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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

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

Pastor's Corner

January 16, 2022

Dear Parishioners

In today's readings, there is a wealth of ideas and doctrine that the Lord presents to us as nourishment for our minds and hearts. Our First Reading is like a divine love letter from God to the Israelites:

You will be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem held by your God.... You shall be called "My Delight." and your land "espoused." For the Lord delights in you, and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you.

The nuptial theme surfaces again in the Gospel. It is significant that one of the first places to which Jesus goes at the beginning of his public life is a wedding and it is at this wedding feast that he works his first miracle, his first "sign" (St. John's favorite name for Jesus' miracles. A sign points to certain effects, but most of all, Jesus' signs point to his compassion and love). He changes water into wine—150 gallons of the very best vintage, a dramatic enough miracle in any circumstance. This is a sign that manifests divine power but also points to an even more dramatic change – that of the old covenant of Judaism to the new covenant of Christianity, the new wedding between God and his people. The change is effected through Mary and her command to the servants: "Do whatever he tells you."

A detailed description of the new people of God is given in the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, in which he depicts the inner composition of the new people of God, the Church. In his letter, Paul compares the Church to a human body with many members, each with its own function, each necessary for the well-

being of the whole, and all deriving power from the one life principle, the Holy Spirit.

Today's gospel provides us with insights into the dignity and holiness of the vocation of matrimony. Marriage is an image of God's love for the people of God and for each of us individually. "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you."

The wedding feast at Cana points to the Eucharist, which is really a celebration of love – divine and human: the love between wives and husbands; the love between members of families, communities, and parish families.

Love is never easy for anyone. It is tested and tried by family tragedies, by indifference, by selfishness, by hurts of all kinds. Human love has to be made, to be created, to grow and ripen. Above all, love has to be forgiving.

All that we have said of human love is true of divine love—the love between God and each of us. God does more than God's share, but our contribution is essential. God is helpless without it.

We know how much we need help, and that help is always available in the Eucharist, the wedding feast again made present. Here God again expresses his love for us, here we renew our wedding vows with God, here we plunge our commitment to the divine Bridegroom back into its roots. Here, above all, we come to know and believe in the Lord's love for us all.

May you have a blessed week.

Father Tom



Parish Stewardship

January 8-9, 2022	
First Collection	9,960.00
Online Donations (reported 2/month)	1,070.00
Christmas	210.00
Solemnity of Mary	15.00
School Subsidy Collection	1,162.00
School Subsidy Online (reported 2/month)	
Total Week's Offertory	\$12,417.00
Weekly Operating Budget	14,409.68
Surplus (Deficit)	(1,992.68)
Catholic Home Missions	90.00
St. Brendan Outreach	1,686.31



As of 1/7/2022	
Assessment	\$182,370
Amount Pledged	198,395
Over Goal	16,025
Number of Pledges	297



