

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another

as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

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### Sunday Collection

Sunday. Collection for January 12/13, 2019 was \$3,296.00.

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### Farewell / Reception

Join us on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a farewell reception for Father Alex Morard, after the 5 pm Mass at St. Francis, in the rectory basement.

Father Alex will be leaving us at the end of January and going to St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish, 234 Congress Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

## 2º Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy, dejamos el Evangelio de Lucas para escuchar el de Juan. En este, se narra el primer signo de Jesús en la boda de Caná. Juan le dice signos a lo que Lucas llama milagros y en este caso se resalta la señal manifiesta, de la dignidad eminente de Cristo. En la escena de la boda Jesús aparece como el que trae un vino nuevo a petición de su Madre María. "Todo el mundo sirve al principio el vino mejor, y cuando ya todos han bebido bastante, les dan el de menos calidad; pero tú has dejado el mejor vino para el final" (Juan 2:10). Con este signo milagroso, sale lo viejo y entra lo nuevo para quedarse para siempre.

"Esta señal milagrosa fue la primera, y Jesús la hizo en Caná de Galilea. Así se manifestó su gloria y sus discípulos creyeron en él" (Juan 2:11). El sacerdote español, José Luis Martín Descalzo (1930-1991), lo explica así: "La vida pública de Jesús comienza con una fiesta. Porque el anuncio de la buena nueva sólo puede empezar con un estallido de alegría. Cristo no puede presentarse ante los hombres como un aguafiestas que viene a rebajar el vino de la alegría. Él trae un vino mejor, no una tinaja de aburrimiento. Quizás algunos hubieran preferido un funeral o quizás una solemne liturgia en el gran templo". En el banquete actual que es la Eucaristía, entramos todos sin distinción de raza ni color; todos somos bienvenidos a celebrar la presencia real de Cristo entre nosotros. Sigamos atentos a la voz de la Madre. "Hagan lo que él les diga" (Juan 2:5). Es un mensaje que se aplica para entonces y para hoy.

### Readings for the week of January 20, 2019

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A Message from Fr. Tom

As you read this message, the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Pro-Life Rally in Washington, D.C. will have taken place this past Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. This is probably the first you are hearing about it. It is an event that takes place during the worst weather of the year in our Nation's capital and continues to reliably attract hundreds of thousands of people. Yet it is a non-event for coverage with the mainstream media. Please remember that this Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our nation. I ask two things of you—intentionally pray for an end to abortion in our nation and make some atoning sacrifice that day. Please consider being generous to many prolife groups in our NY area—The Sisters of Life, Life Center of New York, Pregnancy Help, etc. Earlier this month, Governor Cuomo with Hillary Clinton at his side, proposed a sweeping “revision” to the abortion laws of our state. Consider some of the changes: abortion will be legal at any point in the pregnancy up to the mother's due date, non-doctors will be allowed to perform abortions, a child destroyed in the mother's womb *without the mother's consent* will no longer be considered a crime, and finally and most shocking of all—the legislation will remove the current protections for infants born alive in the course of an abortion!! Consider where the legalizing of abortion has led us. Look at the facts. In NY State there is an average of 29.6 abortions for every 1,000 births. In our city, one of every three pregnancies ends in abortion and the abortion rate among African Americans is around 60%. Let us not remain indifferent to this painful reality staring us in the face. St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

Fr. Tom

### Recent Public Safety Issues/Vagrants in St. Francis of Paola Church

I am very happy that we are able to keep St. Francis of Paola Church open during daytime hours Monday—Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Unfortunately, we have recently experienced an up-tick in some problems: vagrants stealing one of our wooden donation boxes; attempts made to break into locked candle boxes; persons bringing open alcoholic containers inside the church; harassing faithful for money. Over the last few weeks I have intervened personally asking certain persons to refrain from such behavior—too little effect. It has gotten to the point where we need to send a stronger message. If you see something amiss call the police immediately via 911—then let us know in the

parish office what is going on. This weekend I spoke with representatives from the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct. They will try to increase their presence during the day time as well—but they also reiterated their need to hear from us and for people to step forward and report any incidents that are of a serious nature.

We cannot have a full time security guard in the church. When you see something wrong or feel threatened by anyone—please call the police to report the incident. I understand, it is hard for us to treat with what feels like severity, the many people we encounter on our streets that are prisoners to addictions and mental illness—I share these feelings with you. However, hard experience has taught me you are helping no one when you enable a person to remain trapped in a cycle of addiction—or habituate anti-social behavior.

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### Transfiguration Men's Shelter

January 20 to January 26, 2019

February 24 to March 2, 2019

We are once again asking for volunteers to provide a hot meal for the men of the Transfiguration Men's Shelter, our Parish will be serving the weeks of Jan. 20 to Jan. 26, **and** Feb. 24 to March 2, 2019.

We are required to provide a complete meal including beverage and dessert.

Whether you decide to do it personally, as a family or with a group or organization, please know that your generosity and kindness is appreciated!

Anyone who is interested in providing food or helping with serving please contact Angela Scotti at 718-782-3881, or the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

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### Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

#### Diocese of Brooklyn / Queens

Presents the Two Thousand & Nineteen  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Prayer Service

Theme: “...for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

**Monday, January 21, 2019 – 12 Noon**

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes, 92-96 220 Street  
Queens Village, New York 11428

Guest Speaker: Fr. Peter Damian Harris, O.P. Diocese  
of Houston, Texas

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### To Receive Parish Bulletin Electronically

Would you like to receive our parish bulletin electronically days before everyone else? Then log on to “Parishesonline.com” to register.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY  
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

*For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt. 25:35-36)*

Each time we reach out to help those who need understanding, compassion and kindness, we stand before our Lord and Savior and declare our commitment to do His will. Your support of our food pantry clearly puts this pledge into action.

