

## January 16, 2022

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters—two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and grace-filled writing.

This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

### WONDROUS CHILD

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you," echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

Today's Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;  
1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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## 16 de enero de 2022

### Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Los corintios parecen haber sido los hijos problemáticos de Pablo. Sus dos cartas a ellos son mucho más largas que cualquiera de sus otras cartas – dos, tres o cuatro veces más largas que algunas. Parece que, si los primeros cristianos de Corinto podían malinterpretar o hacer algo mal, lo hacían. Afortunadamente para nosotros, las dos cartas a los Corintios, aunque contienen mucho material didáctico o instructivo, también proporcionan algunos de los escritos más bien elaborados y llenos de gracia de Pablo. Esto es ciertamente cierto hoy en día, con a letanía de dones que el Espíritu concede a los fieles, incluso hasta el día de hoy. Pablo trata de calmar la disputa que parece haber existido, ya que los corintios trataban de reclamar un don u otro como más importante. Todos los dones proceden del mismo Espíritu, les recuerda Pablo, y los distintos dones se conceden en beneficio de la comunidad. Cuando los celos surgen en nuestro entorno, podemos recurrir a las ideas de Pablo para dejar de ser niños orgullosos y problemáticos.

### EL NIÑO DESEADO

En la escena evangélica de Caná, vemos a María dirigirse a su propio hijo, Jesús. Tal vez recordaba la fuerza del Espíritu que había fluido en su vientre en el momento de su encarnación, lo que la llevó a discernir que seguramente él debía tener dones otorgados por el Espíritu que podrían ayudar en la inminente crisis de la boda. Al igual que en la Anunciación, es posible que al principio no estuviera completamente segura de cómo se produciría esto, pero en Caná se dirigió a Jesús con fe. Con fe, sus palabras, "hagan lo que él les diga", se hicieron eco de su respuesta a Gabriel: "Hágase en mí lo que tú digas". En la fe, ella sabe que cualquier palabra que la Palabra diga está destinada a traer otra irrupción del Espíritu, otra manifestación del reino de Dios. Y tiene razón. Su maravilloso hijo, según nos cuenta el evangelista Juan, realizó allí su primer prodigo y señaló la presencia de lo divino en lo cotidiano.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;  
1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm (English)

Sunday: 8:00 am (Spanish) & 10:00 am (English)

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4:45 pm-5:15 pm & Wednesday after 8 am Mass

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am

Thursday Adoration: begins with 8:00 am Daily Mass - concludes 12-midnight

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**REFLECTIONS****REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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**REFLEJOS****REVELACIÓN DE LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS**

La primera lectura de hoy de Isaías surge del sufrimiento del pueblo de Jerusalén y de Judea cuando ellos anticiparon el final de los setenta años de exilio en Babilonia. Sus sufrimientos y su opresión terminarán, y se les promete una alegría como la de una boda espléndida al regresar a su patria. Aunque es probable que este pasaje sucedió a principios del siglo VI AC, carece de los detalles históricos. En este sentido, la Iglesia ha entendido sus metáforas de forma universal, ya que proclama la promesa de Dios de curación, esperanza y felicidad para todos los pueblos, en este mundo y en el otro. Cuando se lee este contexto, la historia de Jesús convirtiendo el agua en vino en las bodas de Canaán se convierte en una revelación de la presencia de Dios en la persona de Jesús, haciendo que estás promesas sean verdaderas para nosotros aquí y ahora, en la transformación de nuestras propias vidas.


**BURNING OF SANCTUARY LIGHT  
JANUARY 2022**
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**Offered By: Isidra Rodriguez**
**ST. JOHN PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS**
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**RCIA CLASS  
MEETS TWICE MONTHLY  
(If Interested Call the Church Office)**
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****FREE THROW CONTEST**
**FOR KIDS AGES 9 - 14  
(as of January 1, 2022)**
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 @ 2 PM**
**LULING HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

Registration will begin at 1:30 pm, and you must bring proof of age. (Birth Certificate, Ident-A-Kid Card, etc.)

**Hosted by Knights of Columbus, St. John Council**

**2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES & CALENDARS**

Please make time to pick up your 2022 Calendar (located in both entrances of the church). Boxed Offertory Envelopes are now located in the Church Office and you may register to receive envelopes at the Church Office during business hours.

