

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

We often see divine and human activity as separate -- God has one turf and we have ours. God's only avenue into our world is divine intervention. Today's readings speak of a God who chooses not only involvement but even dependence upon people and their capacity to communicate with a caring creator and redeemer.

In the dismal setting of 500 B.C., Jerusalem is anything but a sign of Yahweh's involvement. The city's royalty has been stripped away, it is forsaken and desolate. The prophet, Third Isaiah, destroys this depressing perception. Jerusalem's vindication will be as bright as the dawn; she will wear a new crown. Yahweh will be as involved as a groom with his new bride.

Paul addresses the Corinthians' question about spiritual gifts. In addition to ministries and works, there are "gifts," charisma manifesting the Spirit in extraordinary ways. Exceptional faith, healing, tongues, and prophecy are but a few of these gifts. Paul identifies the Lord as sole source of these gifts and teaches they must be shared for the common good.

The wedding feast of Cana is a manifestation of god's glory. Mary appears symbolically; her function is to complete the call of the disciples. She is the catalyst for the sign that leads to the disciples' expression of faith.

God is present to us in the ministry of believing people. Just as people have profoundly influenced our lives for good, so we must share our gifts and talents in ministry to others.

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**Believing Signs.** At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- ◆ What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- ◆ What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- ◆ Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -January 23, 2022

Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21



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### **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2020 State Rte. 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

### **At Work in the World**

Our land is indeed desolate: poisons float around in the air, toxins flow in our streams and lakes, and chemicals pollute the soil. The land is forsaken because of “the tensions and the tragedies of sin,” and forsaken, too, are many of the people who live on the land. Or to put it in terms of today's Gospel, the wine has run out and the party seems to be over.

It does not have to be that way, however. The people can “be called ‘My Delight,’ and your land ‘Espoused’.” There is still choice wine left to be experienced: the party does not have to end. We can “sing to the Lord a new song.”

Two things will have to happen for things to change. The first is the action of the Lord. Jesus' hour has come. We must turn to him, as Mary did, and have confidence in his power to effect change. The other thing that must take place is the application of our gifts to the solution of the problems afflicting our land and the people living on it. “To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

*We must all use our unique gifts and unite them to the action of Jesus at work in the world. This is “the way to peace in the world” that we pray for at the beginning of Mass. If we follow this way, “no more shall men call you ‘forsaken,’ or your land ‘desolate’.” The option for the poor embedded in the Gospel and the Church's teaching makes us aware that the poor suffer most directly from environmental decline and have the least access to relief from their suffering. Indigenous peoples die with their forests and grasslands. ... Nature will truly enjoy its second spring only when humanity has compassion for its own weakest members.*

U.S. Bishops, [Renewing the Earth](#), 1991: III, ---Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Website



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Schedule of Masses

Sun Jan 16 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson  
Wed Jan 19 5:30 pm Mass  
Sun Jan 23 8:00 am Mass Virgil Arado

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 16	S Widowski	B Porter	P Widowski	M & C Bergmann	*F Dueker, R Weeks
			<u>Cantor</u> C Ross		
	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 23	A Dueker	X Gruszczyk	M Slife	Vol	M Slife, J Bergmann
			<u>Cantor</u> S Pobst		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Jan 9, 2022

Envelope (21) \$3575.00  
Loose \$82.00  
Hall Use-\$50.00  
**Total: \$3707.00**  
Bldg. & Maint. (9) \$150.00  
**Total: \$150**

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Jan 16 Mass.....8:00 am  
PSR classes.....9:00 am  
CCW Mtg.....9:00 am  
Wed Jan 19 Mass.....5:30 pm Jan 11  
Parish Council Meeting.....6:00 pm  
Fri Jan 21 Mass.....6:00 pm  
Sun Jan 23 Mass.....8:00 am  
PSR classes.....9:00 am

**Birthdays**  
Jan 19 Preston Brown  
Jan 22 Macie Zmuda  
Joe Nelson



**CONGRATULATIONS NEW ST. PAUL COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mitch Miller, Donna Irby and Charles Koester. More information is found in your bulletin insert.

PARISH DIRECTORY. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR INFORMATION

located on the table in the church foyer. This information with the photos that Geri Tesina took will be combined into a new parish directory and distributed.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE** in the Church Foyer. If you can volunteer to deliver a calendar, Christmas book and the box of envelopes to a fellow parishioner who is not able to attend church, it would be greatly appreciated

**CCW IS MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY.** All women are invited to attend. A special collection will be taken after Mass to help with cleaning and church supplies.

**PARISH COUNCIL IS MEETING THIS WEEK.** Council Members .please picks Up Your Agenda and Minutes in the church foyer after Mass.

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** who took down Christmas and restored the church to Ordinary Time.

**THANK YOU TO** our parishioners who operated our Faith Alive Thrift Store this past week. It was a busy week.

**How do I respond to poverty and iniustice? What tools does mv Catholic faith have to offer?** *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response* is an 8 week program that explores God’s call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. The program will be offered virtually on Zoom for any interested adults in our diocese. For a short introductory video go to [youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV\\_KhwLO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLO) . For more information go to <https://iustfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-ifc/>. The program is sponsored through a local grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. To register contact Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [cchddiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:cchddiobelle@gmail.com) or 618-624-2838.

VOCATION CORNER January 16:

Today we hear the great story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And, He honors His mother’s request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – “Do whatever He tells you.” As this was the “beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory”, are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?