



# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SUNDAY – JANUARY 20, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are in the Second week in the Ordinary Time of year C, and in the gospel this Sunday, Saint John accounts the first miracle that Jesus performed - another epiphany of the Lord: transforming water into good wine at the wedding at Cana. His mother Mary was there and she told the servers: "Do whatever he tells you," and they DID as Jesus told them.

The servants did not know how that would happen; they did not even know what would happen, but they did what Jesus told them, for Mary told them to do whatever He would tell them.

The Mother of Jesus, and also our Mother, has a powerful voice to her son Jesus Christ and a tender care - a care that she received from God. She wanted to share it with that newlywed couple then and now she wants to share it with us - her children.



At Mass (an image of the Heavenly Wedding Banquet on earth) during the climax of the Holy Mass - the consecration, Jesus uses His priest with the power of the Holy Spirit along with His word at the Last Supper to transform bread and wine into His Sacred Body and His

Precious Blood - the Transubstantiation. Jesus, at the Last Supper, also commanded us, "Do it in memory of me."

The Church knows best about this and has been doing it to remember Jesus Christ until He comes again in glory. This is one of many reasons that the Church encourages us and even has a precept to demand us to attend the Eucharist/Holy Mass every Sunday. Not obliging us to attend Mass just on Sunday, the Church also advises us to attend daily Mass.

If you and I do love Jesus, if you and I will do whatever Jesus told us, if you and I want to remember Him in a very intimate and special way, if you and I want to "attend" the Heavenly Banquet one day with Jesus and all His Saints and Angels, and if you and I really miss Him, we will find time, even sacrifice our "business" to attend the Holy Mass no matter what, even when you are on a cruise, or vacation; and we will not "create" reasons to avoid being at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.



However, how do we do that? That is with our true love for God and the concern for our salvation and that of others.

Friends, "Do whatever he tells you," our Mother Mary asks us today, and what Jesus tells us is, "Do it in memory of me:" the Eucharist.

We are invited by the Lord to attend the "Wedding Banquet" of the Lamb. Can we come with joy and love and true desire? Keep in mind to wear your "wedding garment."

I will see you next Sunday, and maybe many at daily Mass!

"Do whatever he tells you," the Blessed Virgin Mary advises.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Tien

### CLASSES - MEETINGS

- Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30 am-11:30 am
- Monday ... Women's Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am  
(Second Monday of each month)
- Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm
- Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm  
(First Tuesday of each month)
- Wednesday...First Communion Class...7:00 pm
- Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm

### STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$4,592
Cash/Envelopes	\$4,777
Online Giving	\$ 185



#### Attendance

Saturday	4:00 P.M.	117
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	227
	11:30 A.M.	581

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish.



The Combined Mission Collection will be taken this weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations gives you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. Give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution.

Now that the cold and flu season is here, please be mindful of partaking of the Precious Blood and offering handshakes during Mass if you are recovering from a cold or flu...your fellow parishioners will understand and will appreciate your thoughtfulness and concerns. Thank you!



The 2019 Catholic Men's Conference, organized by the Knights of Columbus Council 770 and the N.C. and S.C. State Councils, will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Charlotte. The Catholic speakers will pointedly challenge each participant to grow their Catholic Faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and live up to their callings as Catholic men, husbands, & fathers. Tickets are limited. If you would like further information or want to register go to <http://www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org>

Our Food Pantry could use canned tomato soup for our next pantry day on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr day. There will still be daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.

To have a Mass offered for the repose of a soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of their birthday, anniversary or Holy day is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.



One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefits one's soul. An individual may offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of someone who has died or for the intentions of someone who is still living. Please stop by our Parish Office if you would like to have a Mass offered.

**Pray for everyone who seeks healing:** Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Michael Ciocchetti, Donna Coennen, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Bill Himschoot, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski Brandon Lowery, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffit, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Chris Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgandien, Mary Ann Zoeckler.

**Elderly & shut-in:** Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson,  
**Parishioners & all armed forces:** Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Haggge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Rieke, Elizabeth Scoone.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, January 19

4:00 P.M. † Deceased members of the Lacey family

### Sunday, January 20

#### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Clara Pacetti

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

### Monday, January 21

9:00 A.M. † All miscarried babies

### Tuesday, January 22

8:00 A.M. † All aborted babies

### Wednesday, January 23

5:30 P.M. † All babies who died before being baptized

### Thursday, January 24

9:00 A.M. † The Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, January 25

9:00 A.M. Mary Murphy

### Saturday, January 26

4:00 P.M. † Linda Shields by Joe & Marilyn Rickie

### Sunday, January 27

#### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Josette Roisin by Joe & Marilyn Rickie

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

## The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited each Friday at 3:00 P.M.

## Ministries and Organizations



The St Francis of Assisi Music Ministry invites any and all parishioners to join us in singing for the Glory of God. The aim of music at St Francis is to enhance and focus our parish worship. We sing from our hearts – we sing to enhance our communal worship. Singers DO NOT need to read music; any instrumentalist is also welcome.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 1 hour before Masses. Occasional absences are understandable. Our rehearsals are times to sing joyfully, to deepen our commitment to God and to friendship. Contact Carol at 828-634-1171 or [actodesco@gmail.com](mailto:actodesco@gmail.com), or stop by after Mass.

Come join us; share your faith, show your faith, love your faith.