



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022



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



His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." ..Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." ...the bridegroom said, "Everyone serves the good wine first...but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this at the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (See John 2:1-11)



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of
Stephen H. Swanson by Charlene.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,
January 17th, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day.
There will still be daily Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.

In a celebration of faith across western North Carolina, the Diocese of Charlotte will commemorate its 50th anniversary throughout 2022 - beginning in January with a special Mass and Holy Hour across its 92 parishes and missions. Bishop Peter Jugis will formally open the 50th anniversary year on Wednesday, January 12, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte. The Charlotte diocese was formally established on January 12, 1972, when Bishop Michael Begley was ordained and installed as the first Bishop of Charlotte. The diocese was carved out of the Diocese of Raleigh, which previously encompassed the entire state - splitting North Carolina into two dioceses, each with approximately 30,000 Catholics at the time.



Our Food Pantry could use pasta sauce, boxed milk, canned peas, tomato and chicken noodle soup for our next pantry day. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!!!



What a supportive, compassionate and prayerful community we have here at St. Francis! My family and I thank you and return our prayers to each one of you that prayed us through these difficult weeks...there were angels everywhere!



The Family of Kasmer L. Pleskach



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Fiorillo, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Brandon Hatch, Joan Hatch, Donna Hogsed, Jim Holloran, Aaron Ivey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Bob Mast, Millard Michaels, Bill and Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Tanya Savage, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Marlene Taber, Irene Tisdale, Marlene Woods, Alice Yuzzi



**Please pray for our parishioners and
all men and women in the armed forces:**
Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Elizabeth Scoon

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 15

4:00 P.M. †Kasmer Pleskach by Pat Tuscany

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Ethel Sekelsky by Stanislava Michalik

†Larry and Nan Mitchell by Charlene

11:30 A.M. †Francisco Martinez by Carmen

Monday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

9:00 A.M. †Anthony Yuzzi by Marilyn Ricke

Tuesday, January 18

9:00 A.M. Malia and Frank Messina by Mary Murphy

Wednesday, January 19

5:30 P.M. †Anthony Allegretti by Marilyn Ricke

Thursday, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Saint Sebastian, Martyr

9:00 A.M. Chuck and Colleen Snowden
by Mary Murphy

Friday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 A.M. †Kasmer Pleskach by Marilyn Ricke

Saturday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:00 P.M. †Linda French Shields
by Alan and Doris French

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Ethel Sekelsky by Matt and Lisa Michalik

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday
one-half hour before Mass.