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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.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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TODAY'S READINGS

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

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

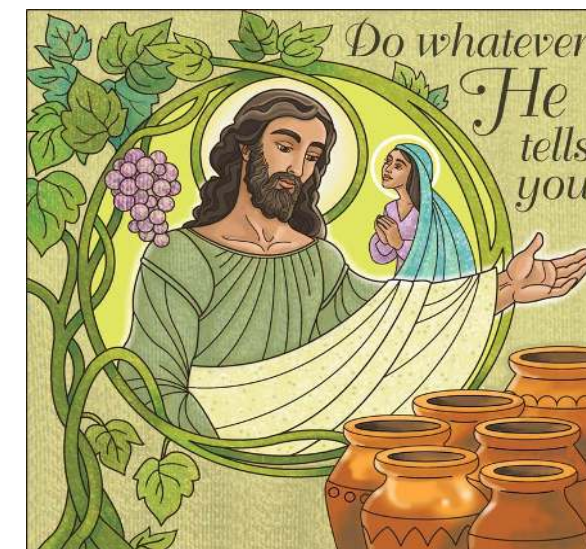
Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 20, 2019

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



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There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are already in the Ordinary time of the Liturgical year. “Ordinary Time” does not mean that we refer to a quality of being mundane but to something being ordered – put into right relationship. Striving to be aware of Christ’s enduring presence reminds us to live in constant right relationship. This weekend we have another revelation of Christ with his first miracle. His mystery of incarnation is extended to the people who experience him at a wedding home.

The first miracle happened in a humble home in a village in Galilee. It was not in a great occasion with the presence of vast crowds. We find in Jesus a “domesticated God” bringing God right into the home circle and into the ordinary things of life. Jesus’ action at Cana “manifested forth his glory,” and that manifestation took place within a home.

Today, there is a strange paradox in the attitude of many people to the place they call home. They would admit at once that there is no more precious place in all the world; and at the same time, they would also have to admit that in it they claim the right to be far more discourteous, far more boorish, far more selfish, far more impolite than they would dare to be in any society of strangers. Many of us treat the ones we love most in a way that we would never dare to treat an unfamiliar person. So often it is strangers who see us at our best and those who live with us who see us at our worst. We ought ever to remember that it was in a humble home that Jesus manifested forth His glory. To Him home was a place for which nothing but His best was good enough. Let us give our best at our homes.

(“.”) Always
“.”(“.”) Keep
 (“.”),.” Smiling!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath,

January Birthdays

- 7—Jacques Williams II
- 10—Whitney Williams
- 14—Burnell Hamilton
- 17—Adaira Hatchett
- 20—Janet Clark
- 22—Javaughn Williams
- 25—Louise Johnson
- 28—Frank Adams
- 30—Pam Wilson



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Mass Intentions:

- Jan. 6 Les Bumm
- Jan. 13 Michael Carrico
- Jan. 20 Keenan Millay
- Jan. 27 Dorothy Fulton

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: **SICK Rita Moorman, Cindy Clark, Martha Kramer, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton, Perry Washington,** Larry Clark, Maggie Sheenan, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Phillip Moorman, Jr., **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation,**

THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Beverly Chilton is in her home but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

Annual MLK Day March
and Celebration
Monday Jan. 21st

- 9—March from OHS to KWC (Start to gather in the OHS gym at 8:15)
Vans will be provided for those who cannot march.
- 10—MLK program on the KWC campus (Winchester Center, Rogers Hall)



Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Jan. 24—BSC Nite at McDonald’s 4-7 PM
Feb. 17—Gospel Explosion 2 PM
March 2 Italian Dinner

Diocesan/Community Happenings

Jan. 21 MLK Day March & Celebration
9 AM March (OHS) 10 AM Program (KWC)
Feb. 2 Diocesan Men’s Conference at
River Park Center. Register online
\$30 for adults. If you need assistance, please let me know.
March 8-10 Youth 2000 at Brescia.



Thank you for your contributions.

Jan. 13—\$784
Weekly budget &875
YTD budget—\$25,375
YTD Collection
\$26,069.77
Maintenance—\$120
Opportunities for Life—\$30
Candles—\$7

May each of us give according to what we have been blessed with.



Diocesan Response Fund Update

- Blessed Sacrament chapel has
- Target of \$1143.81
- Pledged \$3979
- Paid thus far \$1224
- Thank you for your pledges and payments.
- Keep them coming.

The Real Need:
Composer and performer Bradley James has set Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s teachings and prayers to music in the internationally acclaimed recording, Gift of Love: Music to the Words and Prayers of Mother Teresa. Bradley remembers her teaching: “Mother said we don’t have to go to Calcutta to help the poor; rather, we must help them right in front of us.” He applied this lesson when he encountered a homeless beggar on the streets of San Francisco. Bradley placed some money in his metal cup, then reached out and shook the man’s hand. The recipient gave him a big smile, and the two exchanged names and small talk. Bradley recalls: “Then he pulled me a little closer and said, ‘Thanks for the money, but what I really needed was a handshake’”. Indeed, what was remarkable in this incident was not the coin, but the gift of human dignity and the love of Christ that Bradley James brought to the beggar through the handshake and his fraternal presence. As we encounter people everyday let us ask ourselves what would be their real need from us today?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28,
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9, Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 2nd 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

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.



Lectors

January 27: Jacques Williams

Connie Clary

February 3: Kathi Skidd

Layson Brooks

Eucharistic Ministers

January 27: Karen Leachman

Misty Sanford

Charlene Meadows

February 3: Tina Gough

Cathy Kramer

Marsha Allen

Ushers/Offertory

January 27: Robert Hagan

Robert Johnson

February 3: Jacques & Whitney

Williams & sons

Thanks to everyone who enhanced our Christmas celebrations. A very special thanks to our choir. Music lends so much vibrancy. Much appreciation also to all who helped decorate and take down the decorations.



There is a Share Night at McDonald's on Parrish on Thurs., January 24th 4-7 PM.

We hope to use the proceeds to upgrade the lighting above the sanctuary. The lights above the altar shut on and off and need to be upgraded.

If you can help for an hour, please let Sister know.

Bring your family and friends. All purchases are credited.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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Church Mice

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Lift up in prayer the hundred of thousands youth traveling to Panama for the World Youth Day January 22-27. Pope Francis will be there to pray and encourage the youth.