



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 15 Weekday

4 pm +Robert Czapiewski by family
+Lillian Guido by family

Sunday, Jan. 16 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8 am +Cecilia Prestrak by family
+Walter & Helen Piwowar by Aniol Family

10 am +People of the Parish

5 pm +Arthur & Mary Ann Hansen by family

Monday, Jan. 17 St. Anthony Abbot

8 am +Greg Starawa

6:30 pm +Mary Napier 1st ann. by Parish
+Robert Buhl 1st ann. by Parish

Tuesday, Jan. 18 Weekday

8 am +William & Joanne Thomas

Wednesday, Jan. 19 Weekday

8 am +Roger Caramanoff 1st ann. by Parish

Thursday, Jan. 20 St. Sebastian, martyr

Pope St. Fabian, martyr

8 am +Helen Petroski by George Cassar by family
+Paul A. Waskevich (45th ann.) by sisters

Friday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes, virgin & martyr

8 am Int. Archbishop Thomas Olmsted (bday)

**Saturday, Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

4 pm +Carol Volpe by Dave & Angie Nagy
+Lillian Guido by family

Sunday, Jan. 23 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8 am +Ryan Pernicano by family
+Helen Petroski by Mike & Sharon LaFata

10 am +People of the Parish

5 pm For Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces

SANCTUARY LAMP burns brightly this week
in remembrance of:



†Robert Czapiewski
by family



THE FOOD PANTRY IS BUSY AND NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to the large number of families seeking assistance at our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, the food supply is shrinking at an alarming rate. Please be generous with your donations during this cold time of year when so many are in need. Food donations are needed and also monetary gifts to support their work of solidarity and compassion.

There will be a food drive in the near future.

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

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 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



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 -
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 ©LPi



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Elizabeth St. Andrew** who was buried recently from our parish. May she share in the fullness of eternal life with Christ our Savior. May her families be consoled in the

hope of the resurrection.

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas Season. So, as we return to Ordinary Time on the Liturgical Calendar, I thought it would be a good idea to devote some time to reviewing the Sacraments which are God's gift to humanity and allow us to share in His Divine Life.



Okay, so what is a sacrament? As children we all had to memorize the Catechism definition. "A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to convey grace." Let's take a look at this definition. The word "sacrament" means a thing of mysterious and sacred significance; a religious symbol. In Catholic Tradition, the term refers to an outward sign that was established by Christ Himself in order to share His Divine nature with us.

These sacraments are "efficacious", now there's a word for you! It means that the Sacrament itself does what it is intended to do, i.e., provides Divine Life. No other action is required to obtain that Divine Life. In this aspect, it differs from a Sacramental which predisposes the faithful toward grace but doesn't provide that grace in itself.

Every sacrament has three elements: matter (the water in Baptism); form (the "formula" or words/actions that accompany the matter; and a minister(s) who performs the action. In most cases the minister is either a priest or a deacon, although there are certain sacraments that require a priest. We'll explore these elements in more detail when we get into the individual Sacraments.

There are seven sacraments in the Catholic Faith: Baptism; Reconciliation; Eucharist; Confirmation; Matrimony; Holy Orders; and the Anointing of the Sick. The number of Sacraments was confirmed at the Council of Trent in the 16th century. Note the word "confirmed". The number of sacraments has always been seven, but Trent formalized the dogma. It's worth noting that most protestant denominations include some number of these in their theology, most notably, Baptism and The Supper of the Lord (although they do not view this as we do the Eucharist) among others.

The Seven Sacraments can be further categorized into three groups: 1. Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation); 2. Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick); and 3. Sacraments of Vocation (Matrimony and Holy Orders). Next week we'll take a deep dive into the Sacraments of Initiation. Teaser: I think we'll learn some fun facts along the way.

**God Is Good All the Time!
All the Time God Is Good!**

Don't forget, join us this Friday and every Friday at 3PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM. See the ad in our bulletin or on the parish website for details on how to join in. Hope to see you there!



Priestly Vocations: Discernment Day, Saturday, Jan. 29

A Discernment Day offers a single high school man (freshman – senior) from the Archdiocese of Detroit a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. High school students will meet new friends and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you know any men who are interested and would like more information, please contact us: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discern-the-priesthood/high-school-discernment-day/>. Those interested must have a phone

conversation with Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, before they are allowed to register.

MASS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: Join us on - Monday, January 17th at 11:00 a.m. for Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or via livestream to pray for Peace and Justice in our country and our world. As a champion of civil rights, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams were much aligned with many of our Catholic teachings: care for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity in our one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious, or economic differences; the life and dignity of all people; fair wages and treatment in civic matters; peace, equality, and social justice among all; and discipleship of Christ.

