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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

SUNDAY 1/16

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MONDAY 1/17

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY 1/18

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY 1/19

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY 1/20

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY 1/21

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY 1/22

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

NEXT SUNDAY 1/23

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is the God of Abundance, always. He gives and never stops giving his goodness to women and men of every generation. He is the God who never leaves us alone, rather, he yearns to be in us, work in us and work through us. So great is the bond of God's love for us that he will never stop yearning to be one with all humankind to make us whole and holy.

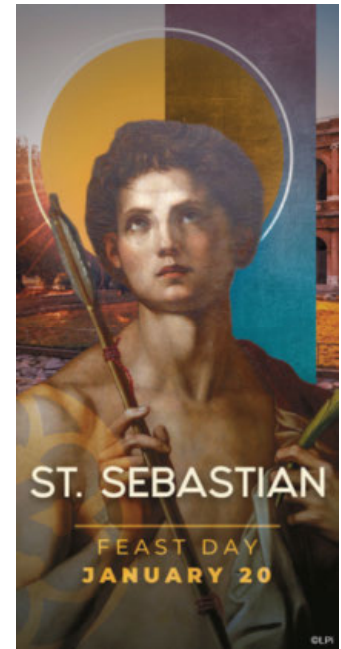
With the miracle at Cana, Jesus begins his ministry with a surprising twist – more wine for a celebration. And this is just the preview of the celebrations to come for when God is with us, great things happen. Jesus will be among his people and continue his message of hope and eternal mercy to one and all. Even though it seemingly ends disastrously for Jesus, all will be well and all is well because God's great mercy is beyond time and space, it is eternal and true. Jesus will always be with us and he will always guide us back into the loving arms of the Father.

Not only does Jesus lead us back to the Father, he also sends us the Spirit of Grace to allow each of us to realize how well God is in us and works through us. The gifts of the Spirit are really another outpouring of wine – a true celebration of life, indeed. The Spirit will bestow on each of

us what we need to be people who act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God. Among us there are people of great faith which show us the way to become whole and holy. There are people filled with wisdom who know how to put faith into action and bring God's goodness and mercy into concrete expression and form. There are people filled with knowledge and present to us the wonder of God's life, love and creation. There truly are prophets still in the world helping us to find our way back into the light of God's truth – which is real truth and justice for all.

On this weekend, we know we are called to do great acts of faith. God is showing us the way. He has given us his Son and Word and bestowed on us the Spirit of love ever acting, ever surrounding each of us. His outpouring of grace upon us is truly abundant. There is no scarcity or paucity in God's love – it is always outpouring and full. As we reflect on these readings, may we come to know our great dignity and role in God's plan of salvation. We are here to make sure all know how great is our God and how good and precious we are in the sight of God and each other.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor



St. Sebastian | 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. 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. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 pm Catherine Hubbert

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 am James Macy

10:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 am Gary Graustein

8:30 am Selim Kathawa

8:30 am Layla Albanna

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

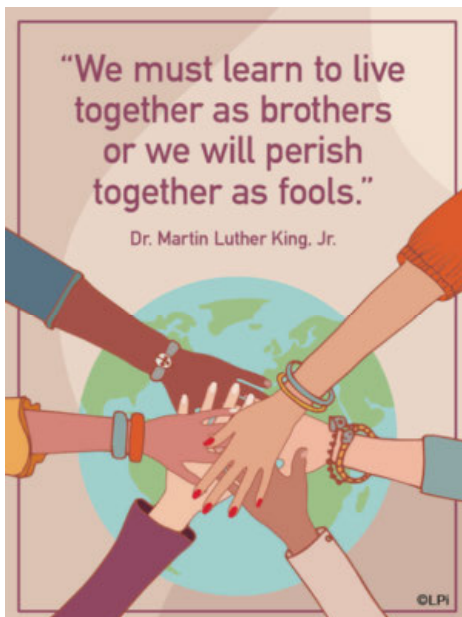
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Genevieve Davey
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Bernie Hoomian
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PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Let us ask God to grant that violence be overcome by the power of love, that opposition give way to reconciliation and that the desire to oppress be transformed into the desire for forgiveness, justice and peace.

May peace be in our hearts so that they are open to the action of God's grace. May all members of the community, especially children, the elderly, the weakest, feel the warmth of God's love, and may it extend to all the days in the year.

Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP 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*
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WATERS OF LIGHT – FAMILY OF PARISHES SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

One of the best things about being part of a family is our service to others expands. Our Lady of Refuge, one of our Waters of Light families, has been supplying meals to **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** for men three days a week. When Our Lady of Refuge told us about their service to the men's home it was a natural fit for us to become involved.

Prince of Peace still supplies meals at St. Christine – this added opportunity is not replacing what we have been doing – we are expanding! Becoming involved is simple. Cook a meal for 7 people at your house and deliver it to the Maxwell Home. Sign up using the link for sign up genius and many questions are answered in the information below. I know first hand that we have wonderful cooks in our parish who would be delighted to help fill this need.
Jeanne

Do you like to cook?? Or perhaps order carry out?

Then you would be a great candidate to sign up to take meals to **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** located on Saddlewood Dr. near Marshbank Park.

Why are we doing this?

The men who live on Saddlewood Dr., known as Maxwell Home, are in advanced age and are in need of extra care from the staff. Supplying the home with dinner 3 nights a week allows the staff to focus on the care of the men and are not distracted by meal prep.

How does it work?

Sign up first through sign up genius. (link below)

Please drop off meals between 3-5 p.m. There are 5 men and 2 staff members. Place the meal in the cooler on the porch & ring the bell or just ring & they will answer. You can bring their meal warm or let them heat it up with directions. Please use a disposable container as you will not get your dish back.

When you sign up through sign up genius (link below) please fill in what you plan to bring so there are limited duplications. The men and staff at **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** are very appreciative of every meal they receive. There are not any dietary restrictions.

The address and phone number for **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** are on the sign up genius page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49A8AB2BAAF58-angels>

For more information, contact Suzanne at 248-682-4099 or cs@olorcc.org



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3. Mail in your request

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LIVE THE LITURGY

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!

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