



January 18-25

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR

Christian Unity

WELCOME TO

Saints Peter & Paul The Apostles

Jan. 16 2022

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor

Fr. Mark Heuberger

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Antonio Jean

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Phillip Schweda

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday:

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Daily Masses

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11am

Tue, Thur, Sat: 8am

Holy Days

Holy Day Vigil: 4:30pm

Complete schedules are listed in the bulletin prior to the Holy Day

Confessions

Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:20pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 3-3:30pm
preceding the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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“First Friday” of every
month, 11:30am-3pm

“Do we not have
in the Eucharist the
living, true and real Jesus
present before us?”

—St. Teresa of Avila



WE PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

† Deceased ♥ Living

Monday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

1 Sm 15:16-23 • Mk 2:18-22

11am † Sheri Eymann

Tuesday, January 18

1 Sm 16:1-13 • Mk 2:23-28

8am † John Micheli

Wednesday, Jan. 19

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 • Mk 3:1-6

11am † Mike Dombe

Thursday, January 20

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr

St. Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 • Mk 3:7-12

8am † Charlotte Jean-Pierre

Friday, Jan. 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3-21 • Mk 3:13-19

11am † Mary Ranieri

Saturday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Mk 3:20-21

8am † Dennis Capozella

4:30pm † Peter Wong Leong Kai

Sunday, January 23

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

7:30am † Angie Noto

9:30am † Joseph McAndrews

11:30am ♥† SSP&P Parishioners




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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Catholic Women's Association Notes:

- Our next meeting is **February 3 at 3:00pm** in the Moretti Center - save the date!
- The annual **Floral Show** featuring Mark Clark of Flowers by Edie is **cancelled** this year due to the virus.

Next Sunday's Readings

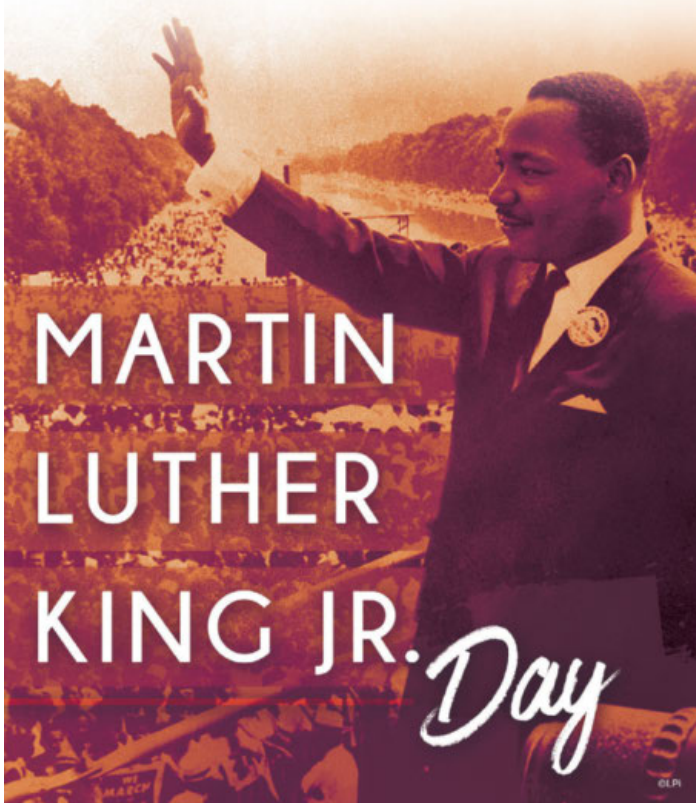
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah	8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians	12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Luke	1:1-4; 4:14-21

All parish offices will be CLOSED Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The 11:00AM daily Mass will be celebrated in the church.

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968)

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you have a **medical need** to avoid gluten, please see the sacristan at least 10 minutes before Mass begins to request a low-gluten host.



Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your commitment to support your parish!

