

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian  
Thursday: St. Agnes  
Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope; Blessed Virgin Mary

## SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary, whom Catholic tradition names "Mother of Mercy," at Cana intercedes with her Son to show mercy toward the bridal couple: "Son, they have no wine." But he does more! Jesus' transformation of water into wine is a "sign" (John's term for "miracle") that God's marriage with the whole human race has begun in Jesus' person and ministry, a marriage that will be consummated on the cross: "It is finished"—we are saved! But before Jesus acts, Mary instructs the servers to *prepare the way* for Jesus' miracle of mercy: "Do whatever he tells you." During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Mother Church, like Mother Mary, instructs us to share the Spirit's manifold gifts—some of which Paul lists in today's second reading—in generous service to the human family. Thus we *prepare the way* for Jesus' new miracles of mercy, transforming life's sometimes stagnant water into the refreshing wine of God's mercy.

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## Message from Father Suneesh:

In today's Gospel, John describes the first Miracle of Jesus at the Wedding at Cana. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' mother told him about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some of the miraculously-made wine to the headwaiter. When

they did so, the headwaiter expressed his surprise that such a great wine had been reserved for late use.

Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern and care. Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit. Let us also appreciate the miracle of the Real Presence of the Lord on the altar where God transforms our offering of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

## 10:00 AM Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Euch Min</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
S. Coleman	G. Adams	L. Bumm	L. Bumm
	C. Clark	S. Webster	N. Bumm
	K. Leachman		

## 10:00 AM Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Euch Min</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
G. Adams	M. Sanford	L. Carman	L. Carman
	V. Higgs	B. Hammond	D. Howard
	M. Allen		

## PLEASE PRAY FOR....

**THE SICK:** Jim Moorman, Bernice Williams, Maggie Howard, Rose Chapman, Veronica Wilhite, Charlene Meadows, Sarah Bumm, Charles Brown, Sr., Yvonne Hatchett, Birdie Coleman, Camilla Washington Greer (*niece of Joyce Moorman*), Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Les Bumm, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr. **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

**THE HOMEBOUND:** Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, Maggie Howard at Twin River Nursing Center, 2420 West Third St., Fr. Pike Powell room 108 at the Carmel Home, Bernice Williams, Mary Jo Meadows at Hillcrest Signature Home. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

Please keep in your prayers our 4 **Confirmation candidates:** Buddy and Matthew Brown, and Von and Yasmeeen Williams.

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Associate Pastor: Father Suneesh Mathew HGN (270-683-6525) Holy Day Mass: 6:00 PM  
Parish Life Coordinator: Sister Jeannette Fennewald, SSND 270-926-4741  
Reconciliation: 9:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup>Sun & every Sat 9-11 AM at St. Stephen Cathedral

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**Mission Statement: Established in the spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the “Word” through fellowship and good works**

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**Mark Your Calendar:**

- January 24 Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- February 10 Ash Wednesday Mass 6 PM
- February 21 Gospel Explosion 2 PM
- February 22 Mission with Father Chester
- March ??4 Lenten Fish Fry

Jan. 10, 2016 \$312.00 \$113—Pizza Hut Day

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Mercy is for everyone, just as rain falls on the flowers and on poison ivy.**

Sign up for **short daily Lenten** reflection at [dynamiccatholic.com/lent](http://dynamiccatholic.com/lent)

If you wish to attend the **2016 Catholics @ the Capitol** on February 9, please register soon. The deadline is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. For questions, email Karen Chambers at [kchambers@ccky.org](mailto:kchambers@ccky.org)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION :** If you have children who are in need of preparation for sacraments or Religious Ed, please contact Sister Jeannette. Sacramental preparation is offered to children who are enrolled in (attend) religious education classes at least one year prior to receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and 2 years prior to Confirmation, or who attend Catholic Schools.

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**The Work of Christmas** by Howard Thurman

When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To teach the nations,  
To bring Christ to all,  
To make music in the heart.

**TODAY’S READINGS—January 17, 2016—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

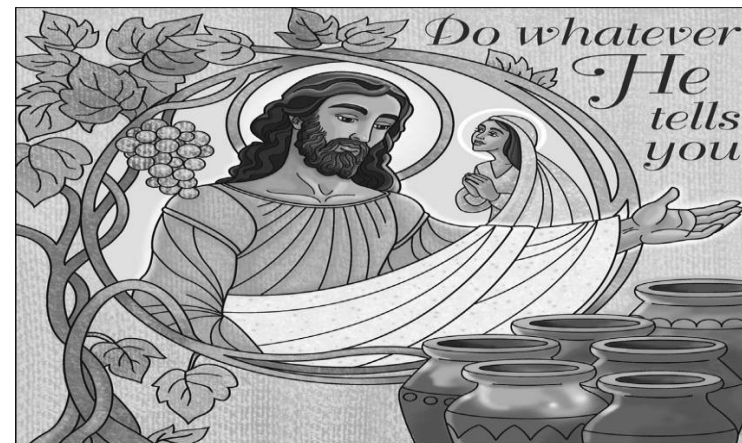
**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**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).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14



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