



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**1/17: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Maynard & Mary LaFond <sup>r/b</sup> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**1/18: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose of Michael Perraut <sup>r/b</sup> Helen DePuydt

**1/19: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose William E O'Neil <sup>r/b</sup> Extension Society

**1/20: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Repose Lyle Cochran <sup>r/b</sup> Julie & Gary Howell

**1/21: Malta—8:30 A.M.** Special Intentions <sup>r/b</sup> Lana Fortin

**1/22: Malta 4:00 P.M.** Repose of Ernest Becker <sup>r/b</sup> Julie & Gary Howell

**1/23: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;

**Dodson—8:30 AM:** Holy souls in purgatory <sup>r/b</sup> Julie & Gary Howell

**Saco - 12:30 PM:** Souls in purgatory <sup>r/b</sup> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

## Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



**Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.**

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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

## Daily Scripture Readings

**1/16: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11;

**1/17: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot;** 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23; Mark 2:18-22

**1/18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 89:20-22, 27-28; Mark 2:23-28

**1/19: Wednesday in the second week of Ordinary Time;** 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalms 144:1, 2, 9-10; Mark 3:1-6

**1/20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;** 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalms 56:2-3, 9-13; Mark 3:7-1

**1/21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr;** 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalms 57:23-4, 6 and 11; Mark 3:13-19

**1/22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children;** 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-2

**1/23: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;** 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-21

**Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.**

**Malta - 10:30 a.m.**

**Saco—12:30 p.m.**



## New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

## Sacraments

**Confessions:** See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

**Baptism:** Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

**Marriages:** Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

## Please Pray For

Staci French, , Lona Darrah, , Sandra Wiebe, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, Benny Milks, Jason Bednarzyk, Cody Drabbs, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

# Everyday Stewardship

## It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have

a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

*In revealing his mysterious name, YHWH ("I AM HE WHO IS", "I AM WHO AM" or "I AM WHO I AM"), God says who he is and by what name he is to be called. This divine name is mysterious just as God is mystery. It is at once a name revealed and something like the refusal of a name, and hence it better expresses God as what he is - infinitely above everything that we can understand or say: he is the "hidden God", his name is ineffable, and he is the God who makes himself close to men. CCC 206*

## Pope Francis’ Intention

### For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## Fr. Felix

### II (Jan 16): Is 62:1-5; I Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

In today's first reading, Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. God's fidelity to His people is compared to a husband's ideal fidelity to his wife. The prophet reminds God's people that their God rejoices in them as a Bridegroom rejoices in His Bride and He will rebuild Israel, if they reconcile with Him. By our Baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to her Bridegroom. Thus, the first reading challenges us to reciprocate God's love.

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the new wine that Christ pours out for us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to Christ's Bride. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians at that time and to us today that each of them is endowed by the Holy Spirit with distinctive gifts. Hence, we must use our gifts to build up, protect and nourish the ties that bind us in Christ and one another.

In today's Gospel, St. John refers to Christ's first miracle, the wedding of Cana, as a "sign." It is one of the seven signs by which Jesus manifested His

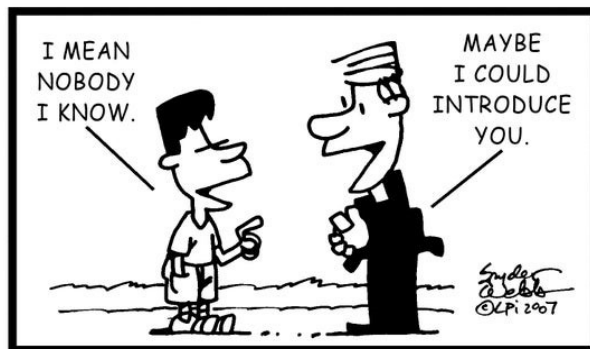
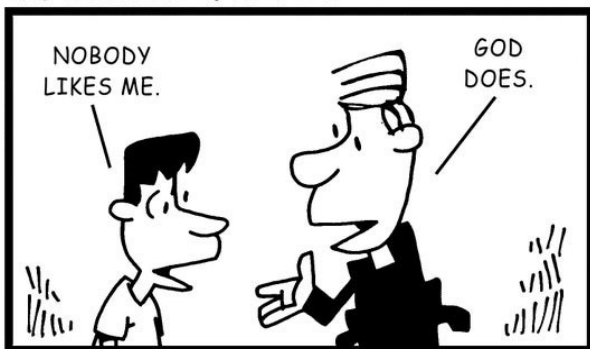
Divine power during His public ministry. It is possible that Mary was in some way related to the bride or groom and may have been serving as an assistant to the wedding director. Jewish weddings usually began on Wednesdays with the celebration lasting for seven days. During that period, guests arrived each day bringing gifts and participating in the joy of the occasion. As we read in St. John's Gospel, during the course of the celebration, "the wine ran short." To run short of wine at a wedding was a serious problem, particularly damaging to the reputation of the host and an indication of poverty and ill fate for the newly-married couple.

When Mary pointed out the problem to Jesus, the reply seems to be a bit sharp. But although Jesus addressed his mother as "Woman," the term was equivalent to our word "lady," and was not offensive. It was, in fact, a term of respect and Jesus used the same word in addressing Mary from the cross. By calling her "woman," Our Lord is linking the Blessed Virgin Mary to Eve. In Genesis, God revealed that the seed of

the woman would defeat the demonic serpent. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. (Gn 3:15). In the same way when Jesus asked Mary, "What is it to Me. and to you?" He was probably implying, "We are guests, and we are not expected to supply the things needed at the feast." Jesus further protested, "My hour has not yet come." The "hour" of Jesus includes the Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension taken as one great event. In spite of Jesus' detachment from the problem, Mary instructs the waiters, "Do whatever He tells you, "Thus showing Faith that her Son would do what the newly-weds and their families really needed. The Church uses the account of this miracle to remind us that, by virtue of her position as the mother of God and our Heavenly Mother, Mary's intercession for us with

God has great power. Therefore, our families and spouses need Jesus and Mary when the family relationship becomes boring, raising the children becomes a burden and parents become a burden to their children. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family will encourage parents to create an atmosphere of prayer, Bible-reading, mutual love and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service at home. Let us follow Mary's instruction, "Do whatever He tells you." Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern and care. Amen.

#### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# Gospel Meditation

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in

Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus





## Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



## Sacrificial Giving for 1-9

	<b>1-9</b>	<b>Direct Deposit</b>
Malta:	\$2,191.00	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$90.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$158.00	\$50.00

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## Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

### **God, our Spouse and Lord of Life**

“As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.” Today’s first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb.

This week, January 22nd, marks the sad anniversary of the Roe vs Wade

Supreme Court decision that legalized the killing of those children by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. This remains the single most destructive and barbaric public policy in our nation, and hundreds of thousands of Americans march in Washington, in San Francisco, and in many other cities at this time of year calling for a change. Moreover, this coincides with our nation’s honoring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose dream of equality for all under the law needs to be applied now to the children in the womb. This is a work around which Christians of all denominations should unite, and this week also marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

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# *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*

## IN ORDINARY TIME



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5