Please join us to pray for continued progress on race relations and the work begun by Dr. King. Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Phil Cooke, S.J.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading: Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel: Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue? ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Faithful Departed

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



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We witness God's power in today's Scripture passages. In his First Letter to the Corinthian community, the evangelist St. Paul recognizes that different spiritual gifts, forms of service, and workings are derived from the power of the one Trinitarian God. These blessings are bestowed for the good of the common Corinthian community.

In St. John's Gospel, Jesus, at his mother Mary's encouragement, miraculously changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, manifesting his glory and power. As Christian stewards, we acknowledge that all blessings arise from God's tremendous love for us. In heartfelt gratitude, let us use our gifts in prayer, service and generosity to spread the Good News of salvation. Every parish has an unlimited need for parishioners to help at the food pantry, read at Mass, or volunteer in the various programs offered in the parish. How can you and your family offer a few hours of service to your parish or your community?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? **Answer:** Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. ©LPi



In commemoration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th.

Please remember to pray and work for a society where equality is shown to all people, that we may truly be one nation under God!

Please
Pray
for...



Norm Abramczyk
Louise Ames
Anna Axe
Harry Bacalia
Sue Bacalia
Norma Bak
Violet Barrette
Bob Behmer
Bob Bellottie
Jim Bellottie
Vincent Bellottie
Judy Bnett
Sharon Bieniek
Cynthia Blaha
Marilyn Block
Evelyn Boettger
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Ken Butler
Joan Buzo
Jacob Cassar
Michaeline Chwastek

Richard Cline
Zoe Cossin
Betty Ann Crawford
Sylvia Cyncewicz
Tina Doney
Jason Dull & Family
Marsha Farmer
Geraldine Filippi
Cecil Fernandez
Tina Fernandez
Lisa Foster
Rose Fraley
Duane Glossa
Roseann Gomez
Bob & Lori Gonzales
Gary Graham Jr
Abigail Graves
Jennifer Hanna Green
Charlotte Gutierrez
Eileen Halpin
Annie Hapunowicz
Ronald Hetner
Tina Hovis
Sue Jagodka
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John Kovac
Jenene Kozinski
George Kramar
Patrica Lacopelli
Jennifer Lasky & Family
Joseph Lasky
Margaret :Lasky
Henry Lemmens
Guadalupe Madrigal
Phyllis Mareck
Donald Martin
Erin Martin
Larry & Carol McGrew
Linda Molek
Steven Monroe
Pat Mozdzen
Suzanne Nicholas
Gigi Novak
Daniel O'Connor
Diane Owens
John Palmer
Mary Pellegrini
Helen Petroski
Jimmy Piche
Kathleen Pietras
Mary Pike
Jeff Pingilley
Jess Pingilley
Linda Pingilley
Robert Pingilley

Sam Pingilley
Wayne Pingilley
Carol Regnier
Whitney Regnier
Noemia Reid
Linda Robb
Richard Roberts
Laura Salazar
Fred Sanscrainte
Matt Sanscrainte
Joann Sanscrainte
Dennis Scanland
Darlene Shannon
Phil Shannon
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Michelle Thornton, Brittany Mack,
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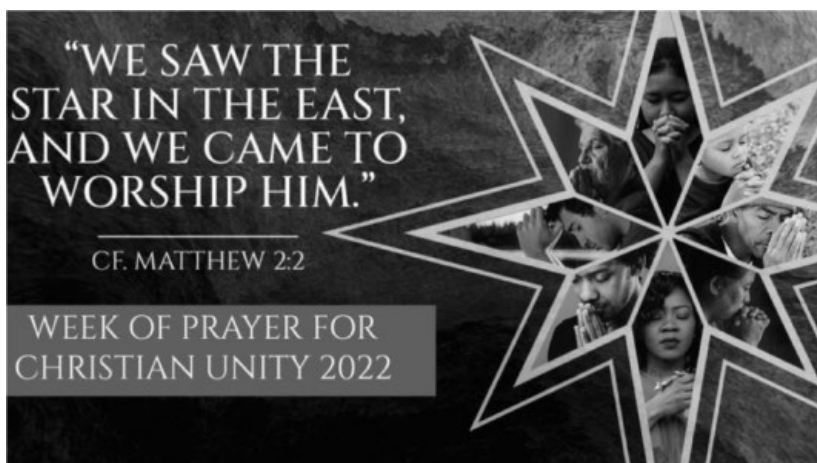
“The other day, I was talking about the demographic winter that we have today ... many couples do not have children because they do not want to, or they have just one – but they have two dogs, two cats,” Pope Francis said at his general audience on Jan. 5, 2022.



“Yes, dogs and cats take the place of children. Yes, it’s funny, I understand, but it is the reality, and this denial of fatherhood and motherhood diminishes us, takes away humanity.”

Speaking in the Vatican’s Paul VI Hall, the pope said that with this “selfishness” on the part of some couples, “civilization becomes older” as the “richness of fatherhood and motherhood is lost.”

