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Second Sunday – Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

At the challenging instigation of his mother, Jesus works the first of his miraculous signs at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The scene raises a question for us: How can we move God to act in our lives?

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 62:1-5

The Lord God will be the people's bridegroom, says the prophet, and God's love will work marvelous transformations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

The Spirit is the cement that holds together the living stones of Christ's Church.

JOHN 2:1-11

In the sign of abundant wine at a wedding feast, Jesus gives a foretaste of what is to come in the kingdom.

ENTRANCE RITE – John 2:11

V. Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory,

R. And His disciples began to believe in Him.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA – John 8:12b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – John 2:1-11

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Jan. 19th

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich, offered by Fr. Sr. Donald and Danielle Wunderlich.

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 26th

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Kevin Austin Grossman, offered by Kevin Grossman.

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS
ONE MASS ONLY!**

SUNDAY – Feb. 2nd

**Solemnity
Presentation of
Our Lord**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Day. Let us honor his memory by praying for peace and love among all of God's People.

THANKS

To Dr .Ned Kotula for erecting the nativity crèche and for disassembling and storing it for next year. And thanks to everyone else who decorated and cleaned the church for Christmas.

BLESSED INCENSE AND CHALK

For those of you who were unable to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany last week, there is blessed incense and chalk available on the table in the vestibule for your use at home.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque and those impacted by the fires in Southern California, For the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, January 19th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, January 26th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty seven years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW YEAR – 2025

As we enter the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 26th. I would also like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the meeting and if you have not already done so, please be sure to complete your minimum yearly contribution to the Parish as soon as you can. Thank you.

2025 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The PNCC Home Liturgical Calendars are here and on the table in the vestibule for \$7.50 each. Only a limited number are available so get yours before they are gone! These are a great way to keep abreast of the various Sundays and Solemnities.

KOLEDA– BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Sr. Donald will be blessing homes during this Season of Epiphany. He will be happy to bless any home at your request. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule along with the best time for you to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date. He will be happy to see you and more than happy to bless your home.