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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time****John 2:1-12**

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "**Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one**" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "**But you have kept the good wine until now.**" This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— *Father John Muir*

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**Readings for the week of January 19, 2025**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Observances for the week of January 19, 2025****Sunday**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**Monday**

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday**

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

**Wednesday**

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Thursday**

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

**Friday**

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Saturday**

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**Next Sunday**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

**Do Whatever He Tells You**

I once ran out of pizza at my kid’s birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn’t a big deal but come *on*. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang “Happy Birthday” and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I’ll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it’s such a silly little miracle. I don’t mean to be disrespectful — of course it’s an incredibly important moment in Christ’s public life. But it’s not healing a leper. It’s not raising the dead. It’s not even walking on water. It’s saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It’s so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus’ attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn’t answer him, because, between you and me, I don’t think he’s asking her. I think he’s asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: “Do whatever he tells you.”

I’m so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

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**First Reading:**

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

**Psalm:**

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

**Second Reading:**

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,  
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

**Gospel:**

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**JANUARY 20, 2025**

**Monday**

**9:00am**

Roberto Rosario (D), Briscida Vera Fuentes (cumpleaños), Julián Villanueva, Eulogia Camacho (D), Jesús Paulino (D)

**Tuesday**

**8:30am**

María Franco, Manuel Báez, Estanilao Báez (D), Darío Rodríguez (D) 15 años Fallecido, Grace Archibald (D), Rafaela Ojeda (D), Jesús Paulino (D)

**12:00pm**

**Wednesday**

**8:30am**

Fernando Hidalgo (D), Trinidad Paredes (D), Ángel Calimeno (D), Marta Vera Fuentes (D), Jesús Paulino (D)

**12:00pm**

Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, the Mercy of God & God Almighty

**Thursday**

**8:30am**

Amanda Lozada Rodríguez (D), Marta Vera Fuentes (D), Jesús Paulino (D)

**12:00pm**

**Friday**

**8:30am**

Eli García (L)-cumpleaños, Jesús Paulino (D)

**12:00pm**

Ricardo Reyes (L)

**Saturday**

**7:45am**

LH Ob To Tien (D)

**7:00pm**

Lupe Castillo (D), Andrea Valencia, Nelly Inestrosa, Jimi Cabeza (D), Angel Dariel Rodriguez Hernandez, Maria Isabel Rodriguez (D), Juan Salcedo (D), Juan Caban & Sara Vale (D), Jesus Paulino (D)

**Sunday**

**8:00am**

People of SNT

**9:30am**

Acción de gracias a la Virgen de la Milagrosa, Acción de gracias a la Santísima Trinidad, Pedro Reyes Basurto (D), Jesus Paulino (D)

**11:30am**

Phero & Maria (D)

**1:30pm**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**JANUARY 12, 2025**

<b>Tithing:</b>	\$7,277.01	Solemnity of Mary:	
<b>Children:</b>	\$0.00	<b>\$189</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,277.01</b>	Catholic University:	
		<b>\$305</b>	