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EMMANUEL

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH HOME

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“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”

ST. JOHN PAUL II

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FILL THE JARS WITH WATER.

— JOHN 2:7 —

LADIES GUILD INVITES YOU

CASINO TRIP

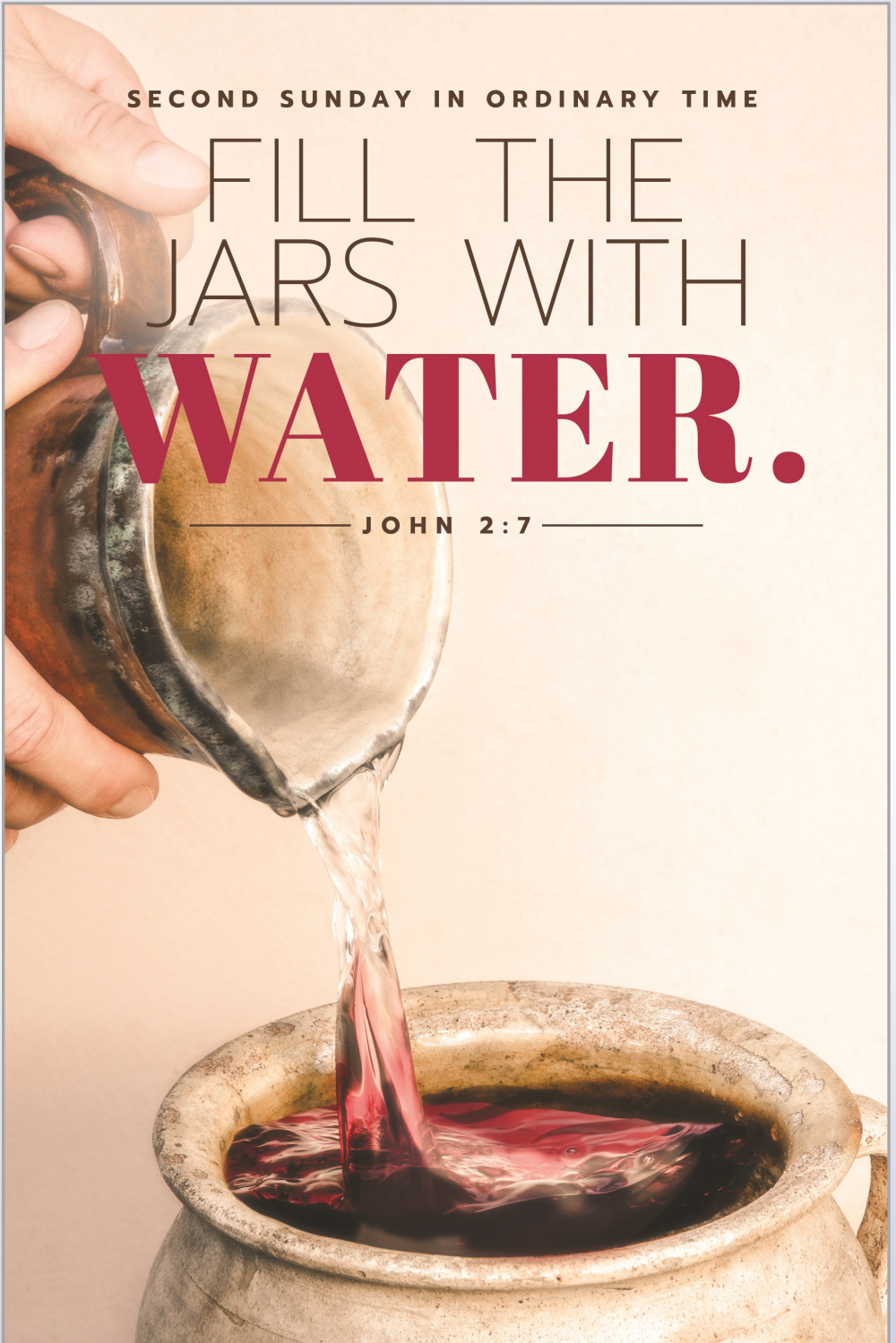
The first casino trip of 2025 on Thursday, February 13, 2025! The price is \$30. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:45AM and will leave The Big Easy at about 3:15PM for the return trip home.

