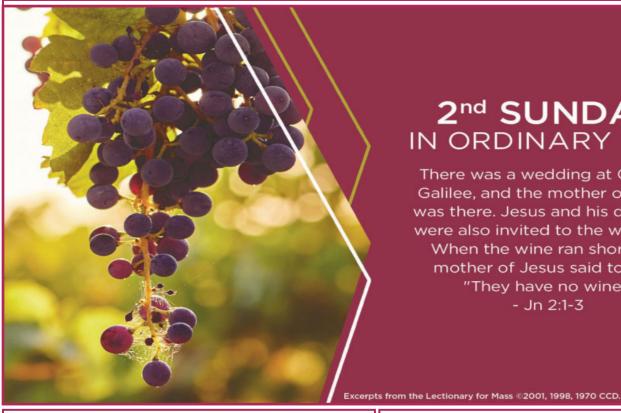
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Mass Times: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM

Adoration on Wednesday's after Mass until noon

Summer Schedule: May-December

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Winter Schedule: January-April **Saturday Mass:** 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM **Sunday Mass:** 8:00 AM: 9:30 AM and

11:30 AM

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Monday, January 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. +Roy Ochoa

(Fr. Michael) Requested by Dino & JoAnn Sifuentes

Reading I: 1 Samuel 15:16-23

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

<u>Tuesday, January 18, 2022</u>
9:00 a.m. +Teresa Kurlei

(Fr. Robert) Requested by Stephen & Mary Golia

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. +James O'Brien

(Fr. Robert) Requested by Frank & Jo Spinola

Reading I: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20, 2022

9:00 a.m. +Rich Montague

(Fr. Michael) Requested by Wayne & Betty Cullison

Reading I: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 3:7-12 Friday, January 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. +Secundino Sifuentes Sr.

(Fr. Phillip) Requested by Dino & JoAnn Sifuentes

Reading I: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Gospel: Mark 3:13-19 Saturday, January 22, 2022

3:00 p.m. +Gary Martin

(Fr. Robert) Requested by Mary Martin

5:00 p.m. For the People

(Fr. Michael)

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C)

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4:14-21 **Sunday, January 23, 2022**

8:00 a.m. +People Gandolfo

(Fr. Roger) Requested by Terry & Marcie McGovern

9:30 a.m. +John Flynn

(Fr. Robert) Requested by Kathleen Flynn

11:30 a.m. +Robert Crawford

(Fr. Robert) Requested by Sal & Jackie DeAngelo

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C)

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4:14-21

Prayer_ REQUESTS



Please pray for the healing, the sick and for eternal happiness for those who have died especially Carol Scarbrough. Please keep in your prayers all the brave men and women serving our country throughout the world and those who gave their lives in defense of our country. Pray for their families as they await their return home.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a special way to remember anniversaries,

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This weeks altar flowers are In Loving Memory of our son, Michael on his birthday.

Love, Clancy and Deirdre Schueppert

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Respect Life Corner January 15-16, 2022 By Bill Roche Protecting the Vulnerable

Downtown Hope Center (Hope Center) is a Christian faith-based organization offering safety, meals, counseling and clean sleeping facilities to a limited number of homeless women in Anchorage, many of whom have been trafficked or abused. In 2018, a transgender woman, filed a complaint with the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (AERC) alleging Hope Center had denied his admission to the Hope Center homeless shelter based on his sex and gender identity. The AERC and its then-Executive Director--"aggressively litigated" the claim. After Hope Center filed suit in federal court, the city eventually dropped its complaint and agreed to make the court's temporary order against the city permanent. After its loss in federal court, the Anchorage Assembly amended the city ordinance to circumvent the court's ruling and once again target Hope Center. On December 20, in a second court proceeding, the court found Hope Center does not constitute a place of "public convenience" and is not subject to the amended ordinance which would have threatened the shelter with fines and penalties for following its religious beliefs and serving women in need. An attorney representing Hope Center commented: "... the court has allowed Downtown Hope Center to continue protecting women and operating according to its religious beliefs." (Sources: Downtown Soup kitchen d/b/a ... v Municipality of Anchorage et al, US Dis. CT, Dis. Of AL, Case No. 3:21-cv-00155-SLG; Court Ruling Protects..., Alliance Defending Freedom, 12/21/21.)





Women's Guild Respect for Life Meeting

January 25, 2022 1:00 PM Father Edward Pick Hall

Our speaker will be Patty Madsen, a registered nurse from the Community Pregnancy Center

Dessert and beverages will be served

Please RSVP by January 18th to Kathy Sever at 607-621-8507 or Email to kakalinakds@gmail.com

Respect for Life

*The Parish-wide collection of baby gifts and donations for local charities will begin on February 5th, so please do not bring your donations to this meeting!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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. (Jn 2:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr

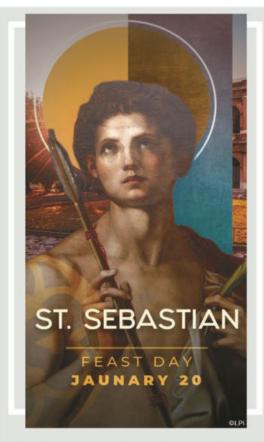
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

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





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.

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

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

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

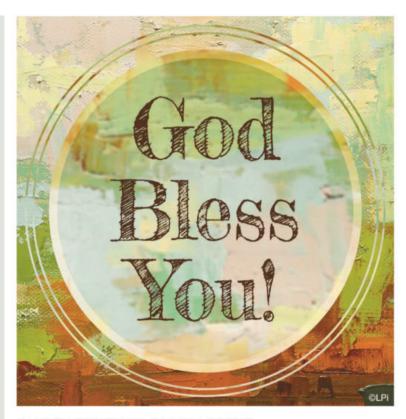
we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



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!