January 2 - 8

Attendance...	906	Debt Reduction....	\$ 925.00
Offertory...	\$14,946.06	Online Giving....	\$ 3,691.00



Parish Directory

Church Office

2850 75th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 795-1228

Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00AM-4:00PM
Phone Hrs 8:30AM-12PM
and 1:30PM-4:00PM
Closed for Lunch
NOON-1:30PM

Website

www.sspeterandpaul.org

Email

parishoffice@sspeterandpaul.org

Fax

(941) 794-0127

Msgr. Moretti Center

(941) 795-2540

St. Vincent de Paul Society

(941) 794-1328

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Parent baptism instruction is required; call the office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call office to schedule.

MARRIAGE

Please contact a priest at least six months prior to wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

MONDAYS AT NOON;
watch bulletin for early holiday deadlines



Et Cetera

Knights of Columbus

1st Wednesday/Month:
OFFICERS PLANNING
MEETING at 6pm.

2nd Wednesday/Month:
MONTHLY MEETING at
6:30pm. Both meetings are
open to all members. Meet
in Council Room at MMC.

Tex Johnson: (941) 704-2822
Bill Dunn: (941) 840-3653

Poor Boxes

are located at each doorway
as you exit the church.

All donations benefit our
St. Vincent de Paul Society.
Green donation envelopes are
in the info boxes at exits.

Holy Water

To refill your personal holy
water bottles, please use the
holy water dispenser and the
small funnel. Holy water is
located in the vestibule.

Votive Candles

are located in the vestibules
of the church and the chapel.

Religious Articles Store

is closed until further notice.

Altar Flowers

parishioners Mark & Susan
Clark of *Flowers by Edie*
donate the altar flowers.

Grief Support

call (941) 795-2540

Marriage Preparation & Marriage Encounter

call (941) 795-1228

Retrouaille

to heal and renew marriages
call (239) 395-0810

**“Never say, ‘What great things the saints do.’
Say, ‘What great things God does in His saints.’”**

– St. Philip Neri



Saint Angela of Foligno

1248 - January 4, 1309

Some saints show marks of holiness very early. Not Angela! Born of a leading family in Foligno, Italy, she became immersed in the quest for wealth and social position. As a wife and mother, she continued this life of distraction.

Around the age of 40, she recognized the emptiness of her life and sought God's help in the Sacrament of Penance. Her Franciscan confessor helped Angela to seek God's pardon for her previous life and to dedicate herself to prayer and the works of charity.

Shortly after her conversion, her husband and children died. Selling most of her possessions, she entered the Secular Franciscan Order. She was alternately absorbed by meditating on the crucified Christ and by serving the poor of Foligno as a nurse and beggar for their needs. Other women joined her in a religious community.

At her confessor's advice, Angela wrote her Book of Visions and Instructions. In it she recalls some of the temptations she suffered after her conversion; she also expresses her thanks to God for the Incarnation of Jesus. This book and her life earned for Angela the title "Teacher of Theologians." She was beatified in 1693, and canonized in 2013.

Reflection: People who live in the United States today can understand Saint Angela's temptation to increase her sense of self-worth by accumulating money, fame or power. Striving to possess more and more, she became more and more self-centered. When she realized she was priceless because she was created and loved by God, she became very penitential and very charitable to the poor. What had seemed foolish early in her life now became very important. The path of self-emptying she followed is the path all holy men and women must follow.

from *FranciscanMedia.org*



Blessing of the Throats

will take place on the
Feast Day of St. Blaise, **Thursday, February 3,**
after the 8:00am Mass in the Church



Confirmation: **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** at 6:30PM in the Church

Rehearsal: **Sunday, May 1, 2022** 12:30PM in the Church



Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate
a Memorial Mass for

FR. DENNIS COONEY



Thursday, January 27, 2022 • 7:00PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church

2514 Lee Blvd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971



The Memorial Mass for

FR. BOB MATTINGLY



had not been finalized as of the bulletin deadline.