FUNDRAISER

All women of the parish to join us as we celebrate Chinese New Year 2025...the year of the Wood Snake!

We will be having a Chinese auction including a Chinese lunch from Nana's Noodles on Wednesday, January 29th from Noon to 3PM!

The cost is \$15/person which includes the lunch of your choice and a bottle of water, or you can choose to bring your own lunch! Menus are available at the church office, and reservations can be made at the same time! If you have any items for the Chinese auction, you can let us know so that we can include them that day



PARISH INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

Emmanuel Catholic Church which means, **God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

Weekday/Weekend Associates

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Sandra Gallegos Sgallegos@emmanuelcatholic.church

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

Lectors

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

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Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, Men's Choir

Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

Homebound / Hospital Ministry

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Finance Council

Parish Council

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

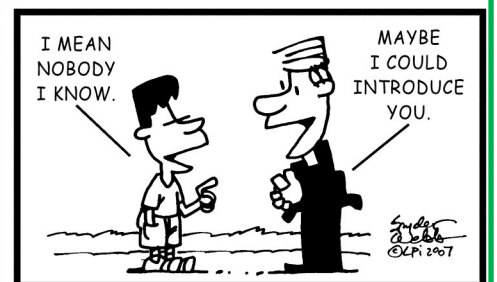
Knights of Columbus

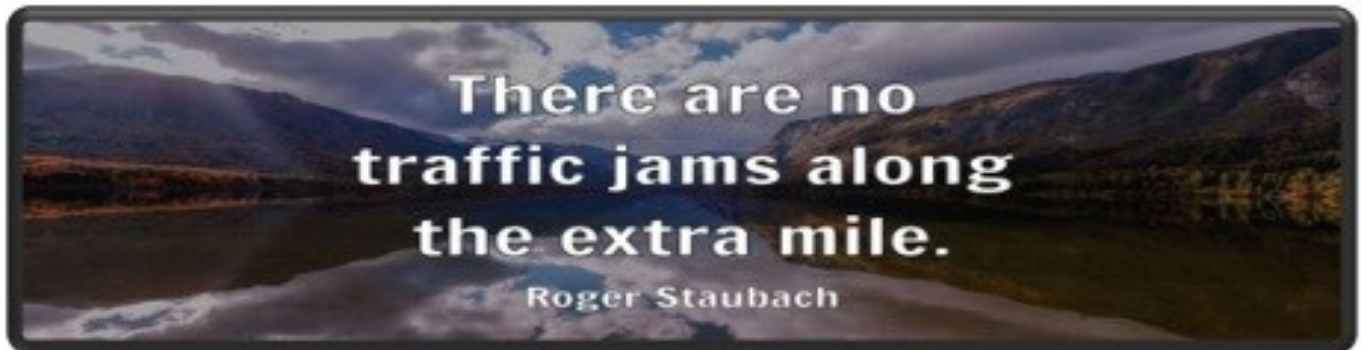
Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Our Rosary path is a great place for us to pray, and with the passing of time comes the need to Refresh or replace the elements that have become tired or end of life.

With your donations We are going to Refresh the fading images of the stations of cross with Brass images that will stand up to the brutal Florida sun

**Donation \$1,000.00 Per station
(14 Available)**

***Includes a Leaf on our Tree**

Our existing Wooden Benches have served us well , but are now so deteriorated they must be replaced.

We will be installing **6' Aluminium Benches**. Constructed entirely with lightweight, corrosion resistant aluminum materials and protected in a resilient powder-coating finish, these popular imported benches are long lasting and tough as nails

**Donation \$2,000.00 Per Bench
(18 Available)**

***Includes a Leaf on our Tree**



Sometimes when
things are falling apart,
they may actually
be falling into place.
Stay positive.

