

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 20, 2019

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

— *Isaiah 62:2*

A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana. Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

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

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

Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$1,899.00	\$1,263.00
Number of Families contributing	103	73
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$7,681.00	\$7,438.00
Received to Date	\$4,877.00	\$3,531.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,804.00	\$3,907.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$231.00	\$449.00

Thirty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$233.00	\$353.00

Sixteen people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

30 **CHILDREN** contributed \$100.00

POOR BOX totaled \$29.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4 p.m. Mass was 95, 7 p.m. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10 a.m. Mass was 110.

CHURCH NEEDS

The Church needs:

- *More tithes and fewer drives.*
- *More action and less faction.*
- *More workers and fewer shirkers.*
- *More backers and fewer slackers.*
- *More praying and less straying.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A very poor woman with a small family called in to a radio station asking for help from God. A non-believer man who was also listening to this radio program decided to make fun of the woman. He got her address, called his secretary and ordered her to buy large amounts of food and take to the woman. However, he sent it with the instruction: “When the woman asks who sent the food, tell her that it’s from the devil.”

It was late afternoon when the secretary arrived at the woman’s house, bring all the food. The woman was so happy and grateful for the help that had been received. “Don’t you want to know who sent the food?” the secretary asked. The woman replied, “No, just say thanks to whomever sent these! I don’t care who the person is because I know, when God orders, even the devil obeys!”

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

— *John 14:1*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

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

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous.

MASTER’S TABLE The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master’s Table in Augusta on Thursday, February 7th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned’s Priscilla.

STAYING POSITIVE

Stating positive doesn’t mean everything will turn out okay.

Rather, it is knowing you will be okay no matter how things turn out.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A Protestant Minister had his teeth pulled and new dentures made. The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded, “The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife’s dentures...and I couldn’t stop talking!”

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude, a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy and to four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

4 THINGS YOU CAN'T GET BACK

1. The stone after it's thrown.
2. The word after it's said.
3. The occasion after it's missed.
4. The time after it's gone.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS NOVENA will be held in the Church at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA The Legion of Mary will hold a Novena to Divine Mercy. It will be held Monday – Thursday at 3:00 P.M. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

INSPIRING THOUGHTS

- **Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.**
- **You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.**
- **God gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.**
- **All people smile in the same language.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; World Youth Day
Wednesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;
Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Tommy McGuire on his 50th Birthday and Edward Straightener O'Hara on his Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Popeye on his Birthday.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Duggan on his Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Black Pete's Winnie Ann.

REMEMBERING TO PRAY

*"Ask and it shall be given," so the Lord would have you pray,
"Seek and you will surely find," for He will show the way.*

*"Knock and it shall be opened." Do you think God is about
To turn His back upon you, knowing all you are without?*

*We are as little children in this valley full of tears;
We need His love to guide us, giving meaning through the years.*

*For to cross life's troubled waters, there is no better way,
Than clinging tightly to His arm And remembering to pray!*

READERS

Sat. Jan. 19th, 4:00 P.M. Ivana & Ritz	Sat. Jan. 19th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Carolyn
Sun. Jan. 20th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
Sat. Jan. 26th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Karen	Sat. Jan. 26th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. Jan. 27th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Joy
Tuesday	-	Celia
Wednesday	-	Theresa Maria
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup	January 19th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

January 20th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	January 27th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Rosie Cat
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	P.A.'s Ann Marie

NEVER REGRET A DAY

***Never regret a day in your life:
Good days give happiness.
Bad days give experience.
Worst days give lessons.
Best days give memories.***

A CHRISTIAN IS

- A mind through which Christ thinks.
- A voice through which Christ speaks.
- A heart through which Christ loves.
- A hand through which Christ helps.

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

***God of Justice open our eyes to see You in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear You in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend You in public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to You.
Amen.***