



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11



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Eucharistic Services:

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,
Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday,

Sacramental Minister Rev. Dan Noll

Lector : Cindy Combs

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Becoming Catholic

The parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes that will journey with those going through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). All people are welcome to come to this faith formation class. Becoming Catholic will resume this Tuesday January 21, 2025 from 7-9 pm with the topic of Sacraments of Healing.

Santo Nino

The parish will celebrate the feast of Santo Nino tonight at Mass. This celebration is one that holds great importance in the Phillipines. Let us pray with and for the Phillipines and our prashioners who celebrate this feast.

Second Collection Opportunities for Life Collection

The Opportunities for Life Collection will be taken up on January 18-19, 2025. The proceeds from this collection help support women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Thank you for your support of these collections which support the work of the Universal Church, as well as the work of our local ministry.

Flock Note

Mother of Good Counsel is using Flocknote to help stay in contact with parishioners and friends of the parish. You may recive texts or emails from Flocknote about upcoming events, Mass times, or prayer requestss. You can also find Mother of Good Counsel in App.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers Needed

The parish is looking for more Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors to help at Mass. Please let Lori know if you are willing to read or be a minister of the Eucharist. There will be training provided for any volunteers.

Giving Statements

Giving statements will once again be emailed out in January, if you prefer a hard copy of your giving statement or need to update your email address please let Lori know or email her at lhelfrich@cdlex.org.

Roasry & Word & Communion Service

Roasry and Communion Service will be on Wednesday evening beginning at 6:40 pm with Eucharistic Adoration to followe until 8:30 pm. Come and pray with us and share in community liturgy.

Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee 2025

With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis seeks to rekindle hope and trust in the future, encouraging Catholics to deepen their faith through acts of charity, penance, and pilgrimage. Be watching for more information on how to participate in this Jubilee year.



One in Christ 2024

With your prayers and contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year, we are able to support your neighbors in need. Lives will be changed and those most in need will know God's grace in a very special way. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship each year. The DAA continues, if you have not givent of this year's campiagn please consider how you can support our parish efforts. Our parish benefits greatly from this appeal. Our goal fro 2024 is \$9500 and we have 58 families. Currently we have raised \$6244, which is 66% of our total goal coming from 34 donors which is 60% of our participation goal. Please consider how you can support these goals, all donations are welcome.

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ONE IN CHRIST
2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Catholic Diocese of Lexington

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy that Mother of Good Counsel is offering in 2025 is open for registration. Registration is encouraged before March 31, 2025. Follow the QR code for more information or talk with Lori about your questions.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy and the Canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

with Lori Helfrich and Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM

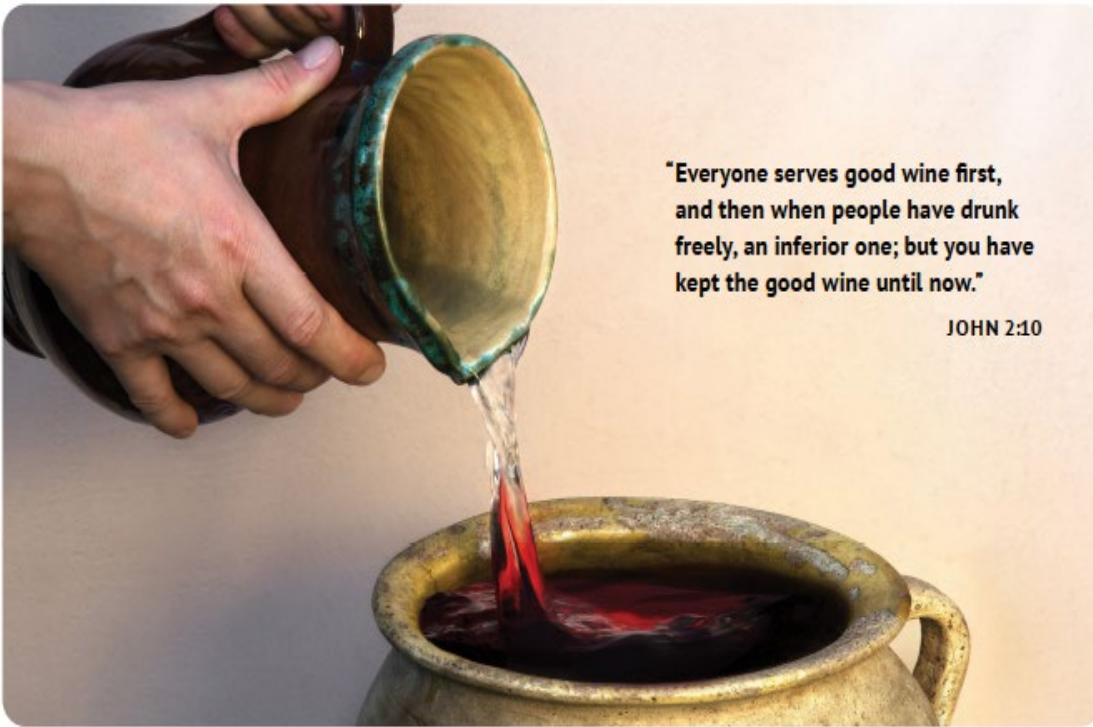
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July 29-August 9, 2025

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 16, 2022



“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.”

JOHN 2:10

When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, “There’s no more wine.” It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel “espoused” not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God’s presence. ●

Reflect

Is there an area in your life where you need “new wine”?

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Monday

January 20
Weekday
Heb 5:1–10
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 21
St. Agnes, Virgin
and Martyr
Heb 6:10–20
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 22
Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children
Heb 7:1–3,
15–17
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 23
Weekday
Heb 7:25–8:6
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 24
St. Francis de
Sales, Bishop
and Doctor of
the Church
Heb 8:6–13
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 25
The Conversion
of St. Paul
the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Sunday

January 26
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2–4a,
5–6, 8–10
1 Cor 12:12–30
or 12:12–14, 27

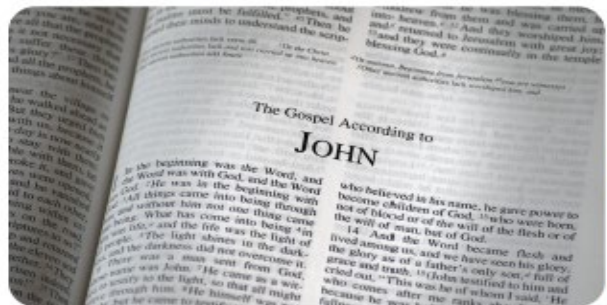


Dear Padre,

Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Our Weekly Offering

- 1/12/25
- Loose: \$20
- Envelopes : \$235
- Monthly: \$25
- Online : \$267
- Total Weekly Offering: \$547

Birthdays

1/23 Melanie Steinberg

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

January. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian & Amose Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Mark Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Chuck Brunty, Al Pratt, Joe Vogel Sr., Margie Fields, Cordis Bishop, Randy Damron, Myla Atienza, Maria Brama, Ronnie Hurt, Sandy & Phillip Craft Jaranda Brunty, Kazmir Sparkman, and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family The Logan Family