Second SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022

[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]
"Do whatever he tells you."
JOHN 2:5

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY—January 15, 2021
5:00 John & Catherine Hufnagel req. by Joyce Hufnagel
SUNDAY—January 16, 2021
8:00 Keith McGovern req. by Dennis & Sheila Sullivan & family
10:00 Margarita Bertot req. by the Transfiguration Twinning Committee
12:00 Helen DeMilia req. by the family

MONDAY—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
9:00 Virginia Poon req. by Angelo Sabini
TUESDAY
7:15 Bernard Tinh Tran req. bt Fr. Huy (1st anniversary of death)
9:00 Morgan Patrick Kaplan req. by Carolyn Walters
WEDNESDAY
7:15 The Parishioners of Tansfiguration
9:00 Lillian Hogan req. by Eleanor Hunt
THURSDAY
7:15 Edward John Parzyk req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick
9:00 Marina Vicuna req. by Sanja Bojovic
FRIDAY
7:15 Edward F. Parzyk req. by Joann & Bob Nedwick
9:00 Angela Belotti req. by the Bonanni family

SATURDAY—January 22, 2021
8:00 Netta Sloboda req. by Janet & Lisa Torchia
5:00 John Kunert req. by Teresa Broadway
SUNDAY—January 23, 2021
8:00 Bob Saldis req. by the Malone's
10:00 Stefanie Vincek req. by John & Ros DeMilia
12:00 Guy Wilson req . By Jean Wilson

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Robert Brill req. by Eleanor Cornett

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is for all healthcare workers.

The Shrine candle this week is burning in the Shrine this week is for all those Suffering because of the cold weather.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD
No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.—St. Anselm of Canterbury

HAPPINESS
He is truly happy who has all that he wishes to have, and wishes to have nothing that he ought not to wish.
-St. Augustine of Hippo

Weekly Offering

Sunday, January 9, 2022
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Church Maintenance

Sunday:	***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	***Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	***Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)*** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	***St. Fabian; St. Sebastian*** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	*St. Agnes* 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	***Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
Sunday:	***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 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

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).
Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).
Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

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YOUR BEST
Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.—Anonymous

How to Be a Blessing in an Overwhelming World

BY BOBBY MCMAHON JULY 11, 2018

Sometimes, when I feel overwhelmed by the problems of the world, a question floats into my mind. It's a question asked by the wonderful singer Brandi Carlile on "That Wasn't Me," a gem of a tune about trying to get on a better path.

The question is this: "Do I make myself a blessing to everyone I meet?"

The lyric sticks with me every time I hear it. The words come near the end of the song, as the troubled narrator asks a seemingly simple question about how she encounters the world. The complicated nature of the thought comes wrapped in Carlile's voice, which carries the unleashed beauty of a butterfly spitting fire (listen to her shred Radiohead's "Creep" and you'll understand).

Outside the context of the song, the question offers an invitation to rethink how we can do and be good in our daily lives. Even for the best of us, it can be difficult to connect our normal routines with some larger purpose. Whether it's feeding the hungry, easing the suffering of others or just being the person who friends can count on, it's not always clear if we're producing results that are lasting and significant.

Our hearts might be in the right place, but the tasks can seem overwhelming and far away. How can I help the marginalized while I'm picking out cookies at the supermarket? What am I really supposed to be doing with my time here? And where should I put my efforts, knowing they could be undone by disasters, natural or otherwise?

It can be easy to question whether the good you do is doing any good at all. It can feel like trying to fight back the ocean as wave after wave crashes in. But this question invites you to refocus your sights a bit.

We may feel disconnected from larger issues in the world or fail to see how our actions impact others. But by placing an intention in our hearts to be a blessing, we can find lots of places to do good. The elderly relative we know we should call more. The homeless person we pass on the way to work. The significant other who receives us at the end of the day, when we are tired and impatient. The stranger who cuts us off in traffic and then waves without all her fingers.

The world needs lots of work, but there's no reason you can't start with what's right in front of you.

"Blessing" is not a word that people throw around lightly, and being one is pretty difficult. Opening yourself up in this way invites you to learn more and offer more than you perhaps have been doing. It requires that you understand what the person across from you needs and how to give that gift to them.

Carlile's song pops up on my iPod frequently, but I don't really have an answer to her question. I don't know that being a missionary or a social worker is the right path for me, even though I greatly admire the people who do that work. I try to find God in my day, but it's easy to get caught up in what's happening at work or at home. It's hard to separate the path from the noise.