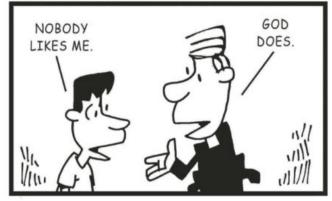


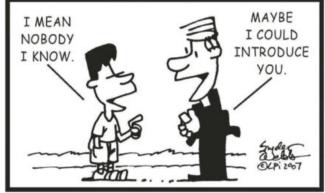
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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.

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- Jn 2:1-3
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Men's & Women's Conference Registration Open!

Saturday, March 5, 2022

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Doors open at 8 am

The Diocese of Venice will be combining the annual Men's and Women's Conferences this year as a Men's & Women's Catholic Conference. The conference will host speakers Trent Horn, Matthew Leonard, Crystalina Evert, Dr. Michael Dauphinais, and Nicole Caruso. Speakers will be providing keynotes and multiple breakout sessions addressing hot topic issues pertaining to the faith today. Breakout sessions will address what to do if your loved ones have left the faith, theology of the body (including the difficult topics encountered in today's world), spirituality, and breakouts geared specifically toward men or women. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession will be available all day. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will conclude the day by celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding after Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Register here:

https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2022-menswomens-conference

Women's Guild Members

are invited to the

Valentine Dessert Social February 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM Fr. Pick Hall

Speaker: Dede Caldwell

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Please come and indulge in cookies, cake and chocolate (just what we need after the Christmas Holidays!) And learn about a wonderful new Sarasota organization

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Annual Anniversary Mass for Couples

Congratulations and blessings on your upcoming anniversary! As couples choosing to celebrate their Anniversary with the Lord, a cordial invitation is extended to join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for the Annual Anniversary Mass for couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and over 50 years. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL in VENICE at 11am. (directions enclosed) Please plan to arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to Mass for special seating assignments. It is asked that Mass participation be limited to the celebrating couples and a few close family members or friends. There will be a reception following the liturgy for all, in the Parish Hall. A photographer is available at the Parish Hall to take photographs with Bishop Frank J. Dewane. Pictures will begin at 9:30am prior to Mass. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up a packet for pictures, etc. Your anniversary commemorative certificate will be given to you in the church vestibule prior to Mass.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Stusek at 941-586-1730 or email: pstusek@yahoo.com

Rosary Making Workshops

Please mark your **2022** calendars every Friday morning—9:45-11:00 AM in the Church Library.

Rosary Making Workshops—Jan 2022 January 7, 14, 21 and 28

Lunch with our Pastor at Lazy Lobster January 28, 2022

Rosary Making Workshops—Feb 2022 February 4, 11, 18, 25

Rosary Making Workshops—Mar 2022 March 4, 11, 18, 25

Rosary Making Workshops—April 2022 April 1, 8, 22, 29

April 15 No Workshop for Good Friday

First Saturdays-8:30 a.m. (Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2)

Rosary prayed in the Rosary Garden

followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church. This devotion is practiced all year round and it would be nice to have the rosary makers make a good showing during the season.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe and Well, Pat

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ITALIAN NIGHT
JANUARY 22, 2022
6:00 PM-9:30 PM
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Spaghetti Dinner with Wine, Beer and Beverages

Live Entertainment—Rob Satori (Sinatra Vocalist)

Purchase in Parish Office—941-383-1255



ROYAL RUMMAGE SALE

Collection of items can be brought to Parish Hall



(Self Unload into the Parish Hall)



<u>Sorting and packing of items will be every Wednesday after 9 AM Mass.</u> All are welcome to join us for work, fun, fellowship and goodies. Call Bonnie Schneider at 941-807-4499 for questions.

Dates of Rummage Sale:

Friday, March 4, 2022-"Early Bird" Saturday, March 5, 2022 Noon-4:00 PM Cost: \$5.00

9:00 AM-1:00 PM - Free





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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

January 2022

January 17, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Dr. Martin Luther King Day

January 22, 2022 — Men's Club Parish Event—Italian Night with Entertainment

January 25, 2022—Respect Life Meeting

February 2022

February 8, 2022—Women's Guild Valentine Dessert Meeting

February 9, 2022 — Men's Club Parish Event — Before the Super Bowl

February 15, 2022—Women's Guild Luncheon for New Members

February 17, 2022—LBK Golf Tournament—Parish Event

February 21, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-President's Day

March 2022

March 1, 2022—Men's Club Parish Event—Mardi Gras Party

March 4-5, 2022—Women's Guild Royal Rummage Sale

March 6, 2021—Men's Progressive Raffle First Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass

March 12,2022—St. Patrick Party

March 13, 2021—Men's Progressive Raffle Second Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass

March 15, 2022—Women's Guild hosting Fashion Show

March 20, 2021—Men's Progressive Raffle Third Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass

March 24, 2022—Women's Guild Day of Reflection at OLPH in Venice

March 27, 2021—Men's Progressive Raffle Grand Prize Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass

March 31, 2022—Men's Club Retreat at OLPH in Venice

April 2022

April 4, 2022—Women's Guild Installation Mass and Luncheon

April 8, 2022—Fr. Robert's 45th Birthday Bash!

April 15, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Good Friday

April 18, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Easter Monday

April 20, 2022—Men's Club Parish Event—Parish Cowboy Cookout with Ball Drop

May 2022

May 8, 2022—Women's Guild Event May Crowning

May 30, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Memorial Day



UPCOMING EVENTS—SEE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION







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