The details will be printed next weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY

“OUR REASON FOR HOPE”

2022 YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer*

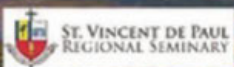
Rom 12:12

ALL YOUNG ADULTS
18 TO 30 ARE INVITED
Cost: \$30

For additional information, please visit:

www.svdp.edu/YAR2022

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Seminarians



10701 South Military Trail
Boynton Beach, FL 33436



Helping Hands

Sometimes we NEED
a helping hand.

Sometimes we can BE
a helping hand.

Either way, here are some
great places to start.

Our Daily Bread

(941) 745-2992

6:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SOLVE Maternity Homes

(941) 748-0094

St. Joseph Food Pantry

(941) 756-3732

Bethesda House

(941) 366-1886



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Do you have a neighbor or
friend who is in temporary
need because of a job loss
or an illness?

Please leave a message
for us... we want to help!

941-794-1328

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Come in to shop or donate or
both! Please call if you
are donating larger items...
we can pick them up.

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Come Hungry Next Sunday!



Freshly cooked, hot and delicious

Ham & Eggs

and

All-You-Can-Eat-Pancakes

— Coffee & Orange Juice included —

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00AM—11:30AM Msgr. Moretti Center

\$8.00 donation ... Kids 5 & under eat Free

100% of proceeds fund parish projects and Knights of Columbus
sponsored charities in our community





**Knights of
Columbus®**

Did we miss you?

Our parish council #15231 of the Knights of Columbus held a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE last weekend. We might have missed you.

We'd love to share with you how the Knights serve others, defend values, protect families, and lead with faith — and have a very good time along the way.

If you would like to become a Knight, or have any questions at all, please call Allan Jury at (941) 254-7686.

BLUE MASS

January 29, 2022

St. Agnes Parish, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd., Naples, is hosting its annual Blue Mass for honoring the sacrifice and service of the community of law enforcement, firefighters and first responders, 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29. The guest homilist is Msgr. Salvatore Criscuolo, Chaplain to the firefighters in Washington, D.C. A reception will follow. All are welcome. If you have questions or want more information, please call 239-592-1949.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

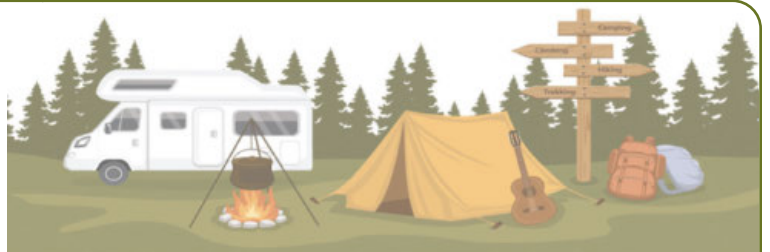
February 12 and February 19, 2022

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. If you'd like to attend please call Susan in the parish office (941-795-1228) to make your reservation.



PARISH CAMPING TRIP!

**Friday, December 2 to
Sunday, December 4, 2022
Oscar Scherer State Park**



Tents, Trailers or RVs

Campers of all ages welcome

Group breakfasts & an outdoor Mass followed by group dinner on Saturday

Questions? Contact Jacqueline Watkins 941-524-9436 or jaxson312@yahoo.com

Sites go fast! Reserve yours online now at

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/stay-night>

Music Ministry News

ARE YOU A MUSICIAN?

We are seeking GUITARISTS, FLAUTISTS, VIOLINISTS, CELLISTS, VIOLISTS, BASSISTS, and especially PERCUSSIONISTS for HOLY WEEK.

You can choose which Mass you will attend.

Please contact Sheila at sshindorf@sspeterandpaul.org.

Volunteer Without Saying a Word!

Our Music Ministry needs "clickers" for the visual aids projected onto the walls during Mass. As part of the audio/visual team, you will advance the PowerPoint slides with a handheld remote, and learn how to power up or shut down the audio/visual system. It is very straight forward and easy to learn. You can be scheduled for a certain Mass and time, or be on-call; it is your choice.

Please see Sheila after any weekend Mass to enquire about this important team.

