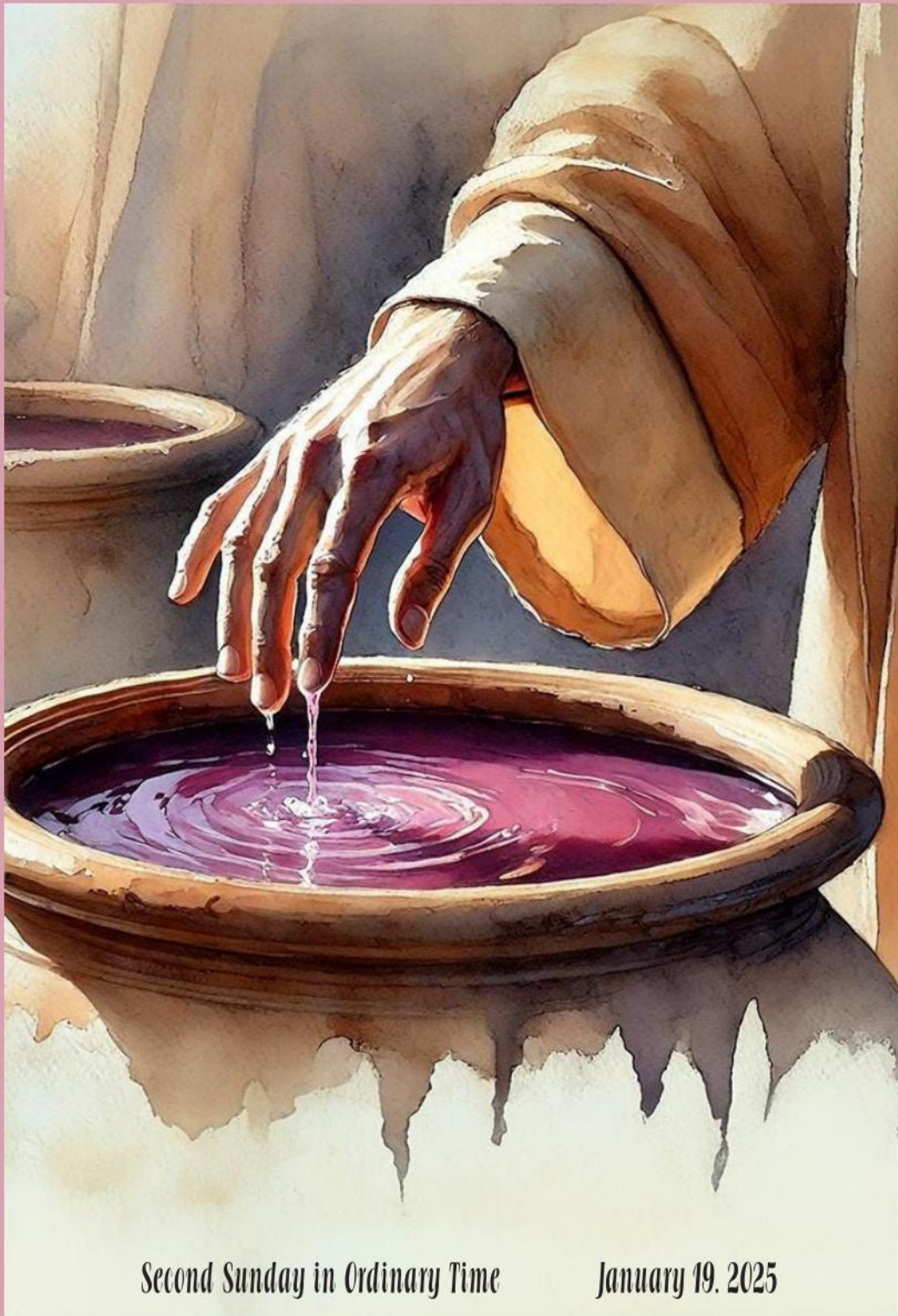


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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



MONTH OF DECEMBER WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	34,549.23
Extraordinary Income	2,303.96
Expenses	20,487.48
Total	\$ 16,365.71

thank you

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study—Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

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.

—Peter Scagnelli

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 20

(Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 21

(Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)

8:00 a.m. Geraldine Frick†

Wednesday, January 22

(Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 23

(Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12)

8:00 a.m. Debra Goodey†

Friday, January 24

(Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19)

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 25

(Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragsa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otilio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Margaret M. Laughlin

Sunday, January 26

(Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-101 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, J.C. Spier†, Jonathan Laguaite, Doris Laguaite†, C.J. Lightell†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK



May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, John McKelvey, Jr., James White

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 311

Year to Date: 546



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† Debra Goodey †



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of Theresa Comeaux

BUILDING UP THE KINGDOM

You are God's delight! Yes, you. Isaiah talks about how God called you, and as a groom rejoices in his bride, He rejoices in you. And then, in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we have been given spiritual gifts that help us serve the people of God. He reminds us that while our gifts are different from others' gifts they are all manifestations of the same Spirit and are all needed. In the Gospel, we see Mary's gift of being concerned with hospitality and caring for others. She urges Jesus to help and while His reply to her is vague, she tells the waiters to "do whatever he tells you."