Specific items needed: **Coffee, Tea, Hot-Chocolate.**  
Food Pantry Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – January 20, 2019**

**BREAD & WINE**

Delezia & Michael Dargosa by DeMarino Family

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Maria Canalini by Christine Caccavale  
Maria Canalini by Christine Caccavale

**Save the Date**

Mon. Jan. 21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sat. Jan. 26	Farewell Reception / Fr. Alex
Sun. Feb. 10	World Marriage Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Tue. March 5	St. Anthony’s “Carnevale”
Wed. March 6	Ash Wednesday

**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS**

Do you have an interest in giving back in our community of Divine Mercy Parish? Is so, please consider spending some time with our young people. We have a weekly youth group meeting every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, at St. Francis. Any time you can spend with our youth is a gift to them. For more information please call the rectory at 718-387-0256 or email our youth minister at youth@dmbk.org.

**Saint Blaise**

**Sunday, February 3, 2019**

Throats will be blessed after each Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019.

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

5:00pm Fr. Calendo on the Feast of St. Sebastian  
by Frasca Family

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

8:00am Open Intention  
11:30am Maria Canalini by Christine Caccavale

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

7:45am Open Intention

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

7:45am Pedro Espinal

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

7:45am Luigi & Maria Scala by Rosa

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

7:45am Lucy Larotonda by Friend

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

7:45am Carol & Angelina Battista by Carl & Valerie Battista

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

7:45am Open Intention  
5:00pm Gentile Family by Ernie Gentile & Family

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

8:00am Open Intention  
11:30am Open Intention

**The Parish Office**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 is observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Support St. Nicholas Church**

**Join us for a**

**Bake Sale & Flea Market**

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

**10 am – 2 pm**

**Monsignor Vetro Parish Hall**

**26 Olive Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211**

*Cookies! Coffee! Cake! Housewares! Jewelry!  
Get your Valentine’s Day Gifts!*

JANUARY 20, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, January 20, 2019

10:30am La Virgen De Altigracia

#### Wednesday, January 23, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Sunday, January 27, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

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**Pray For the Sick:** Anthony DeSena, Anthony Porcelli, Rose Cecilia Deluca, Louis Charles Deluca, Wanda Sadwarny, Maryann Piccora, Carmella Caiafa, RoseAnn Frank, Remi Schandel, Anthony Scala, John Colasanti, Rae Pacifico, Sawziy Ali, Umberto Caleotafiore, Giuseppe Guadagno, Donato D'Asosto, Aniello De Sarno, Frank Morena, Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Marie Bavuso, Annie Sanfilopo, Kathleen Sullivan

### Pray For the Recently Deceased

Rosa Elvira Bastidas, Edith Massone, Joseph A. Gatti

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## NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

If you have a green card, you may be eligible for citizenship:

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Catholic Migration Services, 191 Joralemon St.

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11211

To register: call: 718-236-3000 or text 718-866-3687

You will need to bring your Green Card, all passports, a copy of your most recent IRS tax return, marriage certificate or divorce papers (if applicable), and certified court dispositions and MTA dispositions (if applicable).

You may be eligible for a fee waiver! If you receive public benefits, please bring an award letter from the agency. To request a letter you go in person to a NYC HRA office.

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## Lexington Council #293 of the Knights of Columbus is Proud to Honor Monsignor Joseph P. Calise

with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Come on down and enjoy an evening of fun and cheer. Saturday, April 27, 2019, 6pm – 10pm, Roma View, 160-05 Cross Bay Blvd. Tickets are \$125 per person Journal ads available. Please call 917-482-4842. Deadline for tickets 2/21/19.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, January 20, 2019

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

7:00pm Susan Gernert

#### Monday, January 21, 2019

8:30am Leonard & Margaret Rossi

#### Tuesday, January 22, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

#### Wednesday, January 23, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

#### Thursday, January 24, 2019

8:30am Arthur Knapp, Sr. 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Friday, January 25, 2019

8:30am Roger Korcky

#### Saturday, January 26, 2019

8:30am Cecilia Atta

#### Sunday, January 27, 2019

9:30am Daniel McGovern

Susan Gernert

7:00pm Open Intention

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## Taller De Naturalización

Si tiene la residencia, puede estar listo para solicitar por la ciudadanía:

Jueves, 31 de enero 2019, 1:30 pm -5:00 pm.

Catholic Migration Services, 191 Joralemon St., Piso 2,  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

Papa Registrarse: Llama 718-236-3000 manda un texto 718-866-3687,

Necesitará la tarjeta de residencia y todos los pasaportes, una copia de la declaración de impuestos más reciente del IRS, el certificado de matrimonio o papeles de divorcio (si aplica), y los disposiciones judiciales certificadas y disposiciones de la MTA (si aplica).

Usted puede calificar para una exención de cuotas. Si recibe beneficios públicos, traiga una carta de la agencia

Para solicitar por una carta, puede ir en persona a una oficina de NYC HRA.

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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto:Andrea.Haro@nypd.org)

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm