

# Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016 ♦ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 ♦ 1 Cor 12:4-11 ♦ Jn 2:1-11

In the legends of the saints in Ireland, it is said that St. Bridget performed a miracle similar to the one Jesus did at Cana. When three beggars came to the monastery, there was nothing to give them to drink. Bridget invited them in anyway and, seeing only the water used for washing clothes, she prayed to God. The wash water turned into beer, which she served to the guests.

While the account of the wedding feast is not a legend, the similarity between the two stories highlights the way God works in ordinary things (and sometimes in ordinary people) to make them extraordinary. Jesus turns the water at an everyday wedding into wine of such abundance that it reminds us of Isaiah's vision of the Lord's banquet when all will feast at the table. God worked through Bridget (an ordinary person) to turn the water used for washing clothes into beer to satisfy the thirst of three beggars. Though seemingly without, they had as much as they needed, and the generosity was remembered.

Even now, God takes what is mundane and uses it to show forth his glory and satisfy his people. John's Gospel highlights this activity as the first of the signs that Jesus performed. The legend of Bridget and the stories of men and women who reflect and share the grace of God in their day-to-day living strengthen our faith and hope that God is active still in the world and will bring us all to glory one day.

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#### A Word From Pope Francis

*"[The Word of God] is alive in the hearts of the simple, of the humble, of the people of God... They didn't use the Word of God for their own interests, they listened and sought to be a little better."*

Homily at the  
Casa Santa Marta,  
March 21, 2014

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 17, 2016

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM HENRY MAMMARELLA	THU	7:00 PM BOB MULDOWNEY – 1 <sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM SALVATORE MONASTERO	FRI	<b>No MASS</b>
	9:00 AM THEONA KOZAK	SAT	5:15 PM ROWENA & CLYDE SMITH – 58 <sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
	11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM EDITH & JOSEPH BANYAS
MON	<b>No MASS</b>		9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	7:00 PM ANTONIO BARLETTA		11:00 AM JANET QUINONES & RUSSELL STROWGER
WED	<b>No MASS</b>		

### *The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Robert Muldowney*

#### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Lukes 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mike Austrevich	Ann Marie Arbo	John and Nick Dinnocenti, Austin Lobaugh
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Pam Amos	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Barrie Pease	Steven and Marissa Tepper, Sidney Wolf
	11:00am	Jim Keaveney	Becky Shemanski	Sadie Mangan, Isabella and Mia Pizzo

### **The second collection next week is for Religious Ministries**

#### **Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education Registrations**

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Academy tours are available by contacting Adele Reilly at [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org) or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration. Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/16 and 1st grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16. ICA offers a full day Kindergarten.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marie Snyder, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Linda Ritchie, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Irene Wade, Linda Rathman, William Janda, Curt Miller, Stephen Thomkins, Carolyn Creech, Frances Bambrick, James Smith, Mike Kovach, William Reardon, Maryanne Emory, Marianne Whalen, Virginia Marks, Madge Butto, Rose Malcolm, Paul Milshaw, Dylan Spriggs, Rose Osorio, Linnford Bittner, David Herrera, Matilda Kroutch and Joan Cronin  
 Please pray for the recently deceased: Julia Ragnone Painter, John Iezzi, Camillo R. "Junior" Dinnocenti





January 17, 2016

# dear Padre

## Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

## Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

## Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,

37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

## Thursday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

## Friday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for  
the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

## Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4,

11–12, 19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

## Sunday

JANUARY 24

Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor 12:12–30

or 12:12–14, 27

Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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## Parents aren't culpable for the actions of children



I'm terrified that the birth-control pill my son's girlfriend takes contains an abortion-inducing ingredient. He has asked me not to discuss his sex life, but am I committing a sin if I don't mention this related issue?

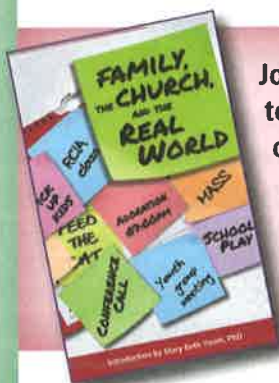


**Children grow up** and ultimately make and live with their own decisions, including those involving matters of faith and morals. Parents can (and should) advise and encourage them to live according to the truth that Christ revealed to us through the Church, but parents cannot force them to do anything and therefore are not culpable for their child's actions. This is why children past the age of reason need to confess their own sins.

Mention your concerns in a clear, straightforward manner; then don't dwell on them. You will have done your part, and pressing further may push your son away from the Church and, perhaps, yourself. What he needs now is the knowledge that you still love and care for him, and doing so while remaining faithful to our beliefs as Catholics speaks louder than any words you might say. Take the matter to prayer and trust that God will work within your son and his girlfriend in many ways.

It's never easy to challenge another's lifestyle, but we must never turn our back on others. As St. Augustine said, we should have "due love for the persons and hatred of the sin."

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Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family's days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God's protection through the night.

—From *Family, the Church, and the Real World*, a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

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