



Today's readings remind us of the amazing privilege we have and the serious responsibility it is to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

The second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians shows us how personally God loves us and how uniquely He has chosen to create each one of us: "Brothers and sisters: there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

While Paul is speaking here of spiritual gifts, we know that everything we have — intellectual gifts, material resources, even our personalities — all are undeserved blessings from above.

Everything we have, therefore, is intended to benefit those around us. Because God has made each one of us with unique and differing gifts, the parish family truly does need each of us. It's a wonderful — and at the same time — sobering reality. Our parish family will be vibrant only when all members, young and old, share their gifts with the community. It will suffer if even one member holds back.

The Gospel reading, from John, recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request. In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed the wine had run out, which would have caused great embarrassment to the hosts. Our Lady pointed out this problem to her Son. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards. She says, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what he told them to do — just as the Blessed Mother instructed. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning that water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000-plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege!

Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother. Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.



Happy New Year!!

Contribution Statements for Tax Year 2021- will be available at the Rectory Office during normal business hours



YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 9, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,439.00
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 135.10
Facilities Improvement fund.....	\$ 38.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 567.20
Holy Days.....	\$ 63.00

*Second Collection - January 22 - 23:
Church in Latin America*



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It Takes All Kinds

St. Therese of Lisieux wrote, *“If every flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.”*

Who is God asking you to be today?

One obvious answer springs to mind....

Yes, God wants you to be a good person (father/mother, husband/wife, friend).

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. One who has the gift of knowledge may fail if he decides he wants to be a healer.

One who has the gift of healing might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana... the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all had a unique role to play. Although it was to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, *“Do whatever he tells you,”* her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be servers. Ask yourself: Do you carry out God’s instruction... no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem?

We asked to be the disciples... bearing witness and giving testimony.

We called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself... giving encouragement to follow God’s word.

Examine your gifts and listen in the silence of your heart to the direction of the Spirit.

Then... let us do whatever He tells us.

Bottom line... ***God is asking us to be a saint!***

And remember... He already has a St. Therese...

a St. Francis... etc.

What He is looking for now... is a ***St. YOU!***



MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Fr. Joseph Uvietta, S.M.

(Brother of Parishioner Melba Fisher)

who passed away during the past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to Melba and her Family

May he Rest in Peace



St. Thomas More English Prayer Group



Jan 27 6p 2Sam 7:29 - *“By your blessing the house of yourservant it shall be blessed forever”* - Church

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Catholic Life Truck Raffle

Catholic Life is sponsoring a Truck Raffle again this year.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each... and

Each ticket has a chance to win:

- a 2022 Ford F-150 Truck,
- a 2022 Ford Focus Sedan or
- a \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Card

This is a **“WIN-WIN”** situation!

With your raffle ticket you have a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes... and... 100% of the monies collected comes back to our school!

PTC members will be selling Raffle Tickets after all Masses this weekend... and next.

Thank you for supporting our school and...

God Bless-

El Dia de la Candelaria / Candlemas
La Levantada

On February 2nd, we celebrate the ***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ***, the Light of the World!

On that day... candles that represent Christ as the Light of the World... are often blessed and are used in the church and in homes. That day is often called ***Candlemas Day...***

In Spanish... el ***“Día de la Candelaria.”***

Along with this celebration another Christmas Tradition known as ***“ la Levantada del Niño Dios”*** is often celebrated.

In this celebration the image of Baby Jesus is dressed up with clothing (dress, shoes, socks, hat, etc) and is lifted from the Nativity Cradle to an upright / seated position and then is reposed until the following Christmas.

Three blessings are usually associated with this special day:

1. Blessing of Candles
2. Blessing of Infants born in the last 12 months.
3. Blessing of the Statues of the Infant Jesus.

All are invited to bring their candles, children, and statues of the Infant Jesus to the weekend Masses on 5 - 6 February to receive these blessings.

El 2 de febrero. ¡Celebramos la ***Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor Jesucristo***, la Luz del Mundo!

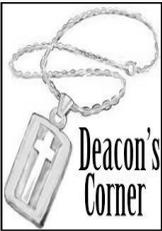
También celebramos otra Tradición Navideña conocida como ***“la Levantada del Niño Dios”***.

En esta celebración la imagen del Niño Jesús se viste con ropa y se levanta de la Cuna de la Natividad a una posición erguida / sentada y luego se reposa hasta la navidad siguiente.

Tres bendiciones generalmente se asocian con este día especial:

1. Bendición de las Velas
2. Bendición de los bebés nacidos en los últimos 12 meses.
3. Bendición de las estatuas del Niño Jesús.

