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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19TH, 2025

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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."

- Jn 2:1-3

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty, ever living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

The Collect of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The secrets of every happy family

MESSAGE SERIES

All of us come from families that are diversified by size and other factors, but share many commonalities, including our strong emotions when it comes

to different familial relationships and experiences. In this series, we will look at our family relationships – both in the past, present, and future - and will explore three principles of every happy family: successful families accept the messiness of family life with grace and flexibility; are marked by mutual respect; and are committed to a larger purpose beyond themselves.

Week 4: The Family Core (Mothers)

Scripture: Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)

Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding. He did so at the invitation and encouragement of his mother. It is Mary who launches Jesus into his public ministry. In this message we look at the marriage as the core of the family and how it affects the health of the family, and will examine how our relationships with our mothers form us.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



In Memory of Marianne Finan by Bob & LuAnn Bennett

In Memory of Dominic Davolio by Jon Sadowski
In Memory of Ken Wagner by Jeff & Marion

Stolz

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 18th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00p.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's
5:30p.m. (SJ) + Richard Cope (Wife Betty & Family)

Sunday, January 19th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30a.m. (SJ) + Joseph Tylka 10 year ann. deceased (Wife Linda & Daughters)

11:00a.m.(SM) + John Kish Birthday dec. (Scott & Linda Kish & Family)

Monday, January 20th, St. Fabian/St. Sebastian/Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

*5:15p.m. (SJ) + John Nowak (Wife Connie & Sons)

Tuesday, January 21st, St. Agnes

8:00a.m.(SM) + Nancy Sheeketski (Betty Timko)

Wednesday, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Mary Catherine Nixon (Ruth England)

Thursday, January 23rd, St. Vincent/St. Marianne Cope

8:00a.m. (SM) + Dean Benedetta (Ray & Family)

Friday, January 24th, St. Francis de Sales

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Elmer DeBlasis birthday dec.

(Grandchildren ~ Victoria, Vanessa & Vince)

Saturday, January 25th, 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Christine Cruciotti Hanneken (Diana Cruciotti)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Ellen Oboy (Ruth England)

Sunday, January 26th, 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) +

11:00a.m.(SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of January 11/12

St. John's: Adults (89env) \$8,995, Loose \$291, Christmas Flowers (1env) \$20, St. Vincent de Paul (2env) \$120, CWC Dues (10env) \$75, Candles \$37

St. Mary's: Adults (45env) \$1,130, Loose \$181.25, Solemnity of Mary (1env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) \$10, Grade School (1env) \$15, Building Fund (1env) \$5, Steubenville Register (1env) \$10, Candles \$54



Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a*

person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Ed and Rose Grammar, Susan Gray, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Joe Boston Jr., Peggy Kotson, Tom Galinski, Susan Vasey, Bob, Bill & Tom, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Tom & Margie Merryman, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich Beau Boston, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Roger Peters, Jerry & Phyllis, Adam Ruskowski, Jeff Doneson, Joe Budrevich, Rudy Bresiger, Cathy Ciulles, Warren Wright, Rich Price, Marlyn Marling, Jay Morgan, Kathy Kavmirski, Sandy (Donahue) Bass, Kyrie Vincent, Janice Arno, Andrew Zaborek, Kim Scott, Joyce Mellott, Gwen Brown, Bobby Roth, Peg Stipetich, Sarah Stipetich, Rhonda Tipton, Rebecca Brown, Mary DeGenova, Anthony De Genova, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Megan Kristin Sechrest, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Lori Runyan, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Julie Sharpe, Jill Brinker, Baby Kennedy Rae, Shelli Macurak, Pete Padyjasek, Ainsley Oliniski, Mary Taris, Beth Baker Phillips, Linda Ullom, Mark Cervelli



Lord, bless and protect those serving our

country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzal, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook

Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of January 25/26

St. John's

Jan. 25th EM: J. Coup **Lector :** S. Stewart
Jan. 26th EM: T. Young **Lector :** M.A. Young

St. Mary's

Jan. 25th EM: Volunteer **Lector:** I. Louda
Jan. 26th EM: J. Ferrelli **Lector:** A. Schamp

Mary knows the secret to peace on this earth. She shares it with all of us this weekend: Referring to her son she says "Do whatever he tells you."



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Marianne Finan & Dom Davolio**. We offer our prayers also for their loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next Women's Fellowship gathering will be held on Tuesday February 4th, 6:00p.m. at the Central Grill in Shadyside. Please RSVP to Carol at 740 -676-8922 and leave a message or text (740) 298-4158. All women are invited!



