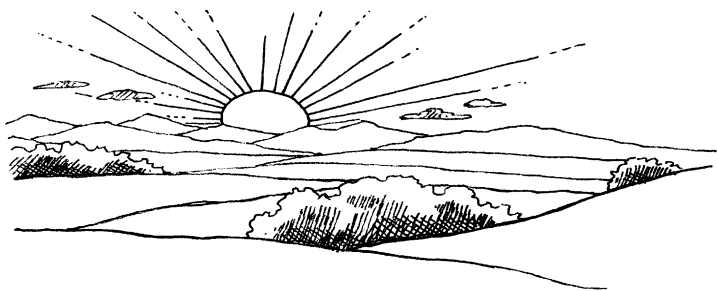


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2010

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Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— *Isaiah 62:2*

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.

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TODAY'S READING

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 — Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.
—Anonymous

Rosary Dedication: January:

For the courage to turn away from sin and make a new beginning in the new year.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Jan 17th

K of C Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

PRE Class, 9 am

Mass - 10:30 am

Spanish Mass- 5 pm

Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm

Mon, Jan 18th

School & Rectory Closed

Mass, 8:15 am

Tuesday, Jan 19th

Mass - 8:15 am

Student Mass KN- 4th grade

Wednesday, Jan 20th

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

RCIA, 7 pm KH

Youth Group, 7 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Thurs., Jan 21st

Mass 8:15 am

Student Mass 5-8 grade

Bible Study Class, 9:30 -11:30 KH

STVDP, 7 pm KH

Friday, Jan 22nd

Communion Service, 8:15 am

Altar Guild Ravioli Roll

Saturday, Jan 23rd

Altar Guild Ravioli Roll

Confessions, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Mass - 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 24th

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass

PRE Class, 9 am

Mass - 10:30 am

Installation of Parish Council

Members at 10:30 Mass

Spanish Mass- 5 pm

Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm



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:	St. Vincent; Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

—St. Anselm of Canterbury

Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings – Vincentian Opportunities for Young Adults (VOYA) will be offering two service trips in 2010 - northern Louisiana in February and Arizona in August. To find out more about these opportunities to serve the needy with other young adults, please visit www.voya.us.

Ravioli Roll -- The ladies of OLS Altar Guild are having their first cheese Ravioli Roll of 2010 on January 22 & 23. Please come join us on Friday January 22 at 2:30pm and Saturday January 23 at 8:00am. We work hard and have a lot of fun. Come see what fun you can have and meet a new friend.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 16 & 17***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Nick Vinturella Gina Pannell	Deacon Henry Pat Stavrum	Deacon Don Janet DeStefano	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Rick Pannell	Brenda Plessinger	Bob Bustos	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	L.Carter Analisa Bower Manuel Najera	Kellie Owens Antonio Lopez	Christian Sawicki John Witcher	Juan Rivera Abigail Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 23 & 24***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Gordon Hooten Mary Kissell	Deacon Henry Martha Hensley	Deacon Don Barbara Allard	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Carol Specht	Don Gohman	Tanya Floyd	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Bradley Hudson Kacee Hudson	Shelby Gilbreath Warren Durbin	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Carole Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abrahan Delgado, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Tama Numera, Bill Nutt, Rita McKenzie, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Bea Remmert, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry NanNess, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, and Angie Wright.

Names will be taken off after being on for 4 weeks. If you want to keep name on after 4 weeks, please call the office at 353-1530.

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, January 24th after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849, we will be going to The Road House.

Parish Pastoral Council Installation – The installation of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Sunday, January 24, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All elected and appointed members and all organizational designated representatives should attend this Mass in preparation for the first meeting of the term on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Richard Gonzales was elected to a three –year term in September, but no one has heard from him since he went to visit his daughter in October; Mr. Don Gohman has volunteered to full that vacancy for the time being.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 16th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel
Renee Hooten+

Sunday, Jan 17th 8:00 am

Deceased Members of STVDP

Sunday, Jan 17th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Jan 17th 5:00 pm

Anna Kyle+

Monday Jan. 18th 8:15 am

Anfelina Julie Summons+

Tuesday, Jan 19th 8:15 am

Delia Owen+

Wednesday, Jan 20th 6:30 pm

Int. of Dawn Dooley

Thursday, Jan 21st 8:15 am

John Fracchia+

Friday Jan 22nd 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 23rd 4:00 pm

Joe Viglietti+

Sunday, Jan 24th 8:00 am

Joe Capone+

Sunday, Jan 24th 10:30 am

Int. of Pastor

Sunday, Jan 24th 5:00 pm

People of Parish

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

**Carolyn Fracchia
St. Peter Villa, 331-A
141 North McLean
Memphis, TN 38104**

**Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119**

**Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119**

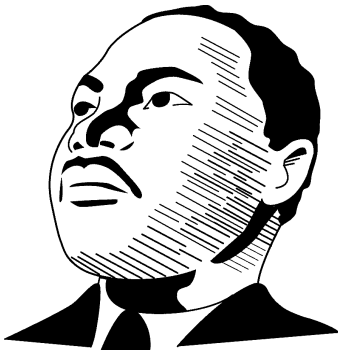
**Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Dolores Bair
Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