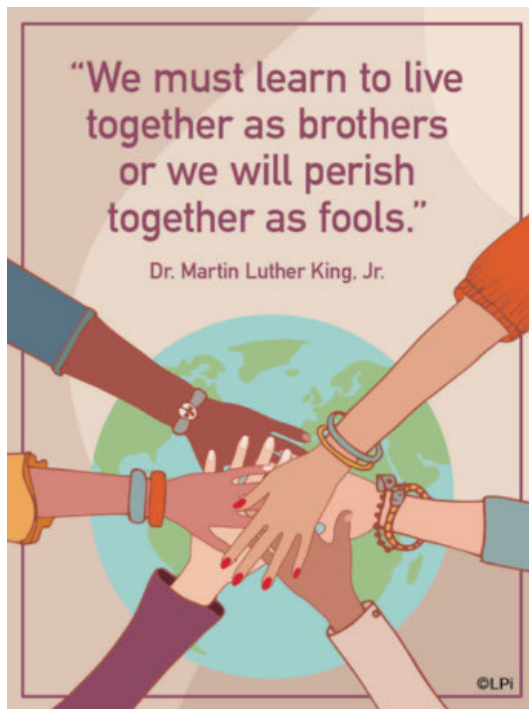
Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, January 15	4:00PM	† Carmen & Virginia Bocco	Betty McKay
Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	† Anna Lynch	Tom Keane
	9:30AM	† Dr. Victor Doig	Cara O'Keefe
	11:00AM	Pro Populo	
Monday, January 17	8:30AM	† Wade Leinart	Thomas McHugh
Tuesday, January 18	8:30AM	† Anthony Gorrasi	Philip Gorrasi
Wednesday, January 19	8:30AM	† Andy Duggan	Rose & Harry Bence
Thursday, January 20	8:30AM	† Frank Zona	Emily Zona
Friday, January 21	8:30AM	† Dr. Victor Doig	Council of Catholic Women
Saturday, January 22	8:30AM	† Dan Rice	The McDonough Family
	4:00PM	Pro Populo	
Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	† Lad Warzecha	The Skipper Family
	9:30AM	† Kathy & Jackie Durkin	Mike Durkin
	11:00AM	† Carol Aufiero	Jan Jones

In Our Parish



**The Parish and School Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th.
In case of emergency,
call 386-441-1505
and follow the directions.**



No Parish Mission the year

The Parish Mission to be conducted by Father Cedric Pisegna, CP scheduled to begin on January 29, 2022, has been postponed at Fr. Cedric's request. The Parish Mission has been rescheduled for the same time next year: **January 29-February 1, 2023.**

POSTPONED DUE TO COVID:

The Italian Festival has been canceled

Chair Yoga Classes, CCW meetings, & Pancake Breakfasts are temporarily suspended.

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Lent is coming

Ash Wednesday this year is March 2, 2022. Except for emergencies, the baptism of infants is not celebrated during Lent. If you are planning to have your child baptized before Easter, please make arrangements now. Information is available on the parish web page under "Sacraments".

Mass and Prayer Times

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am
Monday-Saturday	8:30am

The Holy Rosary
Monday-Saturday
after the 8:30am Mass

Confessions Saturday at 9:00am



The Gospel of Luke

Every third year most of the Gospels at the Sunday Eucharist come from Luke. In Ordinary Time, we hear many passages about Jesus' ministry in sequence. During Advent, Christmas, and Lent we hear sections that accent the themes of those seasons.

Luke excelled in quantity and quality. As the writer also of Acts of the Apostles, he composed nearly a third of the New Testament. The most eloquent of all the evangelists, Luke includes in his Gospel the beautifully crafted stories of the Annunciation to Mary, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son. Without his work, we would have no knowledge of those stories.

The author's identity is a mystery. The original work probably dates to ad 80–85. But the Gospel itself never identifies the name of its author and the earliest editions assigned no author's name to the Gospel's title. Paul's Letter to Philemon lists someone named Luke among his coworkers (24). At the end of the second century, Irenaeus of Lyon reported that Luke, the companion of Paul, wrote the third Gospel, and it has been



called “Luke” ever since. Nevertheless, it cannot be proved that Paul's companion is also the author of this Gospel.

Legends have grown up about Luke. The Letter to the Colossians calls him a beloved physician (4:14), causing a tradition that the evangelist was also a doctor. In the Middle Ages, physicians and painters belonged to the same guild so stories formed that Luke had also created works of

art.

Luke's Gospel stresses several important themes: God's necessary plan for salvation, prayer in the life of Jesus, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the dignity of the poor. Among the evangelists, Luke is symbolized as an ox, a sacrificial animal that foreshadows the sacrifice of Christ.

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Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian.

Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.



One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

St. Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes.

The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and

courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ.

Reflections on the First and Second Readings



The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Beloved, God's Delight

Isaiah 62:1-5

How do you describe your relationship to God? Do you consider God a Father? Do you think primarily of Jesus when you pray? Is God a friend? A judge? Some people feel as though God is their authority figure. Others imagine they have a very close friendship with God.