Todos están invitados a llevar sus velas, niños y estatuas del Niño Jesús a las misas de fin de semana del 5 al 6 de febrero para recibir estas bendiciones.



I'm a firm believer in the KISS (*Keep It Simple Stupid*) principle!
 I was thinking... How can I express the concept of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist to someone who doesn't believe? When talking to an adult about the Real Presence we'd normally jump right into the Gospel of John, *Chapter 6 to be more specific*, and go from there. But... in keeping with the KISS principle... I asked myself... "How could I explain the Real Presence to a 6-year old?"
 That's the question that's been rumbling around in the back of my poor little mind for a while now...

I think the approach for both an adult... *AND* a little one might be similar. First... I think we need a little more background information. Ask... do you believe in God? (*that's a must or you've got a little more work to do*).

Then, Talk about God for a bit... How He's all powerful, all knowing, all loving, etc. Review what He did in the beginning. He created the universe, the earth, all the plants and animals... he created man (*Adam and Eve*).

Remind them how we, mankind, had it made but we strayed and were forced to leave the Garden of Eden.

But, God loves us so much that He didn't leave us with nothing... He promised to send someone to save us - His Son.

All throughout the years... from Adam and Eve until the time Jesus was born, God was with His people guiding them and working with them... even when they didn't listen or live the way He wanted them to. Then, at the proper time, Jesus was born - Jesus, the Son of God... Jesus, God Himself in the Second person of the Blessed Trinity!

Look at all the things Jesus did: He changed water into wine; He walked on water; He calmed storms; He multiplied a few loaves and fish to feed thousands! He cured the sick the paralyzed and the lame; He cast out demons; He forgave sinners! He even raised the dead back to life! There was nothing He couldn't do!

Jesus told His followers that He was the Bread of Life... The Living Bread that came down from heaven and that whoever would eat his flesh and drink His blood would have life. Many of his followers had a hard time with this.

But, He didn't water-down what He said. He simply asked if they couldn't believe in Him... were they going to leave?

Then, at the Last Supper, He took bread, blessed it giving thanks and glory to the Father. He then gave it to the Apostles and told them "**Eat, This is my body.**" Then he did the same with a cup of wine saying, "**Take and drink, This is my blood.**"

Now, if we believe that Jesus *really is* God... and we believe He *really did* all those things we looked at just a second ago...

Don't you think He could change bread and wine into His body and blood? If He isn't God... If He is lying or crazy or something... then everything we believe... everything every Christian has believed for the past 2000 years is wrong!

After changing the bread and wine into His body and blood, He told the Apostles to "... **do this** in memory of Me." We don't do this just to "**REMEMBER**" Him! We **REMEMBER** Him in so many other ways... all those things mentioned above plus His Passion and death on the cross... and the Resurrection. This "**Remember**" or "**In Memory Of**" is prefixed by the phrase / words "**DO THIS**" - meaning change this bread and wine into my body and blood!

Jesus knew that His time had come and He wanted this celebration (*this Mass*) to continue after His death.

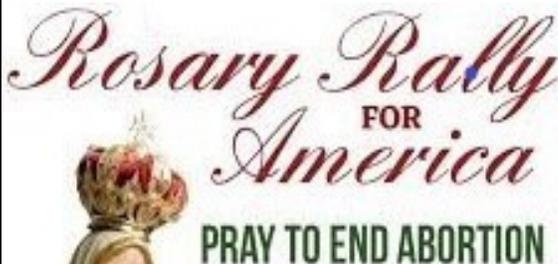
But, it wouldn't make any sense to just pass this '*gift only*' to the Apostles and have them be the only ones able to perform this *miracle*. They would all die before long, too. He was building His Church and He would want this miracle to continue until the end of time when He would return. So, as the Church grew and matured (*got older*), it was too big for the 12 apostles to do it all so they appointed others as their helpers and successors - other elders / bishops - and in turn they appointed helpers (*priests*) to service all Christian disciples.

So, when the Bishop or Priest says the words of Consecration, he speaks 'in persona Christi.' It's Jesus Himself, in union with the Holy Spirit, changing the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus... just as at that first Mass - the Last Supper.

I think that looking at it this way... and looking at all the Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place all around the world and all through the years (simply Google: **Eucharistic Miracles**), we have to agree that it is really Jesus... the Real Presence of Jesus... present in the bread and wine - body and blood - consecrated at Mass.

What do you think? Think this will work? Give me your thoughts / ideas.

'till Next Time... God Bless- DT



Saturday, January 22nd at Noon
 At the Lady of Guadalupe grotto
 outside the Rectory

Bring a Friend!

You are invited to a Pro-Life Rosary Rally NEXT Saturday, January 22, as we pray for the overturning of the infamous Roe v Wade decision in America...

