



**Everyone serves
good wine first, and
then when people
have drunk freely, an
inferior one; but you
have kept the good
wine until now.**

JOHN 2:10

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What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*
- ✳ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*



St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community Fort Belvoir, VA

New to St Martin of Tours?

Please contact our Catholic Coordinator at FBCCInfo@gmail.com to register and get our email mailing list for the latest Catholic Community announcements!

Mass Schedule

Monday – Thursday, 1205 at Fairfax Chapel

Saturday, 1700 at Belvoir Chapel

Sunday, 0930 at Belvoir Chapel**
1100 at Fairfax Chapel

**The Sunday 0930 Mass is live-streamed
and can be viewed from this link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO/>

**Watchcare is available during this Mass for children ages 6months – 4years. Watchcare is located in the Religious Education Center next to Belvoir Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 1600-1645 at Belvoir Chapel
or by appointment. Contact Fr. Lindsay directly to schedule.

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REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Ft Belvoir has reached HPCON C status and more restrictive protocols are in place. Due to this, ALL Masses are limited to 50 people. (This includes chaplain assistants, clergy, and ministry volunteers.)

You must register to attend weekend Masses. Emails will be sent out on Mondays with the link to register. The link can also be found at: www.FortBelvoirCatholicCommunity.com.

Everyone who registers will receive an email on either Thursday or Friday either confirming attendance or notification of being on the waiting list. Attendees will be rotated so that everyone has a chance to attend Mass.

Please note that daily Masses are not included in this protocol. Should you not receive our weekly emails or have questions, please contact Louise, the Catholic Coordinator, at FBCCInfo@gmail.com.

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Fort Belvoir, VA; Catholic – RCKA**

Please write “Catholic Community”
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The Knights of Columbus encourage everyone to get actively involved with this year's March For Life on January 21st.

The theme is:

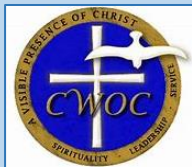
EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB.

Here are two ways to get involved:

1. Take a free bus ride directly to the event and return afterward. Parishioners should go to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon to catch the bus. Details and more information can be found at:

<https://www.gs-cc.org/march-for-life/>

2. Agree to pray that day to end legalized abortion, with your entire family if possible. We are asking for **50 families to participate**. Please send an email note to the Knights that you intend to participate by prayer. The email address is: FBKofC11170@gmail.com.



CWOC Meeting

19 January 2022

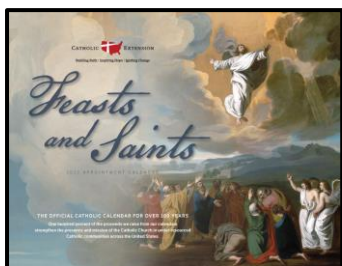
0930 – 1130

Belvoir Chapel

At this CWOC meeting, the film Roe v. Wade will be shown. All members of the Ft Belvoir Catholic Community are welcomed to attend this CWOC meeting.

St. Martin of Tours
2022 Catholic Calendars
are available at
the back of each Chapel.

Pick up yours today!



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16 January 2022

‘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.’ (John 2:11)

“We can probably recite elements of today’s gospel from memory. For example, we know that Jesus turned water into wine at the request of his mother. While these details are not insignificant, it is important to look beyond these elements. What does this wedding celebration reveal about Jesus?

The wedding at Cana in Galilee is often referred to as the start of Jesus’s public ministry. John writes, ‘Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.’ Essentially, Jesus reveals two essential elements of his nature. First, we see that Jesus is fully human, as he attended the wedding party with his mother, just as many of us have. Second, Jesus reveals that he is the Son of God, performing signs that disclose his divine nature and the nature of the kingdom of God.

In the kingdom of God there will be no more thirsting. In fact, we will come to see throughout John’s gospel that there will also be no hunger or sickness or death. The second reading from Paul to the Corinthians begins, ‘There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.’ As Jesus does in today’s gospel, we must all use the unique gifts God has given to us so that we might build up the kingdom of God. Just like the accounts of today’s gospel, the kingdom of God is both ‘here’ and ‘not yet.’” (Living Liturgy 2022, pg. 48)

Fr. Mike

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

Imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his

final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



OVERSTREET / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,
37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

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

Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third 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

