

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.



#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

#### Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.



For the Week of January 20<sup>th</sup> through  
January 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

#### Monday

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday

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"Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

#### Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

#### Saturday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Frederick McCall

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Corcoran

10:00 a.m. Harry Burton

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Eddie and Binnie Houghton



**REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:** Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne*, and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

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**NEW TO THE PARISH:** Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to [sacredparish.org](http://sacredparish.org).

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**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY.**

# PREP

## Parish Religious Education Program



### Bringing the Gospel Home

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
John 2:1-11

#### Reflection for Parents

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through Jesus.

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Change is often good for us. Jesus brought about a good change in the world. Think about some changes your family can make (or has already made) like rearranging furniture, breaking a routine, or going on vacation. Talk together about how these changes excite you, cause you to grow, or give you a different view of things.

#### Discussion Starters

1. A change in my life that brought about something very good happened when ...
2. Like Mary, I trusted Jesus would help me with a problem when ...
3. Recently I saw a sign of God's love when ...

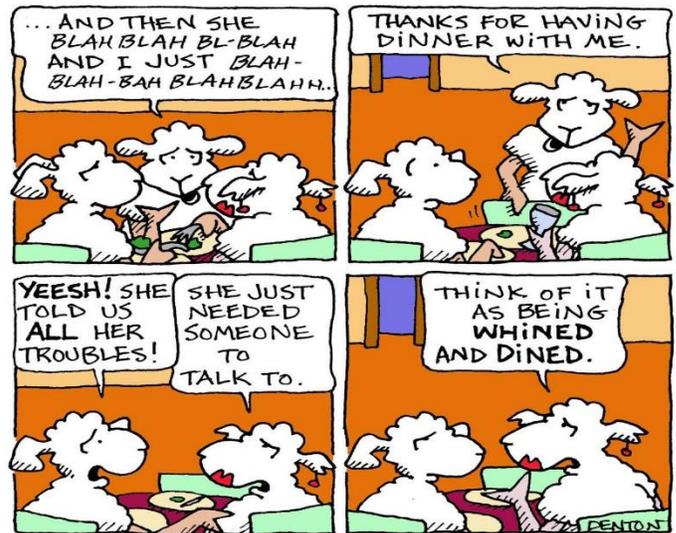
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**PARENTING POINTERS:** Each member of the human family is important and connected. Remember today the value of each life, born/unborn, neighbor/refugee, friend - even enemy. Let us march to protect all human lives.

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“You have kept the good wine until now.”

#### **Sheepish Question:**

To whom or what do I need to give my best at this moment in time?

### SAINTS OF JANUARY

#### January 20 – Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi

Iwene Tansi was born in Nigeria, Africa, in 1903. His parents were not Christians, but they sent Iwene to a school run by Catholic missionaries. There he learned about Jesus and made the decision to become a follower of Christ. He received the name Michael when he was baptized.



Teachers were needed for the Catholic schools founded by the missionaries, so Michael decided to become a teacher. He earned his teaching certificate when he was only 16. He taught for several years and even became a headmaster, or principal. Michael's work was satisfying, but he wanted to do more to help others to find Christ.

Michael entered St. Paul's Seminary at Igbarium in 1925. After ordination in 1937, he served as a parish priest in several villages. It was important for him to know all his parishioners, so he traveled on foot or on his bicycle to minister to the poor, the lonely, and the sick. He had a special interest in preparing young women for marriage. With the help of local nuns, the women were taught about Christian marriage and how to care for the children they would have.

Michael longed for the chance to spend more time in quiet prayer. The bishop gave him permission to join an order of Trappist monks in England. In the monastery, Michael took the name “Father Cyprian.” He hoped that one day he would be able to open a Trappist monastery in Nigeria.

After many prayerful years in the monastery, Father Cyprian died in 1964. His body was returned to his homeland for burial in 1986.

Father Cyprian was declared “Blessed” by Pope John Paul II in 1998 in ceremonies in Nigeria.

# PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending January 13<sup>th</sup> - Week 29

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John’s are made possible. “Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 1/13 Wk. 29	\$3,278	\$500	\$6,346	-\$2,568
YTD Wk. 29	\$140,982	\$35,923	\$184,034	-\$7,129

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL** is having a **Willy Wonka-theme Open House** on the first day of Catholic Schools Week, **Sunday, Jan. 27th, from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.** Concurrently, the school will be having their annual **Waffles & Raffles**, which starts at 8:00 a.m. and runs to 12 noon, and will feature the Mayor’s famous sausage gravy. It’s going to be a lot of fun. There will be school tours, Wonka Rooms, bubbles, balloons, Oompa Loompa photo station, Wonka activities, Wonka Story Time, and the opportunity to talk to teachers and parents about the Immaculate Conception School experience. Every child that attends the Open House will be given a **FREE raffle ticket**. Please join us!

RSVP Emily Murphy [emurphy@icschoolweb.org](mailto:emurphy@icschoolweb.org)

Questions? Call 410-398-2636

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or [mfrohlich@sacredparish.org](mailto:mfrohlich@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.



## January is Poverty Awareness Month.

The first step in effecting change is educating yourself about the problem. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development publishes a fact sheet called Poverty USA detailing the statistics of those living in poverty in the United States of America. For example:

- In 2016, 40.6 million people lived in poverty in the United States of America. That means the poverty rate for 2016 was 12.7%.
- The poverty income threshold for a family of four is \$24,000 – people working at minimum wage, even holding down several jobs; seniors living on fixed incomes; wage earners suddenly out of work.
- In 2016, 13.8% of men, and 16.3% of women lived in poverty. The poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 13.1%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 26.6%.
- In 2016, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 21.0%. That’s more than 4 million people living with a disability – in poverty.
- In 2016, 21.2% of all children (15.3 million kids) lived in poverty —that’s almost 1 in every 5 children.

For more information about *Poverty USA* check out the website at <https://www.povertyusa.org/facts>

“...to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8



**TODAY’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN – YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED.**

