



JOHN 2:10 “You have kept
the good wine
until now.”

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters—two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and grace-filled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

WONDROUS CHILD

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, “do whatever he tells you,” echoed her reply to Gabriel: “Let it be done to me as you say.” In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

Today's Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Kathy Gravatt. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Naomi Alfred. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Gary Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish

community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Reflection question:

What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

TODAY'S READINGS

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, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

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; 4:14-21

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 1/15 Luke Miller (K of C)

Sun 1/16 Melinda Miller+ (K of C)

Tue 1/18 Mike Fleming+ (K of C)

Wed 1/19 Mary Ramirez+ (Ellis Family)

Thurs 1/13 Lettie Martin+ (M/M Kelly)

Fri. 1/14 Jim O'Neil+ (K of C)

Sat. 1/15 Fran Fleming (K of C)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 1/8/22 Saturday: 60 1/9/22 Sunday: 33

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Approximate Payoff as of December 31, 2021

Rectory \$ 38,282.00

St. Jude's Hall \$ 97,857.00

Pope's Intention for January:



For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,

who govern all things,

both in heaven and on earth,

mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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ONLY A HAND FULL OF PEOPLE ASKED QUESTIONS WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING:



Looking for a Director of Religious Education (DRE) for our parish. If you are interested and have questions, please call the office at 903-769-3235 for more information.



We are still looking for an organist for our parish. If you are interested; you know of someone, or have ideas please call the office at 903-769-3235.

Mass in Reparation of *Roe vs. Wade*: Bishop Strickland invites all Catholics in the Diocese of Tyler to make a pilgrimage to the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (432 S. Broadway, Tyler) on Saturday, January 22 at 12 noon.** There, a special Mass will take place in reparation of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* court decision that has led to the death of millions of babies here in the United States. For more information, please email prolife365@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Action Committee, a ministry of the Diocese of Tyler.

JANUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 16th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class in the middle classroom.

Tues., Jan. 18th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., Jan. 19th—Fri., Jan. 21st: 9:00am Mass by Fr. Mike.

Sun., Jan. 23rd: Following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., Jan. 25th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., Jan. 26th: 6:00pm Fundraising Meeting in St. Jude's Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

Sun., Jan. 30th: Following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

January Second Collections: 22nd & 23rd: "Church in Latin America." 29th & 30th: "Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:00—4:00pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS



FEBRUARY 12, 2022

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TYLER, TEXAS
2:00 PM
MORE INFORMATION TO COME

**Priests for Tomorrow
Campaign Redemption Report
Holy Spirit Parish**

Goal:	\$ 205,000.00
Pledges:	\$ 242,495.00
Payments Received:	\$ 154,030.00
Remaining Balance on Pledges:	\$ 88,465.00
As of November 30, 2021	

The Welcome Committee is looking for outdoor Christmas decorations (no lights) that parishioners do not plan to use any further at their homes. These decorations will be used in next year's walking trail display in Holly Lake Ranch. If you have any outdoor decorations (no lights please) to donate that are in good condition please contact Anna Parker at 903.833.7019 (hm) or email parkerbiz52@yahoo.com Thank you.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of peanut butter; (urgent) canned vegetables; pasta sauce; cereal and pudding cups.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 12 January 2022 Edition

(Submission date: 7 January 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

"Angels we have heard on high..." So, what about Angels? Did you know that there are 9 different types?

(<https://www.catholic.org/saints/angels/angelchoir.php>) The 9 Choirs of Angels

Seraphim – These are the highest order or choir of angels. They are the angels who are attendants or guardians before God's throne. They praise God, calling, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts". the only Bible reference is Isaiah 6:1-7. One of them touched Isaiah's lips with a live coal from the altar, cleansing him from sin. Seraphim have six wings, two cover their faces, two cover their feet, and two are for flying.

Cherubim – These angels rank after the seraphim and are the 2nd highest in the 9 hierarchies or choirs of angels. The Old Testament does not reveal any evidence that the Jews considered them as intercessors or helpers of God. They were closely linked in God's glory; manlike in appearance; double-winged, and were guardians of God's glory. They symbolized then, God's power and mobility. In the New Testament, they are "celestial attendants" in the Apocalypse (Rv 4-6). They are angels who have an intimate knowledge of God and continually praise Him.

Thrones – These are the Angels of pure Humility, Peace and Submission. They reside in the area of the cosmos where material form begins to take shape. The lower Choir of Angels need the Thrones to access God.

Dominions – These are Angels of Leadership. They regulate the duties of the angels, making known the commands of God.

Virtues – These are known as the Spirits of Motion, and they control the elements. They are sometimes referred to as "the shining ones." They govern all nature. They have control over seasons, stars, moon; even the sun is subject to their command. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace, and valor.

Powers – These are Warrior Angels against evil, defending the cosmos and humans. They are known as potentates. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings. The chief is said to be either Samael or Camael, both angels of darkness.

Archangels – These are generally taken to mean "chief or leading angel" (Jude 9; 1Thes 4:16), they are the most frequently mentioned throughout the Bible. They may be of this or other hierarchies as St. Michael Archangel, who is a princely Seraph. The Archangels have a unique role as God's messenger to the people at critical times in history and salvation (Tb 12:6, 15; Jn 5:4; Rv 12:7-9) as in The Annunciation and Apocalypse. A feast day celebrating the Archangels **Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** is celebrated throughout the Church Sep 29. A special part of the Byzantine Liturgy invokes the "Cherubic Hymn" which celebrates these archangels and the guardian angels particularly. Of special significance is **St. Michael**, as he has been invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. The Eastern Rite and many others place him over all the angels, as Prince of the Seraphim. He is described as the "chief of princes" and as the leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over Satan and his followers. **Gabriel** first appeared in the Old Testament in the prophesies of Daniel, he announced the prophecy of 70 weeks (Dn 9:21-27). He appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of St. John the Baptist (Lk 1:11). It was also Gabriel who proclaimed the Annunciation of Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. (Lk 1:26) **Raphael** first appeared in the book of Tobit (Tobias) Tb 3:25, 5:5-28, 6-12). He announces "I am the Angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of God." (Tb 12:15)

Principalities – In the New Testament, Principalities refers to a type of spiritual (metaphysical) being which are now quite hostile to God and human beings. (Rom 8:38; 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Col 1:16; 2:10, 15) Along with the principalities are the powers (Rom 8:38; 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 1 Pt 3:22; 2 Thes 1:7); and cosmological powers (1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 3:10; Col 2:15); Dominions (Eph 1:21; Col 1:16) and thrones (Col 1:16). The clarity of the New Testament witness helps see that these beings were created through Christ and for Him (Col 1:16). Given their hostility to God and humans due to sin, Christ's ultimate rule over them (ibid) expresses the reign of the Lord over all in the cosmos. This is the Lordship of Christ, which reveals God's tremendous salvation in conquering sin and death at the cross, and now takes place in the Church. (Eph 3:10)

Angels – These angels are closest to the material world and human beings. They deliver the prayers to God and God's answers and other messages to humans. Angels have the capacity to access any and all other Angels at any time. They are the most caring and social to assist those who ask for help.



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