Get both the Bench & Station of the cross for a \$2,500.00 Donation.
Donations received before the new year will enable work to be complete for Lent 2025

Contact Jerome Plummer 561-247-5448 or email at jp@bcs1.net

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 20—JANUARY 26, 2025 | 04

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 20

7:30am †Jerome G A Marcellus & Family by Renando Marcellus †Marie Jean Pierrelouis by Renando Marcellus
†Orisi Andre & Family by Renando Marcellus
8:30am †Mark Vlasek by Cassagnol Family *Darren Guzman by Mother

Tuesday, Jan. 21

7:30am †Clem Bianchi by Donna Weber †Mathew Decker by Mr. & Mrs. John Korba
8:30am †Guy Saieh by Sister Cecile *Renando Marcellus by Renando Marcellus

Wednesday, Jan. 22

7:30am *Richmond Family by Alex Lee *Victoria Robelo by Victoria Robelo
8:30am *Gregory Koop by Mother †Robert Ianson by Barbara Shapiro

Thursday, Jan. 23

7:30am †Tracey Maas by Ibis Romero †Deanna Rose Diaz by Ibis Romero
†Alice Gonder by Ibis Romero
8:30am †Theresa Macri by Barbara Shapiro †Jim Hageney by Jack Hughes

Friday, Jan. 24

7:30am *Ricarda Perez Vargas by Elsa Caraballo *Joe DeFelice by Tom & Clara Depko
8:30am *Ricarda Vargas/92nd birthday by Evelyn Santiesteban †Rose Potenza by Joan Gentile
6:00pm **FOR PRIESTS** **FOR PRIESTS**

Saturday, Jan. 25

8:30am †Anthony De Francesco by De Francesco Family †Adalric Arinque by Manny & Phil
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Arthur Messenger by Linda & Ed DiMarco †Ivan & Maria Milanya by Bozidar & Berta Pesa

Sunday, Jan. 26

7:30am †James Hageney by KoC Council 13338 †Kathrine Grasser by Ellen
9:00am †Bob Kosineski by Wife †Anacoreta Baldonado by Carol Schwab
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Francesca Longo by Mr. & Mrs. Atanasio †Phyllis A. Lomitola by Kate Gilroy
6:00pm †Linda Scotti by Sister & Brother †Alberto Esteva by Wife

UNSCHEDULED

†Maria Belgica R. Rodriguez by Roberto *Eric S./Healing by Rose †David E. Perry by Joe Fontes
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*Mr. & Mrs. Robert Benabio by Ron & Stella Mandolfi

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

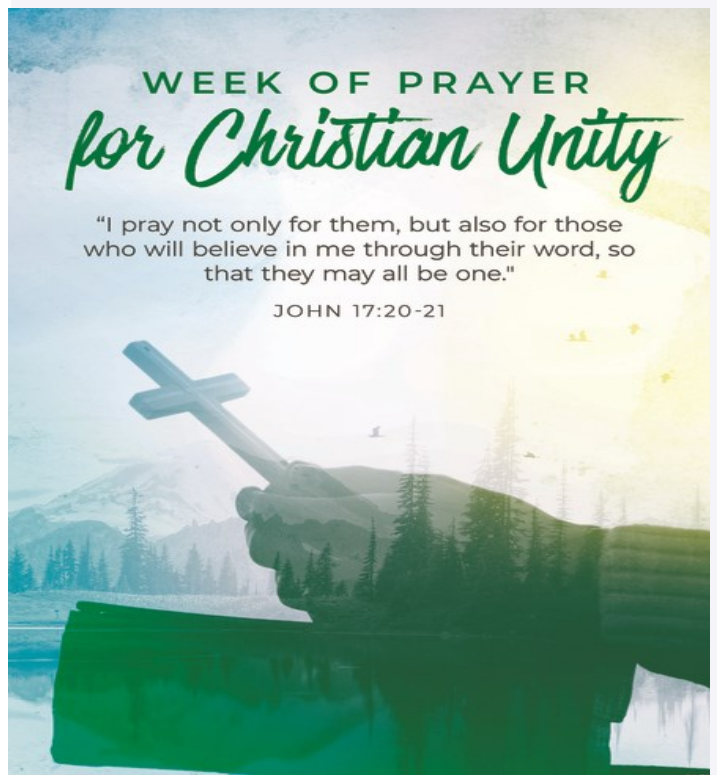
For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

