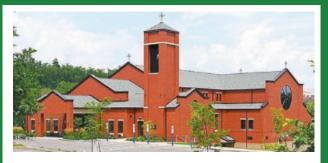
Holy Sepulcher and Saínt Kílían Paríshes



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January 16, 2022 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

HOLY SEPULCHER

Monday: 7:30 am Tuesday: 7:30 am Wednesday: 7:00 pm Thursday: 7:30 am Friday: 9:00am Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am SAINT KILIAN Monday: 9:00 am Tuesday: 7:00 am Wednesday: 7:00 am Thursday: 7:00 am Friday: 7:00 am Saturday: 4:00pm & 5:30pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

HOLY SEPULCHER

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm Wednesday: 6:00-6:30 pm

SAINT KILIAN Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm



Baptisms

To schedule an infant baptism, complete the online registration form or call the Parish Office.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made six months in advance. All couples are expected to attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Program.

Anointing of the Sick

After any Mass or by calling the Parish Office to schedule. If you are in the hospital, please contact the Pastoral Care Department of the Hospital.



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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian! We are excited to welcome you into our parish family.

To register at Holy Sepulcher, go to: <u>http://www.holysepulcher.org/register-with-a-parish</u> To register at Saint Kilian, go to: <u>http://www.saintkilian.org/register-with-a-parish</u>

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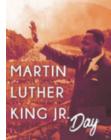
Parish & School Staff

CLERGY Rev. Charles Bober cbober@saintkilian.org **Deacon Ralph Bachner** rbachner@saintkilian.org **Deacon William Carver** wcarver@diopitt.org **Rev. Dennis Buranosky** In Residence (Retired) **Rev. Robert Guav** In Residence (Retired) STAFF **Holy Sepulcher Parish Office** Kristine Marsico kmarsico@holysepulcher.org Saint Kilian Parish Office Gail Beck parish@saintkilian.org **Holy Sepulcher Business Manager** Joan Tosto jtosto@holysepulcher.org **Pastoral Associate Director of Evangelization** Ralph Bachner rbachner@saintkilian.org **Director of Operations / Pastoral Associate** Greg Callaghan gcallaghan@saintkilian.org Admin. Assistant for the Evangelization Team Rachael Horstman rhorstman@holysepulcher.org Safe Environment Coordinator/ Holy Sepulcher Director of Faith Formation Jo Scheller jscheller@holysepulcher.org Saint Kilian Director of Faith Formation Mary French mfrench@saintkilian.org **Director of Music Ministry** Michelle Salgado msalgado@saintkilian.org **Director of Middle School and High School Ministry** Andrea Wheeler awheeler@saintkilian.org

Holy Sepulcher School Principal Ashley Bauer abauer@holysepulcher.org Saint Kilian School Principal Kristen Schwalm kschwalm@saintkilian.org

Prayer Chain Requests prayers@saintkilian.org

> For additional staff members please consult the parish website



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY: This Monday, January 17th, is observed as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Parish Offices will be closed for the holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am at Saint Kilian and 7:30 am at Holy Sepulcher. Please join us for a fitting way to begin this holiday of remembrance.

New Parishioners

We welcome these new parishioners:

- Joseph and Jean Scherer •
- Greg and Heidi Paul and Family .
- Josh Suto •
- Matthew and Lindsay Marhefka
- **Taylor Pierce** •

May they feel the warmth of Christ in our Parish Community. To our parishioners and visitors, our friends, neighbors, Catholics and non-Catholics: We're so glad you are here! If you have any questions about the Mass, church membership, or want to speak with a priest, please call one of the parish offices.

Baptisms

We welcome into our parishes these children who were recently baptized:

- Molly Teresa, daughter of Patrick and Barbara Boylan •
- Kennedy James, daughter of Kevin and Elizabeth Conley •
- Louise Faith, daughter of Sean and Anna Connor •

Please pray for our newly baptized, the parents and Godparents.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to these parishioners of Saint Kilian & Holy Sepulcher Parishes:

Tracey Vioral and family at the death of her mother and • parishioner, Jacqueline Mooney

May their souls and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Clearances are required for all who serve in ministry, whether or not that ministry directly involves children. We can help you step -by-step, either in person or over the phone. To renew, update, or check on the status of your clearances, please contact Jo Scheller at jscheller@holysepulcher.org or jscheller@saintkilian.org

Victim Assistance Hotline Diocesan toll-free number for abuse response 1-888-808-1235

HOLY SEPULCHER AND SAINT KILIAN PARISHES

Weekly Financial Report

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

HOLY SEPULCHER				
Collection January 9, 2022				
Offertory Envelopes	\$	5,633.00		
Offertory Loose	\$	965.00		
Offertory Online	\$	2,898.00		
Total	\$	9,496.00		
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$	451.00		
PARISH SHARE 2021				
Collected through 1/2	\$	140,807.51		
Collected 1/9	\$	17,239.41		
Total	\$	158,046.92		
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$	86,760.00		
Surplus (THANK YOU!)	\$	71,286.92		

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to the parishes.

