

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded.
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



The marriage in Cana of Galilee is commemorated: the first miracle of Jesus. Mary, full of charity, asks of Jesus His first miracle. Jesus, at the request of His Mother, anticipates the hour appointed for the manifestation of His Divinity to His Disciples, so that He puts His power at the service of His love.

In the Wedding: Reflection on Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Genesis 2:23–24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)?

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 Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18–22).

That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1–14). By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity

in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21–33). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2).

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.

Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**) 4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass, (St. Francis Xavier)
9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)
11:00am – Holy Mass, (St. Francis Xavier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

5:30pm, Mass Georgia Schrempp

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

8:00am, Mass Gregorio Guardado

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass Norma Flores

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD

8:00am, Mass Evelia Guardado

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

7:30 am, Mass Pro Populo

11:00 am, Mass Pro Populo



Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty
Parra at (509) 362-8646





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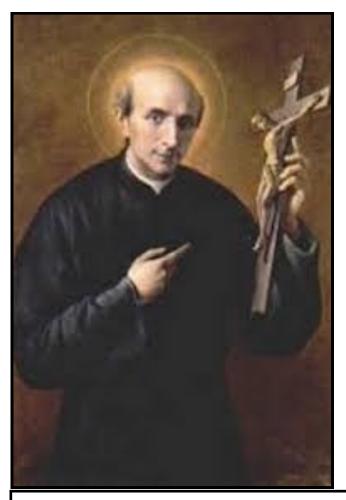
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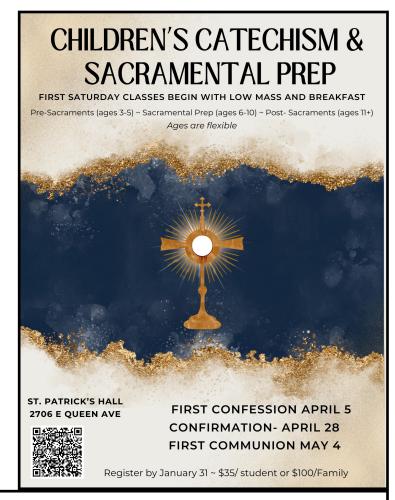
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St. Vincent Pallotti, Priest January 22nd

Born in Rome in 1795, St. Vincent became a priest and dedicated himself completely to God and the care of souls. He dreamed of gaining for Christ all non-Catholics, especially the Muslims. Thus he inaugurated a revolutionary program that envisaged the collaboration of the laity in the apostolate of the clergy.

But St. Vincent was also well aware of the many deprivations in the natural sphere that hindered the spread of the Faith. He thus obtained and spent huge sums for the poor and underprivileged. He founded guilds for workers, agricultural schools, loan associations, orphanages and homes for girls—all of which made him the pioneer and precursor of Catholic Action.

The Saint's greatest legacy was the congregation that he founded for urban mission work, known as the "Society for Catholic Action." This indefatigable laborer for Christ died in 1850 from a severe cold that he most likely caught on a rainy night after giving his cloak to a beggar. He was canonized in 1963 by Pope John XXIII.

PRAYER: God, You taught Your Church to observe all the heavenly commandments in the move of God and neighbor. Help us to practice works of charity in imitation of Your Priest St. Vincent and merit to be numbered among the Blessed in Your Kingdom. **Amen.**

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