“I ask St. Joseph for the grace to awaken consciences and think about this: about having children. Fatherhood and motherhood are the fullness of a person’s life. Think about this,” he said.



Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, and the Interchurch Center Committee on Ecumenical, Interfaith, and Community Concerns, for a live-streamed Ecumenical Service of the Word in observance of the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was developed by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon, and it refers to Matthew 2:2 – We saw the star in the east, and we came to worship him. Today, more than ever, the Middle East needs a heavenly light to accompany its people.

The star of Bethlehem is a sign that God walks with his people, feels their pain, hears their cries, and shows them compassion. It reassures us that though circumstances change and terrible disasters may happen, God’s faithfulness is unfailing. The Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps. He walks beside his people and brings them back when they are lost or in danger. The journey of faith is this walking with God who always watches over his people and who guides us in the complex paths of history and life.

For this Week of Prayer, the Christians of the Middle East chose the theme of the star that rose in the east for a number of reasons. While many Western Christians celebrate Christmas, the more ancient feast, and still the principal feast of many Eastern Christians, is the Epiphany when God’s salvation is revealed to the nations in Bethlehem and at the Jordan. This focus on the theophany (the manifestation) is, in a sense, a treasure which Christians of the Middle East can offer to their brothers and sisters around the world.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first observed in January, 1908. Known then as the Church Unity Octave, it was celebrated in the chapel of a small Atonement Franciscan Convent of the Protestant Episcopal Church, on a remote hillside fifty miles from New York City. This new prayer movement soon caught the imagination of others beyond the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, becoming an energetic movement that gradually blossomed into a worldwide observance involving many nations and millions of people.



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St. Maria Goretti Parish

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- Chili Beans (No Kidney Beans please)**
- Progresso and Chunky Soup**
- Pineapple** **Pancake Mix**
- Fruit Cocktail** **Pears**
- Strawberry Jelly** **Spaghetti & Sauce**
- Cereal (please NO Rice Krispies or Frosted Flakes)**
- Needed: Fruit Loops and Captain Crunch**
- Pancake Syrup (Need Badly)**

We have begun a new year. We ended last year with serving 29 families within a four-hour period. The need is out there and we are here to serve our neighbors in need. Thank you to those who reached out to us in volunteering to help a the pantry. Currently, we are all set. May we have a better year than last year.

Thank you once again for all your help. God will send His blessings to you throughout the year.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Sat. January 15
4 pm Marge Taylor

Sunday, January 16
8 am Pat Wallace
10 am Kathy Munoz
5 pm Francis Tofil

Sat. January 22
4 pm Chris Bergeron

Sunday, January 23
8 am Tom Koselka
10 am Michael Munoz
5 pm M J Favot

Sat. January 29
4 pm Gretchen Searynk

Sunday, January 30
8 am Mary Ellen Sobczak
10 am Gary Schoenherr
5 pm Francis Tofil



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,
We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.
We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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with Deacon Regis

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday through Friday: 8 a.m.

Monday Evening: 6:30pm

First Friday: 8 a.m. & 12 Noon

First Saturday: 8 a.m.

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 3 - 3:30 p.m. or by request

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each Monday,
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Pre-Baptism Class required.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Calls after hours should be limited to emergencies only.

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

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Sunday, Jan 16, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME You

are gifted, any way you slice it We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie! **TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1- 11 (66). "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." **Monday, Jan 17, 2022 Help the dream awaken** One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day."

Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022 Shop with a conscience Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated? **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022 God loves an underdog We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: "Start being brave about everything . . . Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do everything." Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Thursday, Jan 20, 2022 MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR Listen to the peoples' laments The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of Saint Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they "help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience." Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

Friday, Jan 21, 2022 MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR I stand with Agnes The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should—horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourth-century martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to

chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms? TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm."

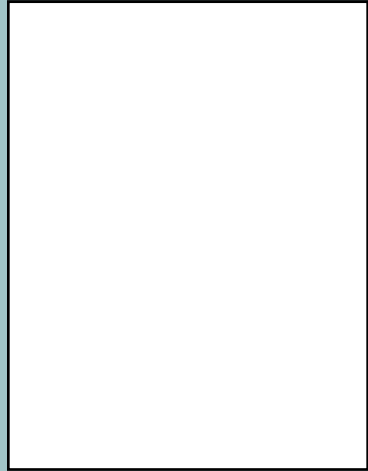
Saturday, Jan 22, 2022 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN Cradle-to-grave Catholics To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term "the Seamless Garment" was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker." Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms! TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved."



The Archdiocesan Mass for the Protection of the Unborn is an annual liturgy to pray for an end to the practice of abortion and to celebrate Christ's victory over death. The liturgy coincides with the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision and is said in solidarity with the thousands of pro-life witnesses who gather in Washington DC for the annual March for Life. Join us for Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or watch the livestream at www.aod.org/livemasses
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