Are you ever a bit timid or even afraid to do whatever Jesus tells you to do? Or maybe you make excuses. I do the latter. Especially when I am not fond of what I am being asked to do. For example, I have felt a pull to be more intentional about intercessory prayer. In theory, it is a great idea. I believe in the power of prayer. The people who need prayers are people I care about. But praying takes time, Lord, and you know how that is in short supply. Based on my experience I know praying is important and necessary, not only for those I am praying for but for me. But I drag my feet and maybe whine a tad until I realize that saying no to Jesus is not a good plan. Ever.

And why would any of us say "no" or ignore a request from God who loves us? I think we each can think about that on our own. And then I hope we all come to the conclusion that doing what he tells us to do will always bear abundant fruit. We will be led to use the gifts we have been given for the glory of God and to build up the kingdom. As baptized Catholics, that is our purpose.

As you go through your day, ask Jesus to reveal to you the specific purpose he has for you right now. And then do it.

By Deanna Bartalini



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Men's Conference 2025 – I Trust in You Join us for the 2025 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference; March 15, 2025 at St. Dominic Church in New Orleans. The Men's Conference is the largest gathering of Catholic Men in the Archdiocese. There will be dynamic speakers, inspiring music with the Vigil Project, time for adoration, dozens of priests to hear confessions, Mass with Archbishop Aymond, and breakfast and lunch besides! This year's Conference theme, "*I Trust in You*", focuses on building greater trust with God and one another in order to take our faith to the next level. Register today and help our parish win bragging rights with the Men's Conference Best Represented Parish award! Learn more at Nolacatholicmen.com. Call the office to register and take advantage of our group discount.

FLIPPED-OUT PHARISEES

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel, it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that Jesus addressed her as "Woman." I can't imagine my Dad letting me get away with that. But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. (The last time Jesus speaks to his mother—John 19:26—he also calls her "Woman." He certainly wasn't being disrespectful on the cross.) Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that doesn't draw attention to himself and also is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus used the miracle to show us a different way of understanding holiness. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins to show that it was new. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God—we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. Not because God excludes the rest. Those who don't think they are sinners or don't think they can be forgiven won't ask for it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine (six big jars of about twenty-five gallons each) symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord.

Tom Schmidt



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Seeing the sad events that happened on January 1, 2025 in New Orleans, I would like to offer up a prayer for all those affected. We should be praying for those 10 people who lost their lives and for those 35 who were injured by this event and all those who were affected. At the deanery meeting the week before last, a few of the pastors present said that they had parishioners who were directly affected by the violence in some way. So this week in the pastors corner, I will offer up a prayer that can be said for all of those who were affected. In the prayer, I will offer prayers for the end of violence. Sadly, as I think about it, the real reason that all of this kind of violence is happening is because most people, as a whole, have rejected the author of all joy and happiness, who is God, for the god of self, known as secular humanism. Worship of that "god" will only bring hatred and misery into our lives because Satan is behind all worship that is not directed to the true God who is the source of life itself. I also have included a prayer for peace in our hearts.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TRAGEDY OF JANUARY 1

Almighty Lord and God, we turn to you during these sad times when so many refuse to turn to you and go astray. We are saddened by the events of January 1 where 10 people lost their lives and 35 were wounded in a senseless act of violence. We pray for an end to violence and suffering. Our world is so full of hatred and anger because it does not know you. We pray to you today and ask for your forgiveness for the sins against you, our God. We pray for peace in New Orleans and for peace in the world, but we know that this can never be accomplished until all of the people in the world turn to You. So Lord, we pray that one day Your reign will truly be on Earth as it is in Heaven. We also pray for forgiveness in our world. We pray that all of the people who have been affected by violence may be healed and be able to one day forgive those who committed the violence against them. Lord, grant the human race strength and perseverance to do what is right and finally turn to You once and for all and be at peace. Amen

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR HEARTS

Lord God during trying times we often fall prey to doubt or despair. When evil raises its head and brings violence or death, we often are shaken or doubt Your presence. But when we are shaken, we should reach out all the more to You. So today, we are asking for Your strength to overcome adversity and a greater outpouring of peace in our hearts. Lord, please help us to see your presence in our lives as we struggle and doubt. Help us to hold onto belief in your presence, especially at times where doubt that you exist persists. Help us to feel Your peace in such a way that we will have courage to carry on and to trust more and more in Your work in our lives. Help us to see Your presence all around us so that we will no longer doubt your goodness or your love. At times when we are inundated with thoughts of why would an all loving God allow evil to exist and bad people to hurt others, help us to understand that free will means that we must choose You, because choosing sin and separation from God is what allows evil to exist. So Lord, please allow us the grace to choose you and in doing this may we find peace in our hearts and more in our hearts every day. Amen

PRAY
FOR
OUR
PRESIDENT



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

**Returning hate for hate multiplies hate,
adding deeper darkness to a night
already devoid of stars.**

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;

only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate,

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Martin Luther King Jr., *Strength to Love*



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