

Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MEDITATION

Today in our liturgical year we begin "Ordinary Time." It is perhaps an unfortunate name for English-speaking Catholics because to us "ordinary" means "plain" or "same-old-same-old," the opposite of "extra-special." In this case, however, "ordinary" comes from the root word "ordinal" or "numbered." Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays we count, as in the "Second Sunday of Ordinary Time"—today's observance.

Since the First Sunday of Advent we have been in Year C of the lectionary, the book of the authorized schedule of Scripture lessons and psalms to be read for each day of the Church year in every Catholic church in the world. On Year C Sundays we hear from the Gospel of Luke, with occasional exceptions like today. Next Advent we will shift to Year A and hear from Matthew, and the following year we'll be in Year B and hear from Mark and a bit of John, because the Gospel of Mark is so short.

Today also begins Church Unity Week. We Roman Catholics are not alone in this practice of following a lectionary. Many Protestant denominations follow the same lectionary cycle we do (with minor variations) and some denominations who have been preacher-based churches—allowing the preacher to choose his or her text—have adopted



the practice of following a lectionary in order to offer the congregation an organized path through the scriptures, beyond the preacher's favorite passages.

So today, as we hear the story of the wedding feast at Cana and the miracle of the water changed to wine, many of our brothers and sisters in other Christian churches are hearing the same Good News.

We Christians have so much in common. We look to Jesus as our Way through this life. We all need to know that we matter, that our lives on this earth matter, that there is purpose and meaning. And we need to believe in something bigger and better than ourselves—God, who is bigger and better than anything that divides us.

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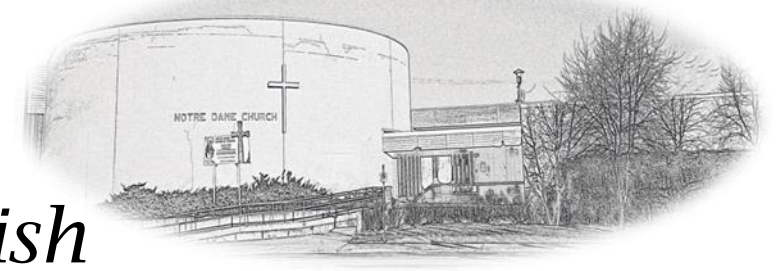


*Dear Papa,
Even though I am not a
Catholic, the work you
have done over the
years has inspired me
to be a good person at
heart. I wish I could
be as caring, holy, and
compassionate as you
are.*

Jaelyn
Age 14
Staten Island, NY

See Dear Papa: Children Celebrate Pope John Paul II With Letters of Love and Affection, compiled by Richard A. Klein and Virginia D. Klein (ID #R3385). To order, call 1-800-325-9521.

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January 20, 2019

Expecting the unexpected

How easy it is to ignore the truths hidden in familiar stories. The story of the wedding at Cana may feel like "old news" but its message is still vibrant. Consider how the miracle of the wine shows us God using the most unlikely people. No one expected Mary to solve the party crisis. Yet it was Mary who pointed the waiters toward her Son. She was the key to the happy outcome. Our lives today are often gifted with unlikely people that can lead us out of our emptiness, if only we let them. God can direct miraculous things in our lives if we leave our preconceived notions, our expectations behind. The next time your vessels are empty let God do the choosing, and you may find His wine of healing flowing from the most unexpected jars.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tuesday	John Weberg & Family
Wednesday	Fr. Vener, Sr. Connie, Pauline & Yvonne
Thursday	For Traveller Health, Safety & Peace
Friday	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	+Dave Spittal, Sr.
Sunday	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries – Jan 26, 2018 - 7:30pm	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	J. Blaskovits, Y. Becotte, C. Clement
Lectors	J. Skin, V. Friesen
Servers	G. Apolonio, Jr. T. & L. Skin
Ushers	H. Roland, P. Bates, D. Becotte
Greeters	Irene Franke
Ministries – Jan 27, 2018 - 10am	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	KC
Lectors	Notre Dame School
Servers	KC, L. Anonuevo, N. Banocnoc
Ushers	Notre Dame School
Greeters	Notre Dame School

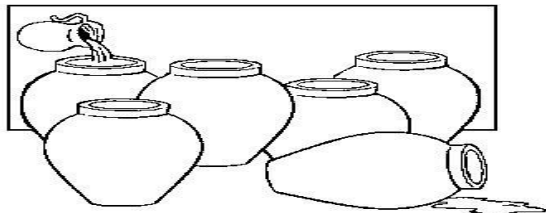
Children's Liturgy: JoAnne
Church Foyer Cleaner: T. Tom

PARISH INFORMATION

Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism preparation for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

RCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office



Jesus turns WATER into WINE



- Jan 20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:20am Rosary
10am Mass
- Jan 21 7pm ND Youth Group
- Jan 22 10:20am - CTW Bible Study
12:10pm - Mass
3pm Kids for Jesus
- Jan 23 10:30am Mass – Rotary Manor
6pm Choir Practice
- Jan 24 12:10pm - Mass
3:15pm - 1st Eucharist Prep Classes
- Jan 25 12:10pm Mass
3:15pm Confirmation Prep Classes
- Jan 26 10am Divine Mercy Stations of The Cross and Rosary
6:30pm - 7pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Mass
- Jan 27 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:20am Rosary
10am Mass

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....
 Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, Pat Willich, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Fr. Eric Swearigen, Mary Irene Redies, Bernadette Redgate, Christine Waller, Tracey Lee Woodcox, Melina Hamilton, Vicki York, Mel Palfy, Jane Spent, Ray Richardson, Laureen Harrold, Jerome Reschny, Fran Papp, Graham Carson, Rachel Dionne
 (Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)

Food Banks

Please remember that food banks are always in need of donations. There are baskets in the foyer for anyone wishing to drop off their food items to the Food Banks



Ladies, CWL January is Membership Month.

Their membership remains at \$36.00, and there will be a CWL member in the lobby, after all weekend masses for the next three weekends, to collect your membership fees.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm in the meeting room at the Church.

NOTRE DAME KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2019/20 SCHOOL YEAR

Are you planning on registering your child for Kindergarten for the 2019/20 school year? If so, please phone the school office on or before **FEBRUARY 8**, to set up an appointment with the Principal, Mrs. Haynal, for interview. Remember deadline for registration is **FEB 8/19**

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!
CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS AT 3:15PM.
PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR AN UPDATED SCHEDULE.

Vocations Live-In

On the weekend of February 8 - 10, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

Prayer for Unity

Lord, make us...

One with our brothers here in love
 And one with saints that are at rest
 And one with angel hosts above
 And one with You, forever blest

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT VOCATIONS?-- BY DONATING AIRMILES/AREOPLAN POINTS!

This coming February, two young men will travel to the Seminary and experience what life is like in the seminary. One is from Moberly Lake, BC and the other is from Prince Rupert. Thanks to a local donor, two airline tickets were purchased using their air-miles.

If you would like to donate Airmiles or Aeroplan miles to the Vocation Advisory Committee, please contact Fr. Terry Brock, Vocation Director at Vocations.pgdiocese@gmail.com or tbrock@pgdiocese.ca or call 250-624-3095

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS- Prince George Diocese Teacher Positions – Continuing and Limited Duration

Details of these positions and application process can be found at:
<http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers>

World Day of Migrants and Refugees January 20

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed by St. Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)