Offertory Envelopes

If you choose to give online or not use your weekly offertory envelopes, please let the parish office know, so we can stop mailing them to you.

Online Giving/Faith Direct

Thank you so much for your generosity. Did you know you can make your contributions online? Online Giving/Faith Direct allows you to make donations via your smart devise or computer to our church. Meeting your giving goal will help support our church's many ministries dedicated to strengthening our church's community and community at large.

- To register for Online Giving for Holy Sepulcher: holysepulcher.org/giving
- To register for Online Giving for Saint Kilian: saintkilian.org/giving

SAINT KILIAN					
Collection January 2, 2022					
Children's Envelopes	\$	46.00			
Offertory Envelopes	\$	11,826.00			
Offertory Loose	\$	1,526.00			
Total	\$	13,398.00			
Collection January 9, 2022					
Children's Envelopes	\$	368.05			
Offertory Envelopes	\$	83,519.66			
Offertory Loose	\$	3,317.00			
Total	\$	87,204.71*			
PARISH SHARE 2021					
Collected through 1/2/26	\$	448,269.26			
Collected 1/2	\$	1,748.00			
Collected 1/9	\$	21,656.25*			
Total	\$	471,673.51			
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$	160,807.00			
Surplus (THANK YOU!)	\$	310,866.51			
January 1, Mary, Mother of God	\$	2,740.00			
* Includes Faith Direct	1				

Money Counters Needed

Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian Parishes are looking for volunteers to count collections. Counters will be on teams and will rotate a schedule every four weeks.

Anyone interested should contact:

- Greg Callaghan, gcallaghan@saintkilian.org or 724-625-1665 x2105
- Joan Tosto at jtosto@holysepulcher.org or
- 724-586-7610 x302

All volunteers will be required to have clearances. We will help you obtain all required clearances.

MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH Monday, January 17, 2022 7:30am Anne Simandl (Mary Ann Freimuth) Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:30am Joe Bauer (David and Jamie Smith and Family) Wednesday, January 19, 2022 **Bishop Bill Fey (Family)** 7:00pm Thursday, January 20, 2022 Herbert and Jeanette Prather 7:30am (Linda Prather) Friday, January 21, 2022 Robert Semler (Daughter) 9:00am Saturday, January 22, 2022 Elvina Gebhart (Daughter and Family) 4:00pm Sunday, January 23, 2022 Jack Sheridan 8:00am (Bob and Gretchen Cararie)

10:30am Eberhardt and Dressel Families (Family)

Votive Candles

At Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian Parishes, we have votive candle stands for parishioners who wish to light a candle in prayer or remembrance of loved ones.

Just a reminder, the suggested donation when lighting a votive candle is \$3.00 each.





If you would like to schedule a 2022 Mass Intention, please call or email the parish office at:

- Holy Sepulcher, contact Kristine at kmarsico@holysepulcher.org or 724-586-7610 x301
- Saint Kilian, contact Gail at • parish@saintkilian.org or 724-625-1665 x2108

Monday, January 17, 2022 9:00am Lucille Ciampoli (Klukaszewski Family) Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:00am Lori Noftz (Jane Cahill) Wednesday, January 19, 2022 James Smoltz (Tim and Treacy Rekuc) 7:00am Thursday, January 20, 2022 7:00am Robert Reel (Gary, Rena, and Adam Mahler)

Friday, January 21, 2022

7:00am Paul Horvat (Horvat Family)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00pm Frances D. Weaver (Daughter, Maureen Peck) 5:30pm **Raymond George Staresinic** (Greg Miller Family)

Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:00am Sterling Schoen (Judy and Chris Schoen) 10:00am Nancy Davis (Deacon Ralph and Susan Bachner) 12:00pm Living and Deceased Members of Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian Parishes

5:00pm Jim and Sophia Batchen (Family)

Remember in your prayers all the men and women who serve in the military as they carry out their various duties in defense of our country. If you know of a specific person to pray for, please send an email to prayers@saintkilian.org.