But people rarely think of God as their spouse. God thinks differently. In the prophecy of Isaiah, we hear that God's relationship to us is like groom to bride. God's love for us is so intense, God's delight in us is so complete, that the only metaphor the prophet can find is that of a newly married couple. Who would dare speak of the relationship between God and humanity this way? Well, God would.

Our experience of God changes. As we grow, we come to understand God better through the events of our lives. Some of those events challenge our perceptions of God. Others affirm them.

Everyone goes through a spiritual desert from time to time. We feel as though God is far away. We imagine that God has forsaken us and left us desolate. These feelings are normal.

But God never abandons us. Sometimes we simply cannot feel the warmth of God's love. Isaiah says God calls us "My delight" and "Espoused." If you have ever felt compassion toward someone who felt alone, you know how God feels toward us.

Master of a Trade

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A jack of all trades is master of none, the saying goes. If you can do a lot of things, you probably do not do any of them well. Some talented people possess many gifts, but it does not take long to figure out their shortcomings as well.

Most of us are happy if we can do one thing well — whether it is a class at school, a task at work, parenting at home, or playing a sport. The problem is, none of us can survive doing one thing well. We need one another. We need other people who do other things well. We need specialists in auto mechanics, computer repair, teaching, and cooking to get us through the day. If you do one thing well — decorating church, for example — you help out a lot of other people who do not know how.

Paul tells the Corinthians that the Spirit is manifest in many ways. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." These manifestations include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, and other mighty deeds. In a parish they surface at worship, education, service, and even social activities that build the community.

You may not think your gift can do much good, but it probably can. The Spirit gives gifts away "for some benefit." This new year, you can put yours to work so that others may come to know the many gifts and wisdom of God.

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Readings for Next Sunday

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 ♦ *1 Corinthians 12:12-30* ♦ *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*



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Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday or 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. Call Valeta Orlando at x-307 in the Parish Office for more information.

Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation

For information contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

Are you a non-Catholic adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Seekers and inquirers are always welcome. Contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office. No pressure; no commitment.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00am-3:30pm

St. Brendan's Outreach Ministry

Food donations accepted in the church narthex at all weekend Masses all through the year. Special collections at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

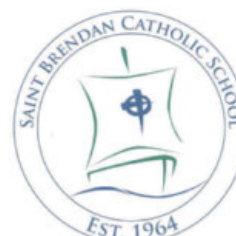
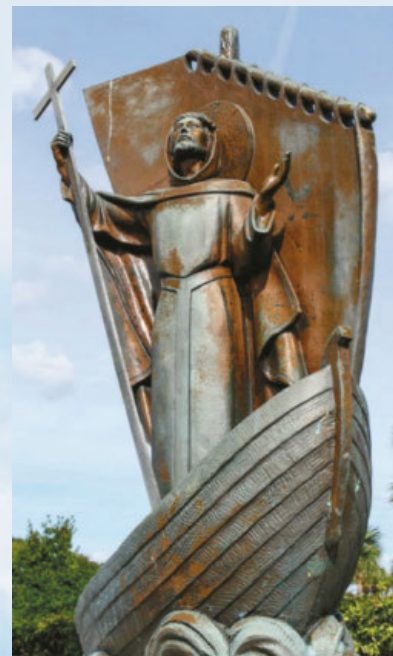
New Parishioners

St. Brendan warmly welcomes you! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and Religious Articles Store. Please return form via the Sunday offertory or bring it or send it to the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus always welcomes new members. For information contact Steve Silvestro: 386-238-8695
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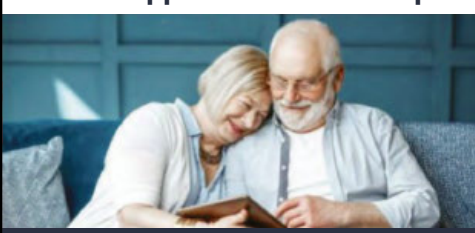
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