**CALENDARIOS DE 2022**

Debido a un error al publicar nuestros calendarios en español de 2022, serán corregidos y enviados. Nos disculpamos por este inconveniente y le informaremos cuando los calendarios corregidos estén disponibles.

**Saturday, January 15 "Vigil of 2nd Sunday in OT"**

Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

**Mass: 5:30 pm** Special Intention (Jane Goertz)**Sunday, January 16 "2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Mass: 8:00 am** Maria Gonzales† (Cris & Lucy Oliva)**10:00 am** For the Parish**Monday, January 17 "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"**Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
**No Mass & Church Office Closed****Tuesday, January 18 "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins"**

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

**Mass: 6:30 pm** Dwight Beldon† (Mary Schuh)

Walter &amp; Lupe Smith (SI) (Family)

**Wednesday, January 19**

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

**Mass: 8:00 am** Bishop Joe Vasquez, 20th year of Ordination  
6:00 pm 30 minutes of Adoration (Hosted by CRE)**Thursday, January 20 "St. Fabian; St. Sebastian" (Adoration)**

Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Mass: 8:00 am** Blake & Lily Layne & Family (SI) (Lupe Smith)  
(Adoration begins with daily mass & ends at 12-midnight)**Friday, January 21 "St. Agnes"**

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

**Mass: 8:00 am** Holy Souls in Purgatory (Lupe Smith)**Saturday, January 22 "Vigil of 3rd Sunday in OT"**

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

**Mass: 5:30 pm** For the Parish**Sunday, January 23 "3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Mass: 8:00 am** Francisca Nuñez†, Maria Eugenia Marin†, Ramon Monarez†, Librada Ochoa† (Seferino y Maria Lopez)**10:00 am** Bishop Joe Vásquez 20th, Anniversary of Ordination

(Masses are subject to change to a later date.)

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT****Week of January 3 - 10, 2022****Collections**

1st Collection ..... \$2,917.00

**Other Income**

Candles ..... \$87.08

1st Offering (Envelopes)..... \$65.00

Perpetual Care/Cemetery (Envelopes) ..... \$30.00

**With God All Things Are Possible****January 22 & 23**

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Sat. 5:30 pm	Robert Hochstein	Jay Crowell
Sun. 8:00 am	Bertha Rodriguez	Willie Lopez
Sun. 10:00 am	Juan Rios	DJ Frausto
		<u>Acolyte</u>
	Sat. 5:30 pm	Jay Crowell
	Sun. 8:00 am	Willie Lopez
	Sun. 10:00 am	DJ Frausto
		<u>Hospitality Ministers</u>
	Sat. 5:30 pm	Bobby Rollert Amanda Rollert
	Sun. 8:00 am	Nazario Reyna Sixto Estrada
	Sun. 10:00 am	Michael Ramirez Amanda Ramirez

**\*\*FOR YOUR INFORMATION\*\*****Baptisms / Bautizos:**

One class is required for parents and sponsors! The next English Baptismal Class will be Sunday, February 13 at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. Limited seating, no children and must wear mask.

**¡Se requiere una clase para los padres y patrocinadores!** La próxima Clase De Bautismo Española será Domingo, el 6 de febrero at 11:30 am en el Salón. Asientos limitados, sin niños y deben usar máscara.**Marriage/Bodas**

A six-months to one-year notice is required, please call the Church office to meet with the Pastor.

**De 6-meses a un año de antemano. Llama a la Oficina.****Quinceañera Celebration / Celebrando Tus XV Años**

A six months to one-year notice is required, for a Quinceañera the family must be registered in the parish and the 14 year old must be already enrolled and attending CRE Classes the year before and the year of, to be eligible to celebrate in the church. Please call the Church Office to meet with the Pastor.

**Se requiere un aviso de seis meses a un año, para una quinceañera la familia debe registrarse en la parroquia y los 14 años de edad deben estar ya inscritos y asistir a las clases de CRE el año anterior y el año de, para ser elegibles para celebrar en la iglesia.** Por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia para reunirse con el pastor.**St. John's Website & Facebook**Please visit our website: [www.stjohnluling.com](http://www.stjohnluling.com) & Facebook, Church: StJohn TheEvangelist CRE: St. John's Catholic Religious Education-Luling

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