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Unable to attend Mass in person? You can join us online via our parish YouTube Channel as Mass is celebrated each week. Please subscribe to our

channel.



bit.ly/SKHSyoutube

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

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

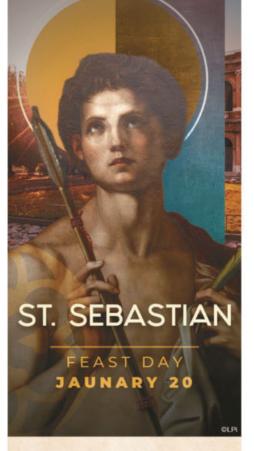
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot, Obligatory
Tuesday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, Optional
Friday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Obligatory
Saturday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

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!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This Week at Holy SepulcherMonday, January 17, 2022		This Week at Saint Kilian Monday, January 17, 2022			
					No Events
Tuesday, January 18, 2022		Tuesday, January 18, 2022			
No Events			7:00pm	Taizé	Church
Wednesday, January 19, 2022		Wednesday, January 19, 2022			
6:00pm	Confessions	Church	2:30 -	Food Pantry	Old Church in Mars
6:30pm	Rosary	Church	5:00pm		
Thursday,	January 20, 2022			ship Dinners Until Fur	ther Notice
No Events			Thursday, January 20, 2022		
Friday, January 21, 2022		No Events			
10:00am	Respect Life Prayer	Church	Friday, January 21, 2022		
	Service		No Events		
Saturday,	January 22, 2022		Saturday,	January 22, 2022	
No Events			No Events		
Sunday, January 23, 2022		Sunday, January 23, 2022			
9:00am	Traditional Faith Formation	School/YYAC	10:15 am	Traditional Faith Formation	Parish/ Education
1:00pm	Living Stations Rehearsal	YYAC			Center
6:00pm	Life Night	YYAC			

<u>Respect Life Prayer Service</u> Friday, January 21, 2022, after the 9:00 am Mass

Holy Sepulcher/Saint Kilian Parish is having a Respect Life Prayer Service on Friday, January 21st, after the 9:00 am Mass at the Holy Sepulcher Church (the same day that the MARCH FOR LIFE is being held in Washington D.C.). For those of us who cannot travel to the MARCH FOR LIFE, this is a chance to pray

together here at home.

- Bring your families, bring your rosary.
- We encourage all in attendance to wear a mask while in the building (2 years old and over)
- Do not attend if you are sick





March for Life—Buses to Washington D.C.

Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian Parishes will not have a bus to the March for Life this year. If you would like to travel to the March for Life on January 21 in Washington, D.C., these 2 buses will be going from Butler County:

- All Saints Parish, bus leaving from St. Conrad's in Meridian. Bus will also stop at Holy Sepulcher at 6:15am if there are passengers that want to board there. Bus Captain: Ray Ferguson: 724-833-8042
- St. Francis Assisi Parish, bus leaving from St. Mary's in Herman, Bus Captain: Cecelia Love: 724-822-0614

To make a reservation, call the Bus Captain for details about cost, departure time, etc.

Happening Around Our Parishes

Taizé Prayer Service



You are invited to "a quiet reflective time of sung prayer".

Join us for 60-minutes of ecumenical, peaceful, and meditative music, prayer, and Scripture readings. You are welcome to quiet the challenges of your day, the concerns of your heart, and center your thoughts on God.

The Taizé Prayer Service will be held at Saint Kilian Church at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 18

CARING QUILT MINISTRY:

The Caring Quilt Ministry is cancelled for January 22nd. For more information, please contact the parish office at 724-625-1665 x2108.



WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY GROUP

Join us for the Rosary every Wednesday evening 6:30pm at Holy Sepulcher in the Church, before the 7:00pm Mass.

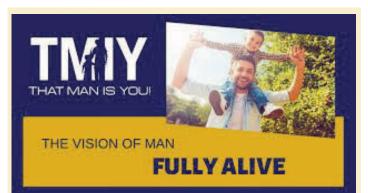


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian. This is a great opportunity for us to spend some personal time with Our Lord during this special day.

Holy Sepulcher - February 2, 9:00am-6:00pm Saint Kilian - February 14, 10:00am-6:00pm

Sign-up is available on our website: www.holysepulcher.org or www.saintkilian.org



Make a New Year's resolution to grow in faith and to share in some great fellowship with men who are striving to make a difference in their family, parish and community!

Our Spring semester of That Man Is You! begins on February 3, 2022. The theme for this year is The Vision of Man Fully Alive.

The 13 week Spring semester meets Thursday Mornings from 6 am to 7:30 am in Saint Kilian Church Hall. If you are up extra early, a brief Communion Service is held in Church at 5:45 am!

We start the morning at 6 am with time for coffee, pastries and socializing followed by opening prayer and remarks. Together we watch the week's TMIY Video which lasts 30-40 minutes. We conclude with an opportunity for small group discussion and closing comments. Consider joining other men from our parishes.

