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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen
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Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon (English)
4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30am, Sat. 8:00am
First Friday: 7:30 am with Adoration after Mass

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00pm- 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:
Wednesdays after morning mass
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays to Saturdays
after morning mass
Exposition & Benediction : Fridays 6:00pm- 7:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm—5:00pm or by appointment

Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office.

* *Spanish Classes*, contact Paty Ruvalcaba 925-395-1835.

* *Vietnamese* baptisms, contact Fr. Thomas Khue at the parish office.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

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• Religious Education

RCIA Non-Catholic Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, & membership in the Catholic Church. (Effective 2025)

• St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 20

7:30 am Ronald Angsioco †

Tuesday, January 21

7:30 am Jordan-Henry Miguel-Hooks
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 22

7:30 am Joseph Nguyen Thanh Cong †

Thursday, January 23

7:30 am Vickie Osorio Thanksgiving

Friday, January 24

7:30 am Gioan Kim Nguyen Phi Long †

Saturday, January 25

8:00 am Carl Bulygo Thanksgiving
5:00 pm Inocencio Alcantara † & Samson
Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, January 26

8:00 am Mario Bortolussi †
10:00 am Fr. Richard Culver †
12:00 pm Sotero & Teodora Cinco †
4:00 pm (VN)



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<https://www.catholicforlife.com/year-c-homily-for-the-2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-6>

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carlo Lagarejos, Patricia Diokno, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efren Lopez, Bert Tomas, Patrick Embody, Aida, Jerome Francis, Vincent Francis, Joseph S., Kathy Lirio, Mario & Emma Dolor, Theodore Rosauero, Kalia Santos, Lisa Kjome, Jovita Domingo, Lily Francis, Jiten Prasad, Virginia Francis, Sherry Ingram, Baby Kade Benson, Gina Masangcay, Josefina Matias, Maria Martinez-Gonzalez, Lyn & Travis Swan, Alicia Belza, Barry Benton, Betty Tecson, Marife Cano, Father Tom, Sr. Emelita Cinco, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.
If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 925-458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection January 12: \$ 6,061.00

Seminary-Diocese: \$ 2,863.00

Assessment: \$45,268.47 Paid: \$0.00

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Thank you for your contribution support to sustain the ministries & ongoing needs of our parish.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01/19/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

No scattered thoughts this week, but I would like you to read a letter from our Bishop regarding Jubilee Year 2025...

MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
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January 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every 25 years the Catholic Church declares a “Holy Year of Jubilee”. The Pope opens special “Holy Doors” in the four major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter’s, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul’s. Thousands of pilgrims come to Rome to process through one or more of these Holy Doors, confess their sins, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. By making this spiritual pilgrimage, the faithful may gain a Plenary Indulgence: remission of the temporal punishment due to their sins.

You may be asking “Didn’t we just have a Holy Year?” Yes. In 2016, Pope Francis declared a special “one off” Holy Year of Mercy. He opened the Holy Doors in Rome, and also authorized all bishops to designate Holy Doors in their Cathedrals...which we did at our own Cathedral of Christ the Light. We were delighted to see pilgrimages from many of our parishes to the Oakland Cathedral to gain the same Indulgences you could get by going to Rome.

For this “normal” 2025 Holy Year, the Holy See has decreed that the only “Holy Doors” will be in Rome. Not in the local dioceses. That being said, the Cathedral Church is still designated as a special place of pilgrimage to gain the Holy Year Indulgence. Pope Francis has designated “Hope” to be the theme of this Holy Year.

We will open the 2025 Holy Year of Hope with a special **Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 11 a.m.** Instead of a Holy Door, the emphasis will be on a Holy Cross. The Pope has directed each bishop to choose a Cross with special significance to be the focus of attention . . . and devotion. Thanks to the kindness of Father Anthony Huong Le, pastor of St. Joseph’s Old Mission San Jose, we will be using the Foundation Cross used by the Franciscan Friars in 1797 to establish Mission San Jose. They planted the Cross, then built the Mission — and the Native American Catholic Community — around this Cross.

This Cross will be carried in procession in the Holy Year Opening Mass, and remain in a prominent place for veneration in the Cathedral for the duration of the Holy Year.

The Cross of Christ is the means of our salvation. Hence it is the ultimate sign of hope.

I invite all the Faithful of the diocese to join me on Sunday January 19 at 11 a.m. for this Holy Year of Hope Opening Mass. The Priests’ Council and I will be meeting on January 21 to discuss additional ways to observe and celebrate the Holy Year in our diocese.

Wishing you all the blessings of the Christmas and Epiphany Season, and the joys of experiencing a Holy Year. *“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—says the Lord—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.”* (Jeremiah 29:11). May Jeremiah’s prophecy come true for each and every one of us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Barber S.J.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

ST. VINCENT OF ZARAGOSSA

Saint of the day: January 22



Most of what we know about this saint comes from the poet Prudentius. His Acts have been rather freely colored by the imagination of their compiler. But Saint Augustine, in one of his sermons on

Saint Vincent, speaks of having the Acts of his martyrdom before him. We are at least sure of his name, his being a deacon, the place of his death and burial.

According to the story we have, the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life. Vincent was ordained deacon by his friend Saint Valerius of Zaragoza in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace, they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself. He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise: Would Vincent at least give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict? He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell—and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage, but strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest.

Friends among the faithful came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his eternal rest.

Reflection

The martyrs are heroic examples of what God's power can do. It is humanly impossible, we realize, for someone to go through tortures such as Vincent had and remain faithful. But it is equally true that by human power alone no one can remain faithful even without torture or suffering. God does not come to our rescue at isolated, "special" moments. God is supporting the super-cruisers as well as children's toy boats.

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

January 2025: For the right to an education
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.

VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

The Vietnamese Community would like to invite you on Sunday, February 2nd at 2pm to celebrate "Tet" Vietnamese New Year. There will be mass followed by a reception at Palis Hall

Flower Offerings

Flowers in Memory of:

Everardo Y Biatriz
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Thank you to all who contribute financially for our flowers at the altar.

Contribution statements for 2024 are now available. Please indicate on your Contribution envelopes if you need a statement or call the office.

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for the Hall Expansion Capital Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 20

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, January 22

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Thursday, January 23

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

7:00 pm P# 2: SP Divine Mercy

Prayer

Friday, January 24

9:00 am Hall: SVdP

4:00 pm Hall: Youth Group

6:00 pm CH: Adoration

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Saturday, January 25

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

2:30 pm Hall: Youth Group

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Sunday, January 26

7:00 am Hall: Youth Group

1:00 pm Hall, P#3&4: Vietnamese School

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

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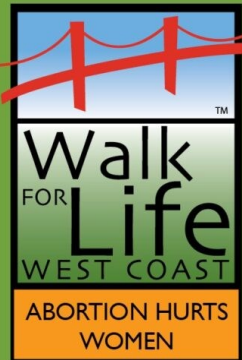
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
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Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 25, 2025



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



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