Breaking Bread App Now Available

The pandemic has prohibited our communal use of hymnals.

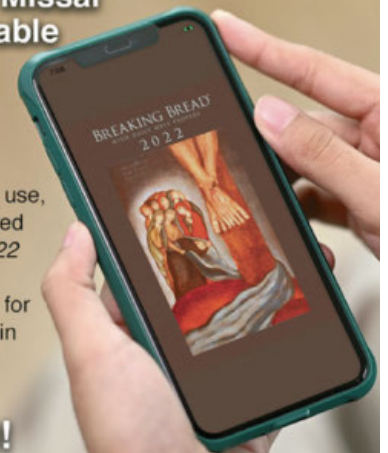
Fortunately, the 2022 Breaking Bread Hymnal is now available as an app for your smart phone. It works with both Apple and Android devices and offers instant access to daily readings, the Order of Mass, and all songs in Breaking Bread from the convenience of your smartphone, tablet or iPad.

Refer to the info box at right.

Your Parish Missal
is now available
as an app

Simple and easy to use, the USCCB-approved *Breaking Bread 2022 eMissal* app is a wonderful resource for active participation in the liturgy and for personal devotion.

Just \$4.99!



"Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of what you desire."

— Thomas Merton



BREAKING NEWS! Your prayers are WORKING!!!

The number of babies **SAVED** from abortion at 40 Days for Life vigils has **DOUBLED** between 2020 and 2021!!!

Thank you very much Respect Life Prayer Warriors who joined us From home and on the sidewalk at the Sarasota prayer vigil. Your faithful support testifies to the fact that we care for moms and their babies and it shows the world that love can conquer evil.

Our next monthly Sarasota prayer vigil will be FEBRUARY 10th.

For Phone Registration, Sign Up, or Questions please call Joelise at (941) 730-8335.



Use the Power of Prayer from your home to Save Lives



(next door to the Sarasota Planned Parenthood)

Be part of the Pro-Life Solution

Get instant text alerts when an abortion-minded mom desperately needs our **PRAYERS!** AND get text alerts to celebrate when a mom **CHOOSES LIFE!**

To get instant alerts visit:

www.PrayForBabies.com/cpci

Sarasota's 24th Annual

PRAYER Walk



**Tuesday, January 18, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

St. Martha Church, 200 North Orange Ave., Sarasota

8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Additional noon Mass celebrated by parish priest
Shuttle bus to prayer vigil with round trips
between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(Light refreshments available near bus stop at 7th St.)

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!



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Grief is as individual as a fingerprint.
No rule book. No time frame. No judgement.
Do what is right for your soul.



Good Grief Group

Grief Support Ministry of Ss. Peter & Paul

We have felt your experience of pain and sorrow after the loss of your loved one. We'd like to partner with you on your grief journey.

Our group sessions are supportive, uplifting, and enlightening.

We'll begin **Tuesday, February 1st**, from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Nine sessions in all, ending March 29.

We meet on Zoom for your safety.

Call Janet at (941) 567-7159 if you are considering being part of the group.

LIVE STREAM MASSES

Wednesday 11:00AM

Friday 11:00AM

Sunday 9:30AM

To watch: go online to

www.sspeterandpaul.org

Click on the Facebook logo



at the top.

*You don't need a Facebook account to watch.

Upcoming NET High School Retreat

Friday, April 8 - Saturday, April 9, 2022
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center

What is NET? Young Catholics ages 18-28 who leave their jobs, school, family and friends to devote nine months to serve with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). The team members witness to young people that faith in God is a desirable, acceptable, and exciting part of their lives. The retreats help youth understand God's love for them and grow in commitment to Jesus and His Church through talks, discussions, games, skits, music, prayer, adoration, and confession.

Registration for the retreat is done through the parish as a group. If you are interested please call the parish office at (941) 795-1228.



Do you have unused iPads, tablets, cell phones, or laptop computers?