Email or call Deacon Ralph to sign up or for more information – rbachner@saintkilian.org or 724-625-1665 x2103



"Jesus wants all to come to Him in the Blessed Sacrament. He is there in person, just waiting for you. Nowhere on Earth are you more welcome, nowhere on Earth are you more loved, that by Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament." -Mother Teresa

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Living Stations

It's not to late to join the Living Stations' team. Rehearsals begin in January. Cast, crew, and readers are needed. Contact Andrea Wheeler at awheeler@saintkilian.org for more information.

HOLY SEPULCHER AND SAINT KILIAN PARISHES



HOLY SEPULCHER FAITH FORMATION Jo Scheller, Director of Faith Formation jscheller@holysepulcher.org 724-586-7610, ext. 305

Thank you to the families who participated in our Christmas Jesse Tree ornament project! Each handmade ornament represented one relative or event in Jesus' family tree.



Before Christmas break, Tricia Meier's 3rd grade class presented a short Bible Person "Guess Who?" for our classrooms. We loved the creativity!



SAINT KILIAN FAITH FORMATION Mary French, Director of Faith Formation <u>mfrench@saintkilian.org</u> 724-625-1665, ext. 2122

Parents and Guardians, please keep your eyes on your inbox for Faith Formation information updates and guidelines during the global pandemic. We ask for your patience and flexibility as we continue to monitor evolving guidelines and mandates.



Kids Corner GOSPEL & COLOR



At a wedding party, Mary said to Jesus, they have no more wine. Help them. Even though it was not time for him to perform miracles, Jesus honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your mother's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash. or making the bed into a gift Of love. This love makes your mother and God smile.



CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 STUDENTS: No date has been set for Confirmation at this time. In the meantime, if you haven't already, parents please oversee the submission of the needed sponsor forms and other paperwork requested for this sacrament. All Confirmation questions and submissions should be sent to Andrea Wheeler, our grouping Confirmation Coordinator, at awheeler@saintkilian.org (both parishes). Please add her to your contacts or safe sender list so that you receive future communications in a timely manner.

YOU'RE INVITED!

HOLY SEPULCHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH FROM 11:00-2:00

Preschool | All Day Kindergarten | 1st-8th Grade

About Us

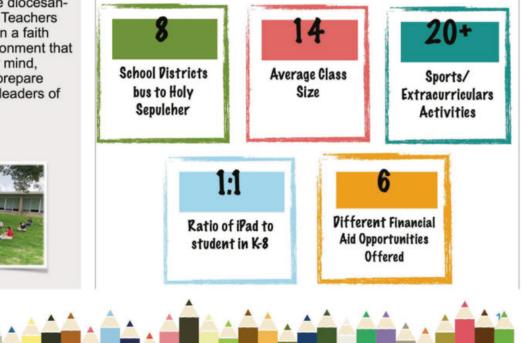
At Holy Sepulcher Catholic School we offer an affordable, high-quality education for preschool through 8th grade students. We promote rigorous academic standards in the context of the Catholic educational legacy and service to the community. Our goal is to provide every student with the opportunity to achieve their God-given potential as a lifelong learner.

Holy Sepulcher Catholic School has a unique family atmosphere where our students receive individual attention and our parents are involved and committed.

All our teachers are diocesanand state-certified. Teachers immerse students in a faith filled learning environment that helps develop their mind, body, and spirit to prepare them as the future leaders of the 21st century.



Please join us for our annual Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 30th from 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Come meet our faculty, tour our school, and see what all the excitement is about!



Events and Fundraising



Helping Those in Need

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." -Luke 6:38

Saint Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Every day, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.



Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

If you know of a family in need, please contact the Society by calling the parish office at: Saint Kilian: (724) 625-1665 x2108 Holy Sepulcher: (724) 586-7610 x301

Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to all who continue to support the food pantry. The food pantry supplies bags of food on a weekly basis to those in need. The food pantry is in need of your help with food and pantry donations. Donations can be put in the coat room in the food pantry bins at Holy Sepulcher or in the cart inside Saint Kilian Church. All non-perishable items are

appreciated.

At this time, there is a special need for the following items:

- Snack Crackers
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Jars of Pickles
- Canned Soup
- Spam
- Canned Cream Corn
- Canned French Style Green Beans

EMAILS "REQUESTING HELP" FROM FR. BOBER

Some Parishioners have reported receiving an email or text from Fr. Bober asking for help (usually through the purchase of gift cards) and to reply to the email/text. **THESE ARE ALL FRAUDULENT REQUESTS.** Fr. Bober nor any of the priests, deacons, or staff members of our parishes would ever make such a request. Each day people are finding new ways to steal. Please be careful about email requests for financial assistance.



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. (In 2:11)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.