But today, I can try to be a blessing to everyone I meet. And if I fail today — and I will fail — I can try again tomorrow. In the meantime, I can hold hope in my heart that something wonderful is happening all those times I get it right, even if it's far away, even if I'll never see it.

Bobby McMahon
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We have the wedding at Cana at the heart of today's liturgy because this story of Jesus' first miracle of water turned into wine was originally part of the Epiphany feast. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and a people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. The mother of Jesus has been recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arises, she does what she can to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate this day as a mini-anniversary, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine. –James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Family Life Ministry – Upcoming Events

- On February 12, 2022, FLM will host its **3rd Annual Date Night** for parents, which includes a catered meal, music, and ministry. Onsite babysitting will be offered. The recommended donation is $20 per couple.
- Family Life Ministry will be collecting unwrapped "re-gifted" items after the holidays for use in future family events. Please drop off items in the bin that will be located at the church entry between December 26th through January 14th.

Thank you!

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SAINT AGNES (died 304)
January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.

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2022 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PANTRY NEEDS

Pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, shelf box milk, can tuna, toweling, toilet paper. Whenever our church doors are open, your purchased items may be placed in the green bin just inside the parking lot church doors. Your monetary gifts are always welcome. We have monthly requests for those in need of help with medications, rent, transportation. St. Vincent de Paul envelopes are available in the vestibule under the bulletin board notices and can be placed in the church collection basket or Priory office.

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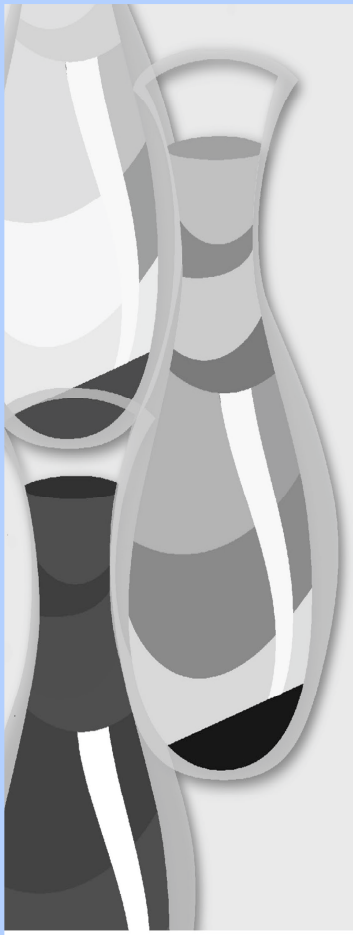

John 2:10 "You have kept the **good wine** until **now**."

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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.

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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.

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Please Pray for:

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Chris Vanzo and his donor,
Luciano & Maria Volpacchio,
John Walsh, Mark Witkowski,
Anna Zambeletti,
all those who are suffering from serious illnesses, especially the corona virus.

Our twinned parish in Soyapango

Our Deceased:

Justin Baker,
Vincent W. Gagliardi
William Pickett,
Netta Sloboda,

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

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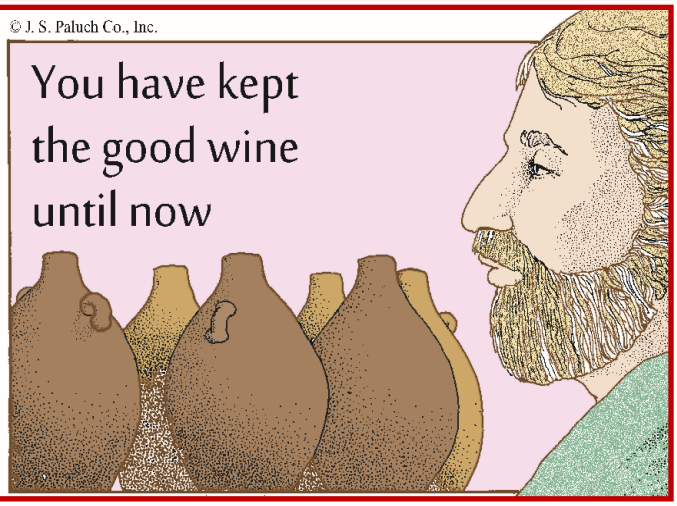

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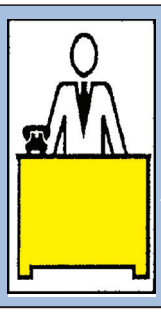

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