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| David & John
Helen Cruz
Lenore Curatolo
Marilyn Boyle
Andrea Anastasi
Shelly Fiorini
Ed Bush
Bob Oberholzer
John Wilkens
Scott Ellison
<i>Evangeline
Ezeilo</i>
Michael Gehres
Karen Sullivan
Sean Zahul
Darren Guzman
Mary Lou
<i>Connie
Panepinto</i>
Amalia Mazzolin
Leon Martin
Joe Delagami
<i>Rose Marie
Regner</i>
Michael Manuele
Carla Ruiz
Benjamin Robelo
Karen McCarty
T.J. Genzale
Dave Ruiz
Victoria Robelo
Ms. S.
Rose Borsella
Lexie Helgerson
David Smeraldo
Janette Cole
<i>Steven Martin
Sikes</i>
Gianna Pagan
Suzanne Puleo
Sr. Frances Vass
<i>OSC</i>
Mary Loveland
Sam Falcone
Patricia Golstein
Taylor Dosh
Marilyn Martino
Gulshan Modena
Maggie Dolan
<i>Amelita Coz-
Zarraga</i>
Heather Martin
Tailor McGee
Ronald Griffiths
Margie Giaquinto
Maria Fernandez
Raphael Roman
James Ezeilo | Brenda Ezeilo
Cynthia Martin
Francis Martin
Hermoine D'Cruz
Brigitte Knops
Toni Kreamer
Gerry Gerhard
Euclides Cerutti
Grace Cassagnol
Samuel Gonzales
Victorio
Ray Wolff
<i>Patricia Tripi
Giraldo</i>
Ida Giannettina
Tom Hickey
Josette Weber
Vincent Rizzo
Louis Perticone
Ann Cavaseno
Charles C. Tufano
Angela Discepola
Anna Halford
Sal Yanello
Victor Rivera
William Lindner
Lisa Della
Femina
<i>Maria E.
Quiñones-
Mercado</i>
Diane Daniels
Carmen Jones
Bill Hamilton
Ralph Senese
Ramona
Ash Gaballah
Karen Ramey
Tom Tripi
Mary Ann
Lisa Payne
Marilyn Green
<i>Joseph
Salamone</i>
Phyllis Lomitola
Maria Amaro
Aniela Ignaczak
Lillian Campayno
Terry Schwinge
Tom D'Amico
Gabriel Zamora
Vincent Blum
Ricardo Blum
<i>Gina Marie B.
Cohen</i>
David Strompf
Sal Hanono
Chris Angotti | Heather Smith
Jason Smith
Ronald Merhige
Roshan
Karen Jensen
Cynthia Martin
Garry Solomon
Ilda Sosa Botero
Carlos Tobon
Jill Forshey
Gerry Santilli
Gail Hill
Chrissie Budrick
Frank Dazzo
Dina Quelch
Stewart Librizzi
Thomas Land
Agatha Saccio
Robert Albertson
Rafael Botero
Albert Fernandes
Doreen Romano
Britney Closson
Jeanette Gallegos
Adriana Elejalde
<i>Oswaldo Cesar
Monasterio</i>
Michael Cecere
Jahaziel Roldan
Abigail Chin-Lenn
<i>Gertrudis Rivera
Martinez</i>
Merrill Tucker
Debra Tucker
Maggie Dazzo
Nicholas Cerino
Daisey Gutzman
Noah Altherios
Debra Serritella
Harvey Shackman
Joseph Reategui
Anthony Spiritio
Rhea
Raecher
Doug Rodgers
Doris Vourinen
<i>Sister Veronique
DCSO</i>
Danny Berciles
<i>Elizabeth Lanza-
Hajko</i>
Eleanor Hemmer
Joseph Lauria
Judy Lew |
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PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION . Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.



PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm–7:30pm
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass
or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.
Contact Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday **8am-1:00pm**

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday **8am-1pm**

Saturday Closed

4th Sunday of the Month **10:00AM- 1:30PM**

NOTE: Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

ROSARY GROUP

Monday–Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

SCHEDULE CHANGES?

Do you want to make sure there have been no sudden time changes to any event or activity you want to join this week? Call the parish office during business hours.