**Henry Van Ness
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
177 North Highland, room 124
Memphis, TN 38111**

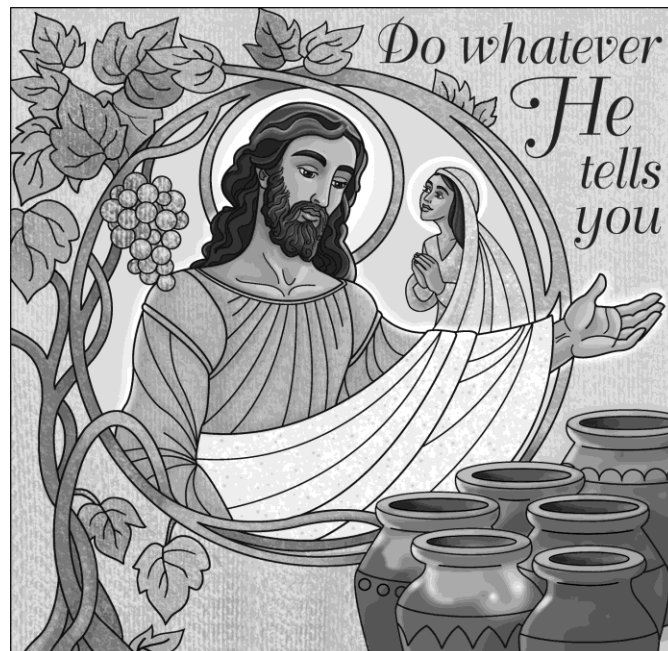
**Amanda Hall
Signature Healthcare
1150 Dovecrest Rd, room 108
Bartlett, TN 38134**

**Moira Kavanagh
Mid South Rehab Center
2380 James Rd, room 102
Memphis, TN 38127**



Financial Report
Weekend of 01/10/2010

Envelopes	\$1,708.00
Loose Checks	600.00
Loose Currency/Coin	112.52
Initial Offering	23.00
Debt	3.00
Improvement	50.00
Total Collection	\$2,496.52
Church Budget for the week	<u>- 4,387.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	(1,890.48)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$119,691.70
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>118,449.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ 1,242.70



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Separated/Divorced Catholics – The Journey of Hope

Conference 2010 will be held February 27 -28 in Atlanta and will offer resources and advice for divorced and separated Catholics. The conference will address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and navigating life after divorce. Registration is open to separated and divorced men and woman and those involved in related ministries. For information and to register, visit journeyofhopeconference.com or call 404.493.2190.

Parish Office and School Closed – Monday, January 18, is the designated holiday for Martin Luther King. The parish office and parish school will be closed that day to allow all personnel and students another day to celebrate.

Tuition Payments – We can no longer accept bills larger than \$20 when receiving tuition payments in the school or parish offices. Both offices keep a limited supply of cash on hand to make change and accepting large bills, e.g., \$500 and \$100, limits our ability to maintain a petty cash box for the benefit of others. Please come prepared to make payments using denominations of \$20 or less. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

New Pastoral Letter – Bishop Steib has written the second installment of his pastoral letter “Living Our Catholicism ... Who Do You Say That I am?” and is encouraging every parish organization to use the letter for group reflection at their meetings in the weeks leading into Lent. Copies of the letter are in the vestibule for your convenience. All Parish Pastoral Council members should get a copy in preparation for the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Hispanic Ministry Committee – Fr. Timby has appointed a committee to help him promote Christian activity within the Hispanic population of our parish. The committee will meet on the first Sunday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in the church to plan activities that meets the needs of their cultural community, intercultural events, and parish integration. These events might take the form of specific devotions, dinners, Bible studies, fund-raisers and festivals, etc. Appointed to the committee are: Estaban and Rosa Roque, Wanda Rivera, Perla Leticia Villanueva, José L. Hernández, Marco A. Hernández, Perla Azucena Villanueva, J. Isabel Barrera, and Armando Macario.

Hispanic Youth Ministry – A group of young adults from a number of different parishes in Memphis are assisting Fr. Timby in building a ministry for young Hispanic adults (ages 18-35). They are teaming up with young men and women who attend OLS and discussing things such as Bible studies, liturgical involvement, retreat opportunities, and community service. (In most cultures of the world, the word “youth” refers to young adults because those under the age of 18 are still considered children.)

Parish Death – Rachel Beaty, a member of OLS, died on Monday, January 11, after a long illness. Her funeral was on Thursday, January 14. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Marriage Preparation in Spanish will be held on Fridays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 6, 2010 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Catholic Charities, 1325 Jefferson Ave., across the street from (Sacred Heart church). The sessions are especially for couples, children are not allowed. For more information, please call Lupe Balderas at (901) 722-4759.