Part-time Cook and Housekeeper wanted
 I'm looking to hire a part-time cook and housekeeper for St. Mary's rectory, where Fr. Tim McGuire is living. Please submit a resume with experience and references to me at dheusel@diosteub.org, mail to the office (3745 Tallman Ave, Bellaire) or call/text me at (740) 298-4158. Thanks!

Celebrating Legacy Sunday

As St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, our gifts come from the same Spirit and are meant for the common good. Legacy giving allows us to continue sharing those blessings beyond our lifetime, ensuring the vibrancy and growth of our faith family. Why does Legacy Giving matter? \$41 trillion will transfer from the Baby Boomer generation to their children and grandchildren by 2052, making this the largest wealth transfer in history. Studies show that less than 10% of individuals include charitable organizations in their estate plans, even though most support charitable causes during their lifetimes. Parishes, schools, Catholic cemeteries, and diocesan ministries often depend on legacy gifts to fund critical programs, maintain facilities, and ensure their mission continues for future generations. Please pray about your legacy and complete the form in the brochure (bulletin insert) and return to our parish office or drop in the collection basket!



REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Gospel Question: After all the wine was consumed, Jesus turned water into wine for the bride and groom at the wedding. *When have you received an unexpected gift from someone?*

1st Reading Question: Isaiah spoke of God's delight in Jerusalem and desire to see Israel as His spouse. *What married couples do you know who genuinely take delight in each other?*

2nd Reading Question: Paul taught the Corinthians that the gifts of the Holy Spirit to individuals are meant to benefit and unify the community. *What gifts do you have that you think benefit others?* ©LPi

Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



GOSPEL MEDITATION

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "**Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one**" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "**But you have kept the good wine until now.**" This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30-10:45am Family Faith Formation (SM)

3:00pm Spiritual Adoption Program kick-off (SJ)

Monday: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday: 9:00a.m.—5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)

Wednesday: Day of Prayer and Penance of the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday: 6:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (SJH) 7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

Friday: 8:00a.m.— 5:00p.m. Adoration Hourly Pro—Life Rosary, Chaplet at 3:00p.m. (St. Michaels In Wheeling)

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Catholics School Week Begins Word of God Sunday

"Our Lives Begin To End the Day We Become Silent About Things That Matter."

—*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

THIS WEEK ON
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Week of January 19, 2025



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



Mass

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / January 26, 2025

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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CCC 714: Old Testament expectation of the Messiah and the Spirit

CCC 1965-1974: new Law and Gospel

CCC 106, 108, 515: God inspires human authors of Scripture, and readers

CCC 787-795: the Church as the Body of Christ



**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE
God, our Spouse and Lord of Life**

"As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you."

Today's first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb.

This week, hundreds of thousands of Americans will march in Washington, in San Francisco, and in many other cities at this time of year calling for the protection of these children from abortion. These events coincide with our nation's honoring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose dream of equality for all under the law needs to be applied now to the children in the womb. This is a work around which Christians of all denominations should unite, and this week also marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid’s birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn’t a big deal but come *on*. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang “Happy Birthday” and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I’ll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it’s such a silly little miracle. I don’t mean to be disrespectful — of course it’s an incredibly important moment in Christ’s public life. But it’s not healing a leper. It’s not raising the dead. It’s not even walking on water. It’s saving a young couple from embarrassment.

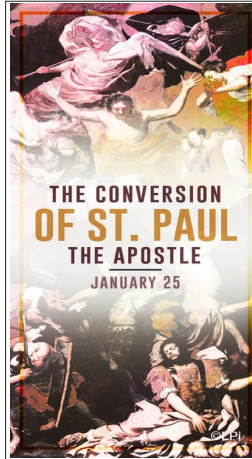
I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It’s so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus’ attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn’t answer him, because, between you and me, I don’t think he’s asking her. I think he’s asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: “Do whatever he tells you.”

I’m so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me. ©LPi

**Eucharistic Adoration,
Hourly Pro-Life Rosary &
Chaplet of Mercy @ 3:00**

**Friday, January 24th
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
St. Michael Church**

Please join us to pray in conjunction with the March for Life in Washington, D.C. as we pray for the protection of the unborn and healing of those who have had abortions. All are welcome!



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

St. Paul the Apostle

Biography

St. Paul the Apostle (c.4-c.64) was named Saul of Tarsus before his conversion. He was born to a devout Jewish family who followed strict Pharisaic traditions for generations. He spoke Greek and was formally educated in Jewish culture, scripture, and traditions. As an adult he worked as a tentmaker as well as an enforcer

for the Jewish leadership in their efforts against new Christian converts. He is known to have taken an active part in the stoning of St. Stephen, the first martyr, and considered himself to be a shining example of Judaism.