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PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 18

8:30A.....**Good Shepherd Retreat**
9:00A..... Confession
8:30A. **Meditations on the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Sunday, Jan. 19

1:00P..... **OCIA Class**

Monday, Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Day (Office is open)

6:30A..... Adoration
1:00P..... Movie Mondays
6:00P..... Legion of Mary Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 21

6:30A..... Adoration
10:00A..... Faith Sharing

Wednesday, Jan. 22

6:30A..... Adoration
2:00P..... School of Christian Formation
4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, Jan. 23

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... Anointing of the Sick
3:00P..... Holy Hour
6:30P..... AA Meeting

Friday, Jan. 24

6:30A..... Adoration
6:30P..... Taize
7:00P..... Young Adult Group

Saturday, Jan. 25

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, Jan. 26

1:00P..... OCIA Class

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 19

7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Timothy
10:00A Fr. Timothy 10:30A Fr. Theo
12:00P Fr. Carr 6:00P Fr. Leone

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DSA UPDATE - Jan 06, 2024

Goal Amount \$ 169,000.00
Current Don Total... **\$136,571.98**
Balance Rem..... **\$ 32,428.02**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Dec 31, 2024-Jan 01, 2025

Collection \$ 7,119.00

January 05, 2025

First Collection	\$15,517.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,981.00
Subtotal	\$18,498.00
Online (01/04)	\$ 2,897.52

January 12, 2025

First Collection	\$13,627.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,554.00
Subtotal	\$15,181.00
Online (01/11)	\$ 1,599.88

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families.

If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity.
Amen

MAKING ORDINARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY

Ordinary Time consists of 33 or 34 weeks outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Sundays and Weekdays in Ordinary Time reveal the other mysteries of Christ that are not explicitly commemorated by seasons.

Beginning after the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism, Ordinary Time focuses on Christ's Baptism and then delves into His Preaching Ministry.

Ordinary Time began this past Monday the 13th of January and continues through Tuesday, March 4, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, the 9th of June, the day following Pentecost.

The Lord's ministry of preaching, healing and liberating become present to us as we listen with faith to the bibli-

cal readings every Sunday and indeed every day. Of great importance, therefore, are the biblical readings, especially the gospel, during the masses in Ordinary Time.

These gospel passages call us to a deeper reflection of Christ's words and actions, to discover, or rediscover once more, a truer understanding of the redemptive and healing power of His word. His Ministry, His parables and miracles, present to us a clearer picture of our Father in heaven.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary," but its message Sunday after Sunday, day after day, is not ordinary; it is always extraordinary because it is about the person of Jesus Christ reveal to us, through his words and actions, the person of the Father. And yes, Ordinary Time is intended to remind us that Jesus is with us throughout all of our daily trials and triumphs. Let us, then, strive to reflect Jesus' Teaching with our actions every day. - Fr. Zamora

Saint of the Week - Saint Agnes (d. c. 258)



Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested—beheading, burning, strangling.

Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor.

Reflection

Like that of Maria Goretti in the 20th century, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a materialistic outlook. Also like Agatha, who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on length of years, experience, or human effort. It is a gift God offers to all.



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid's birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn't a big deal but come on. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang "Happy Birthday" and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I'll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it's such a silly little miracle. I don't mean to be disrespectful — of course it's an incredibly important moment in Christ's public life. But it's not healing a leper. It's not raising the dead. It's not even walking on water. It's saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It's so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus' attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn't answer him, because, between you and me, I don't think he's asking her. I think he's asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: "Do whatever he tells you."

I'm so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

Answer:

The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the Church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the Church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the Church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.
(1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel:

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. (Jn 2:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

Observances for the week of January 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Thursday:** St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Devotions, Explained!

The Angelus is an ancient devotion whose practice developed over the course of several centuries. It is composed of three antiphons that tell the story of the annunciation, each followed by a Hail Mary. It is usually said daily at noon.

Prayer for the Miraculous

Oh God,
Oh God beyond my
understanding,
Bring Your soul-stirring power
into my life today.
In the places where people are
saying, "It can't be done" or
"There's no solution," act in such
a way that responds: "There is a
way, and there is a God, and He
loves me."

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "**Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one**" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "**But you have kept the good wine until now.**" This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

FAMILY DAY

This Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family, and our families had a wonderful time enjoying food and games for all ages. A special thanks to the Knights for generously providing snacks and meals, as well as sponsoring their annual Soccer and Basketball Challenge for our CCD students. We're truly grateful for their service and support!



JANUARY
24TH
FRIDAY | 7:30 PM

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Kick Off Event

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We invite all young adults, married or single, who have graduated high school to join us for a fun night with games and light refreshments.

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What is a Jubilee Year?

- A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration.
- The word “jubilee” comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram’s horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

Old Testament origins

God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts.

This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate. (Lev. 25:10)

Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

