR

**Tuesday, January 18**

12:00 pm Early School Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, January 19**

6:00 pm KC General Meeting - KC Home

**Thursday, January 20**

**Friday, January 21**

**Saturday, January 22 • Team 4**

**Sunday, January 23 • Team 4**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

## Kids Corner

### 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.

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## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



### Come Let Us Adore!

Adoration is being held in the St. Dominic Savio Center (the temporary Church) every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm, except when Mass is being celebrated on weekends. All Committed Adorers are asked to continue Adoration even if your scheduled hour is not between 9am and 9pm. Choose an hour and continue your commitment, please!



## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

## Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



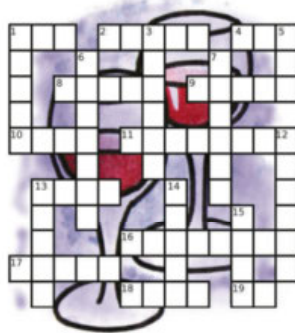
In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!

Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)



#### ACROSS:

1. How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana?
2. "\_\_\_\_\_, what has this to do with us?" (Jesus' words)
4. What had been water was \_\_\_\_\_ wine.
8. Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding \_\_\_\_\_.
9. "Do whatever He \_\_\_\_\_ you." (Mary's words)
10. Jesus "Fill the jars with water."

11. Who filled the jars with water?
13. They had run out of \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding.
16. "\_\_\_\_\_ else serves the good wine first, but you have saved it till now."
17. \_\_\_\_\_ and His disciples were also at the wedding.
18. Mary turned to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ she saw there was no more wine.
19. "\_\_\_\_\_ whatever He tells you."

#### DOWN:

1. Jesus did this first of His \_\_\_\_\_ in Cana in Galilee.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.
5. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ also there.
6. They were guests at the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The water \_\_\_\_\_ wine.
12. "Everyone else \_\_\_\_\_ the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."
13. They filled the jars with \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Cana in Galilee was \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus did His first public miracle.
15. "You have saved the \_\_\_\_\_ wine until now."



## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**St. Sebastian**  
Feast Day January 20

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. ©LPi



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

**Answer:** 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! ©LPi

# RESPONDING TO THE CALL

**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.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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

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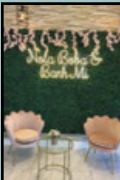
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