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Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see <u>Jeremiah 2:20–36</u>; <u>3:1–13</u>). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see <u>Hosea 2:18–22</u>). That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see <u>John 3:29</u>), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see <u>Matthew 22:1–14</u>). By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church (see <u>Ephesians 5:21–33</u>). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see <u>2 Corinthians 11:2</u>). The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today's Epistle says. This is the "salvation" announced to the "families of nations" in today's Psalm.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, PhD More information at <u>www.stpaulcenter.com</u>

Crusade Prayer (37) Unification of all God's Children

O dear Jesus, unite all Your beloved followers in love so that we spread the truth of Your promise for eternal salvation throughout the whole world. We pray that those lukewarm souls, afraid of offering themselves to You in mind, body and soul, will drop their armour of pride and open their hearts to Your love and become part of Your Holy family on earth. Embrace all those lost souls, dear Jesus and allow our love as their brothers and sisters to lift them from the wilderness and take them with us into the bosom, love and light of the Holy Trinity...Amen.



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MASS TIMES				
SUNDAY	11:00 am			
Rosary	10:30 am			
Monday	9:00 am			
Tuesday	9:00 am			
Wednesday	9:00 am			
Thursday	9:00 am			
Friday	7:00 pm			
Saturday	7:00 pm			
RECONCILIATION				
Friday	7:30 – 8:15 pm			
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ADORATION				
Friday	7:30-8:15 pm			
Sunday Mass Readings				
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Gospel Joh	n 2.1-12			
Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin				
before 5:00 pm Thurs to				
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Sunday Bulletin 2nd Sunday Ordinary Parish Priest: Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy



In The Wedding

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism. This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare <u>Genesis 2:23–24</u> and <u>Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22</u>



2nd Sunday Ordinary 01-16-2022

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August CWL meets 4th Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August

Sunday Collection 01-09-2022 = \$615.00 \$1.200.00 NEEDED **Collection Count January 2022**

Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Alter Servers/Cross Bearer	Music
01-09-2022	Sharon Lagace	Cecile Gregory	ТВА	ТВА	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
01-16-2022	Lucille Partington	Mary McLaughlin	ТВА	Ray Wald	Carmen + Shirley + Crew
01-23-2022	Ron Major	Frank Wasowicz	ТВА	Ron Major	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
01-30-2022	Sharon Lagace	Cecile Gregory	ТВА	Ray Wald	Carmen + Mona + Shirley

Unity Octave

The week of Jan 18-25, 2022 is celebrated as unity week throughout the world. Join with many around the globe to pray for unity among the Christians. "I pray that they may all be one" Jn, 17.20

Feasts and Saints of the Week

Monday	01-17-2022	St. Antony
Thursday	01-20-2022	St. Sebastian + St. Fabian
Friday	01-21-2022	St. Agnes
Saturday	01-22-2022`	St. Vincent.
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Quote of the week

"Let us not grow tired of prayer. Confidence works miracles" St. Therese of Lisieux

Listening Gatherings Synod on Synodality

Synod is a Greek word literally meaning 'a journey together. A Synod is a gathering of Church leaders to discuss topics of concern for the Church. As old as the Church, they were the chief way that the Church made important decisions about faith. morals and the Church itself. Join the consultation to give your input to Pope Francis and the Synod of Bishops 2023. We want to know what your experience of 'journeying together' in the Church has been like. Join one of our listening gatherings!

Mass Intentions for January 16-22, 2022 **Offered By Offered For** Sun Mon Parishioner Intention of Parishioner Tue Parishioner Intention of Parishioner Wed Thu Fri Sat Prayer Chain

Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency 587-202-8887

Lena Hagerman, Wade Kaczkielo, Don Lozeron, Brooklynne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

A new Video Series 'Ask the Archbishop" It is a new weekly video series in which the Archbishop will address your concerns, questions and interests around our faith and Archdiocese. Contact Kyle Greenham, Archdiocesan Communication Director at 780-532-9766

'Loved the wedding, now invite Me to the Marriage'...Love God

Saint Pope John Paul II said, :"I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter." Pope Benedict XVI said, "Marriage Encounter, Yes! You do so much good in the world." Pope Francis said, "I am familiar with Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the good work that you do." Curious to know what a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can do for your Marriage? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual experience can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones and focus only on each other. Sounds good right? If you'd like greater depth, growth and romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience can make.

February 4-6, 2022.

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