Be a part of the 20,000+ groups participating in this rally nationwide!

Abortion is the most debated issue in our society right now... and it is necessary to wage a spiritual combat against those who would seek to destroy the most vulnerable among us.

The rosary is the weapon that will save our nation and destroy evil practices like abortion.

America Needs Fatima is asking faithful Catholics to join in this rosary rally in defense of the unborn.

We cannot end such an evil practice by staying at home.

We must go out and pray the rosary for life!

Please join us... Hope to see you there!

This Week at Our Parish*** **School Selling Catholic-Life Raffle Tickets** ****** **After All Weekend Masses** *****Sunday, January 16, 2022**9:00 am Guadalupano Mass - *Church*
6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolan Hall***Monday, January 17 2021****PARISH OFFICE CLOSED (obsv. MLK)**
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*
7:00 pm Finance Council Mtg - *RMR***Tuesday, January 18, 2021**12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
CDA General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*
7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church***Wednesday, January 19, 2021**12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room***Thursday, January 20, 2021**12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
7:00 pm English Prayer Gp - *Church*
RCIA - *Rectory Mtg. Room*
Grpo de Oracion Retreat Prep - *Rec Din Room***Friday, January 21, 2021**12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
5:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - *Carolan Hall*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church***Saturday, January 22, 2022**4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church***Sunday, January 23, 2022**10:00am CDA Mass - *Church*
8:30 am KC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall*
6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolan Hall***Lecturas de la Semana del 17 - 23 enero****Lunes:** 1Sm 15:16-23; Sal 49:8-9,16-17,21,23;
Mc 2:18-22**Martes:** 1Sm 16:1-13; Sal 88:20-22,27-28; Mc 2:23-28**Miércoles:** 1Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Sal 143:1,2,9-10;
Mc 3:1-6**Jueves:** 1Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 55:2-3,9-13; Mc 3:7-12**Viernes:** 1Sm 24:3-21; Sal 56:2,3-4,6,11; Mc 3:13-19**Sábado:** 2Sm 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; Sal 79:2-3,5-7;
Mc 3:20-21**Domingo:** Neh 8:2-6,8-10; Sal 18:8-10,15; 1Co 12:12-30;
Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21**Readings for the week of Jan 17 - 23****Monday:** 1Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23;
Mk 2:18-22**Tuesday:** 1Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22,27-28; Mk 2:23-28**Wednesday:** 1Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 144:1b,2,9-10;
Mk 3:1-6**Thursday:** 1Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3,9-13; Mk 3:7-12**Friday:** 1Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4,6,11; Mk 3:13-19**Saturday:** 2Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80:2-3,5-7;
Mk 3:20-21**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-6,8-10; Ps 19:8-10,15; 1Cor 12:12-30;
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**Mass Intentions****Saturday, January 15, 2022**8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
5:00 pm †Fr. Joseph Uvietta, S.M. By Melba Fisher
†George Omar and George Christopher Garcia
by Anna and Jonathan Garcia**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Sunday, January 16, 2022**8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
†Brady M. Dupree, Jr by Margie Murray
†Margarita Frances by the Guadalupanos
10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
By Morales & Briseno Families
Daniel, Sabella & Ezra Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta
12:00 pm †Phyllis and Tom Stensland**Monday, January 17, 2021**

8:00 am †Carmen Chapa Mata by Ralph & Elda Garcia

Tuesday, January 18, 20218:00 am †Danielle Garber by Margie Murray
†Jeanette Robinett by Family**Wednesday, January 19, 2021**8:00 am †Caridad Menchaca by Martha Menchaca
†Harry McQueen by David McQueen**Thursday, January 20, 2021 (Communion Service)**8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious****Friday, January 21, 2021**8:00 am †James Willingham by Margie Murray
†Robert Mendez by Rand Family**Saturday, January 22, 2022**8:00 am †Fr. Joseph Uvietta, S.M.
5:00 pm †Al Weinheimer by Rand Family
†Albina Vahalik by Richard & Dorothy Perez**Sunday, January 23, 2022**8:00 am †Rudy Negrete by Negrete Family
Daniel, Sabella & Ezra Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta
10:00 am †Anne Marie Oswald by Oswald Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
12:00 pm †Jose Doleres Reyes de la Luz by Family
†Juan Nieto Galvan by Maria Nieto**Sanctuary Light Intention:****†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and
†Richard Pansza, Jr****Liturgical Roles****Saturday, January 22, 2021**5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+ 2 Vol - if needed)
Lector - R.Avarado**Sunday, January 23, 2022**8:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol)
Lector - S.McCarthy
10:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, DC John, Sr.Eucharia
Lector - M.Torres
12:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Gomez, M.Larios
Lector - M.Pina / M.Rivera