

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan 16, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Jan 18 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller  
Wed. Jan 19 - 9:00 a.m. Lou Mulhall Req'd by Elizabeth Nagy  
Thur. Jan 20 - 9:00 a.m. Sheila Storta Req'd by Evelyn Goetz  
Fri. Jan 21- 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Mary & Tony Andrade  
  
Sat. Jan 22- 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Jan 23 -9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

**CONFESSION** only by appointment, call Fr. Mike at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jan 22 - 5:30 p.m.- Mary Garvey Req'd by Virginia & Dan McComiskey

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jan 23 - 11:00 a.m. - Lorretta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

**IN HIS APOSTOLIC LETTER, *APERUIT ILLIS***, Pope Francis instituted the *Sunday of the Word of God*, to be celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, *next* Sunday we celebrate *Bible Sunday* in the Diocese of Hamilton. This annual celebration provides the opportunity on one Sunday of the liturgical year to renew our efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and to encourage a regular dialogue with the living Word. Given the restrictions of pandemic life, the Diocese has prepared a variety of digital resources (both for adults and children) for this year's celebration with specific focus on the Gospel of St. Luke (Year C). Please [visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday](#) to discover more and remember: #TheBibleSpeaks #WeListen!

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is celebrated around the world from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. The Week of Prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that

all may be one, as Christ desires. Pastors and parishioners will find helpful suggestions at the following [link](#). Especially recommended are the Eight Days of Prayer which contains daily Scripture readings, reflections, discussion questions and prayers. We pray to the Lord!

### Sunday's Readings

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

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10*

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds

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

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 2:1-11*

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

### A Wedding in Cana of Galilee



**For married persons,  
experiencing the joys  
and challenges of  
sharing life, we pray to  
the Lord.**

**For all couples  
preparing for marriage,  
we pray to the Lord.**

**Charity is the soul of  
faith, makes it alive;  
without love, faith dies.  
–St. Anthony**

### Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. 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.

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### Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022.

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten.

**God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to abandon ourselves unreservedly, so that we might be molded by God's grace, even as we cannot see where that path may lead us.**  
– St. Ignatius of Loyola

### Liturgical Calendar

Mon Jan 17 - St. Anthony

Thurs Jan 20 – Saints Fabian & Sebastian

Fri Jan 21 - St. Agnes

Sat Jan 22 – St. Vincent