SAINT AGNES (died 304)

January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: “This is a virgin’s birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr’s heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!” Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: “to make holy,” to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers’ hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church’s only Eucharistic Prayer.

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Walk for Life – The 34th annual Walk for Life, sponsored by Tennessee Citizens Concerned for Life and Shelby County Right to Life, will be held on Sunday, January 17, at 1:30 pm, at Central High School, 306 S. Bellevue. The Walk commemorates the 37th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision, legalizing abortion-on-demand. The featured speaker is David Bereit who is the National Director of 40 Days for Life. The Walk is free of charge and a family event. It is especially open to teenagers and young adults.

Our Lady of Damascus

An ancient icon of Our Lady of Damascus was brought to Malta from Rhodes by the Knights of St. John in 1530, and venerated in the Greek Catholic Church in Valletta.

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Social Action Committee – Fr. Timby seeks parishioners with a social conscience to form a committee that will offer assistance that is beyond the scope of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the Frayser area. There are many needs beyond emergency food and assistance with rent and utilities that need to be addressed. The committee will work with Mrs. Mona Hector of the Parish Health Ministry in establishing services other than equipment exchange, i.e., dental care, health screenings, etc. It will work with Catholic Charities in making OLS a satellite location for counseling services. It will work with the school administration in the establishment of outreach programs to neighborhood children through summer camps, parents’ days out, etc., and offering adult education opportunities, e.g., ESL, computer training, GED classes, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering or learning more, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number with Carolyn Roberts.

YES! The Cry of the Poor Has Been Heard – Due to the support of our Pastor, Fr. Timby, and the members of Our Lady of Sorrows parish the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to reach out to 219 needy families in the Frayser area this past year. These families were touched by utility, rent, food, medical prescriptions and clothing assistance, but most importantly, they were touched by the love of Our Lady of Sorrows Church which is a beacon of light, hope and love within our community. The conference of OLS St. Vincent de Paul extends and everlasting gratitude to all of our benefactors, whether it be organizations or individuals and are included in the prayers of thanksgiving in our regular meetings.

Disciples On The Journey – Our Lenten Bible Study will begin in just a few weeks and is based on the lectionary readings (Cycle C) for the season. The study is meant to be done in small groups of 8-12 in the home and each week the group should have completed their gathering before coming to Mass.

- Why share your faith in small groups? Because it fosters community, enlivens and deepens our faith, enhances personal prayer and spirituality, and contributes to the life of the entire parish.
- Why use the Sunday reading? Because it helps the Word of God come alive, deepens and enriches the Sunday liturgy experience, increases awareness of God's presence in daily life, and fosters a desire to live the Catholic faith more fully in family, parish and community.
- Why meet during Lent? Because Lent is the liturgical season for conversion and renewal, Lenten Sunday readings give us direction for ongoing conversion, Lent is a special time to focus on our relationship with Jesus, and the reflections, discussions and meditations give guidance for the Lenten journey.

We will have sign-up sheets in the vestibule beginning next Sunday (Jan 24) for all those who would like to participate. The cost is a mere \$5.00/person. We have a limited number of booklets available (40 English/30 Spanish) but can order more if necessary. If you would be willing to host a group please indicate that when you sign-up.

Pro-Life: It is 37 years since the legalization of abortion by the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. This decision damaged our constitutional and social order, because, as Wanda Franz, president of National Right to Life states, “the ‘unalienable Right’ to life is no longer ‘endowed by the Creator’ but dependent on someone else’s moods and feelings. Under this peculiar principle, one and the same unborn child could be a ‘baby’ in the eyes of one parent and a ‘fetus’ to be aborted in the eyes of the other.”

SHARING A FEAST

One of the most fundamental ways that human beings offer love, respect, and compassion to one another is through the sharing of food and drink. Certainly, Jesus did that during the wedding feast at Cana. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus' love for us is most fully expressed when he feeds us with his own body and blood in the Eucharist. Jeannie, who lived in an affluent city suburb, offered her services as a nurse on a Catholic medical mission. The team travelled to a remote location in the hill country of eastern Haiti, setting up a temporary clinic next to the local church. For two weeks the volunteers worked long hours with limited supplies in a makeshift clinic serving hundreds of people with medical problems. As the day came for the clinic to close, the local people invited the medical team to a feast. Knowing the great poverty of the Haitian people, Jeannie wondered what would be served. As the food was placed before her, she was amazed at the variety and quantity—sweet potatoes, fried goat with hot sauce, fried plantains, bread, cornmeal porridge, beans and rice, and a special pineapple drink. “How,” Jeannie asked the local pastor, “could the people manage to give us this good meal?” “Jeannie,” he said, “they believe that God sent you all to us to bring healing, and this feast is their way of thanking God with the best they could find. They each gave a little so that we could all share a lot.” Everyone, including the servers and the cooks, ate until it was all gone. Jeannie thought that no food had ever tasted so good to her. She went home with a profound respect for the generosity of people who “have nothing” but shared so much.

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