Please donate them to

Fr. Antonio's Annual Tech Drive

Bring your used tech (in good condition) to Susan in the Church Office. Fr. Antonio will get it to the students in Haiti who need it most. Thank you for sharing!

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."





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STATEMENT ON ROE V. WADE DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN LIFE January 22, 2022

On this tragic 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion and stripped the unborn of their fundamental right to life, we mourn the heartbreaking loss of over 62 million victims. The Catholic Church stands emphatically and unreservedly for the rights of the unborn. We look forward with the hope that God will soon bring our nation to a profound awareness of the dignity of human life and a recognition that all lives deserve protection under the law.

We are especially encouraged that the U.S. Supreme Court has heard arguments in the Mississippi abortion case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This case addresses whether banning abortions after 15 weeks gestation is constitutional. Although difficult to predict, this could very well be the case that overturns *Roe* entirely or in part. We are steadfast in praying that there will be a monumental shift in the Court's abortion precedent in favor of protecting unborn children. We entreat the faithful to commit to daily prayer and fasting along with other believers across the country for a decision that honors the sanctity of unborn life through the Pray for Dobbs campaign (www.prayfordobbs.com).

We also remain hopeful that the Florida Supreme Court will have an opportunity to reconsider its 1989 ruling that interpreted our state constitution's privacy clause to find a right to abortion in Florida. We are closely following a case currently on appeal, *Gainesville Woman Care, LLC v. State of Florida*, addressing the constitutionality of a common-sense Florida law requiring a 24-hour reflection period prior to abortion. Though this good law is being challenged on the basis that it violates the state constitutional right to privacy, we pray for a judicial outcome that upholds the pro-life law so that women have more time to deliberate undergoing an abortion. Additionally, we urge Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration to strengthen enforcement of existing abortion regulations.

As a Church, we are committed to accompanying all women, including those experiencing unplanned pregnancies or considering abortion. One way that we have been serving pregnant women and their families is through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' initiative *Walking with Moms in Need*, which connects parishioners with volunteer opportunities at community pregnancy resource centers. We wholeheartedly support this ministry that offers tangible, life-affirming support for vulnerable families – fathers, mothers and their babies. As Pope Francis has said, "And among the most fragile are children who do not see the light because their mothers suffer economic, social and cultural conditioning that drives them to give up that wonderful gift that is the birth of a child." (Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Hospital of the Innocents Institute, May 2019)

The Church seeks to be a beacon in a dark world and desires to serve as a field hospital to all who are contemplating or have been harmed by abortion. Even while we recommit to highlighting the great good in embracing life so that abortion is unthinkable, may the Lord continually renew our collective passion to advocate for the protection of unborn children from harm. We ask that the Lord would guide and strengthen our elected and appointed officials in Florida and pray that the legislative and judicial branches at both the state and federal levels come to respect the sacredness of each human life, including the unborn. Let us continue to fight for a culture of life in all spheres so that our society may appreciate the truth that every person—no matter their size, ability, or location—is worthy and worth protecting.

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Archdiocese of Miami

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Diocese of Palm Beach

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Most Rev. John G. Noonan
Diocese of Orlando

Most Rev. Felipe J. Estévez
Diocese of St. Augustine

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes
Diocese of St. Petersburg

Most Rev. William A. Wack, C.S.C.
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado
Archdiocese of Miami



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.

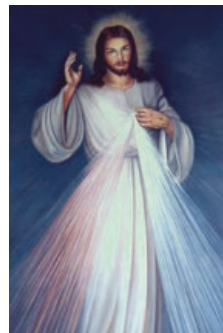
But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might 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



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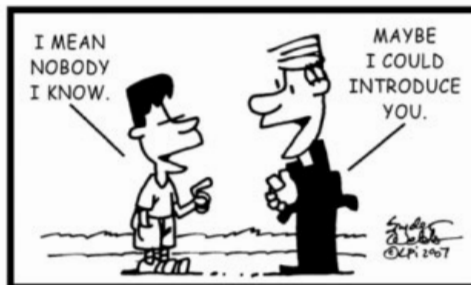
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