

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalms — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$1,024.00	\$750.00
Number of Families contributing	42	44
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$7,418.00	\$7,434.00
Received to Date	\$2,371.00	\$1,980.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,047.00	\$5,454.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$82.00	\$134.00

Nine ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$10.00	\$2,970.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$9.00.

10 **CHILDREN** contributed \$32.00.

BAA totaled \$30.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Each one of us is given unique God given gifts, but all too often these gifts are put aside, like a prize you won as a child and kept in the closet. Gifts not used are gifts wasted. And a wasted gift is the greatest shame. So go in the closet, blow the dust off and get them out. You have been given these gifts, so you could use them, as they were given to you to help you with your mission in this world.

Some gifts are clear, while others are hidden and need to be uncovered. But when they become clear, one has an obligation to make the most of his or her gifts whether they be in teaching, learning, speaking, leadership, writing, music scholarship, sports, business, professional, cooking, entertaining or in any of a thousand other fields.

You see when we use our gifts, our soul starts to become happy and wants more, this is contentment. Not satisfaction that a job is completed because it never is but contentment that you are on the path that you have been given, using the gifts that you have been given to you. And this includes material wealth. If you are blessed with talents to generate wealth, then it is not only proper to use them, you are wasting your gifts if you do not have proper intentions with your work and with the proceeds of your successes.

This reminds you to go find that gift that you have buried and better the world with your talents and make your soul happy in the process.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

YOUR TONGUE

It takes 3 years to learn how to **USE** it.

But it takes a lifetime to learn **WHEN** and **WHERE** to use it.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed this Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

THANK YOU

to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Raphael, St. Mother Theresa and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Jude.

INTERESTING QUOTES

- **Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.**
- **What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.**
- **I can resist everything except temptation.**
- **To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.**
- **We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.**

FEEL

**Don't feel bad if people remember you
only when they need you.
Feel privileged that you are like a candle
that comes to their mind when they are in the dark.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK A little girl asked her mother for ten cents to give an old lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child's kindness and gave her the required sum.

"There you are, my dear," said the mother. "But, tell me, isn't the lady able to work anymore?"

"Oh yes," came the reply. "She sells sweets."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Thursday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Friday:** St. Agnes
- Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the souls of Scully's Pat on the 9th Anniversary of his death and Bonnie on the 15th Anniversary of her death.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Nora Dempsey on her Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the souls of Tommy McGuire on his 53rd Birthday and Edward Straightener O'Hara on his Birthday and in honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.
- Friday:** *Communion Service.*

LET ME BE A BLESSING, LORD

***Let me be a blessing, Lord
To all who pass my way;
Walk with me and guide me
In all I do and say.***

***Lead me to the lonely ones
That I might bring them cheer;
To show I care and want to help
And that You are always near.***

***Let me share with others
Your covenant and creed;
Help me to instill new faith
Let me fill their void and need.***

***I strive to serve You faithfully
To channel hope in Your accord;
Empower me, show me the way
Then let me be a blessing, Lord.***

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 15th, 4:00 P.M.
Dayna & Leah | Sat. Jan. 15th, 7:00 P.M.
Ritz & Savannah |
| Sun. Jan. 16th, 10:00 A.M. | Jersey & Bridgette Anna |
| Sat. Jan. 22nd, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Julie Ann | Sat. Jan. 22nd, 7:00 P.M.
Natalie & Mary Martha |
| Sun. Jan. 23rd, 10:00 A.M. | Jersey & Bridgette Anna |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - | Skylar |
| Tuesday | - | Gwen |
| Wednesday | - | Christina Apple |
| Thursday | - | Mary Ashley |
| Friday | - | Dayna |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | - | Kim Gallon |
| Tuesday | - | Nora |
| Wednesday | - | Catherine Ann |
| Thursday | - | Mary Cat |
| Friday | - | Rosie Cat |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| <u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u> | <u>January 15th</u> |
| Front | Winnie Ann |
| Right | Cathy Pole |
| Left | Catherine Ann |
| <u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u> | <u>January 15th</u> |
| Right | Mary Regina |
| Left | Mary Cat |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
| January 16th | January 23rd |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |

WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER TO LOVE MY ENEMIES

*Lord God, Prince of Peace,
You have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. To teach us how, You sent us Your son Jesus Christ who, even in the agony of crucifixion, cried, "Father forgive them." Help me pray for those who have harmed or tried to harm me. Give me the grace to truly forgive my enemies and bless those who persecute me. In so doing, I may reflect the loving grace You have shown to me. I ask this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*