Saul’s conversation to Christianity took place while he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians there. According to Scripture, “a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’” (Acts 9:3-4). Stricken blind by the vision, Saul continued to Damascus where he was healed and immediately began meeting with other disciples in the area and preaching that Jesus is Lord. He changed his name to the Roman version of Saul, Paul, after his conversation because it was more common among the Gentiles.

For years he traveled all over the region starting churches and preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul’s letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. St. Paul, pray for us! ©LPi



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We offer to all our parishioners a short but powerful survey— what are calling our Discovery Tool! In just a few minutes, you'll have your results and a better sense of how your interests and gifts align with the service opportunities and ministries of our church. When we understand more about our God-given talents and what brings us joy and a sense of purpose, we are better equipped to walk in love -- serving God, our parish, and our community as Jesus calls us to do. Scan the QR code to find the link to the survey, or on our website - bnspcatholic.org

WE JOIN IN PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Significance of You

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

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

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

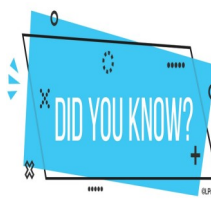
Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary’s words give us direction: “Do whatever he tells you.” ©LPi



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the only apostle, excluding Judas, who was not martyred?

Answer: St. John.

Devotions, Explained!
The Angelus - January 19, 2025

Mini Explanation

The Angelus is an ancient devotion whose practice developed over the course of several centuries. It is composed of three antiphons that tell the story of the annunciation, each followed by a Hail Mary. It is usually said daily at noon.

The Angelus, Explained

The incarnation of Christ changed the life of every Christian person who ever lived. Reflecting on that moment in salvation history is an opportunity for grace, growth and peace. Who wouldn't want that every day, or even three times every day?

The Angelus is composed of three antiphons which narrate the annunciation, each followed by the recitation of a Hail Mary (a prayer that itself contains the "angelic greeting" of the angel Gabriel). Its name is derived from the first words of the prayer in Latin.

This devotion was developed over the course of several centuries and is rooted in the ancient practice of saying three Hail Marys in the evening. Historically, people were called to prayer by the ringing of church bells — "the Angelus bells." Most people who recite the Angelus do so daily at noon, though it is often said in the morning, at noon and in the evening. ©LPi

The Angelus Prayer

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
 And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you' (Lk 1: 28)
 'Blessed are you among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb'

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Holy Days

Question:

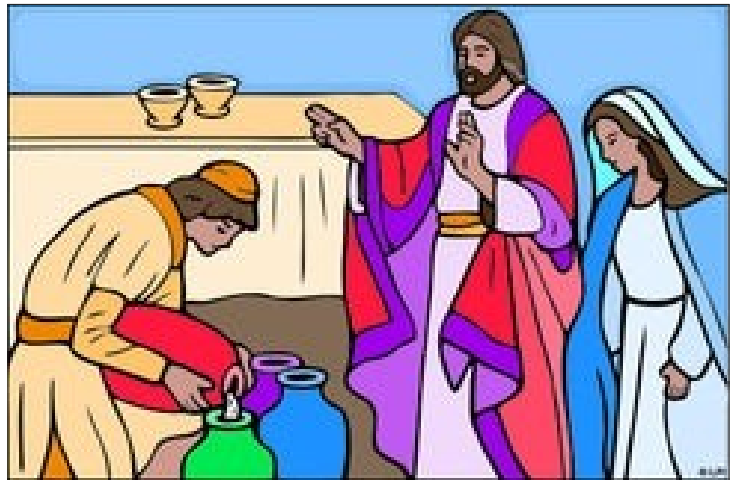
Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

Answer:

The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial. ©LPi



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." — Jn 2:1-3



— Saint —
MARIANNE COPE

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**St. Marianne Cope |
January 23**

Biography

Barbara Koop, later Mother Marianne Cope, was born in Germany on January 23, 1838, and immigrated with her parents to New York when she was 2 years old. In August of 1862 she went to the sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse,

New York and took her vows the next year. Her early religious life saw her working as a teacher and administrator for local Catholic schools until she was called upon by the bishop to use her administrative skills as superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and infirm and the hospital flourished under her leadership. As the Provincial Mother of her order in Syracuse, Cope, along with six other sisters, she answered a call made by the Hawaiian government to run the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu that served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy.

Of the more than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada who were asked by the government to help the suffering communities and hospitals for those with leprosy (Hansen's disease) in Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her sisters were the only ones to answer the call. They immediately got to work transforming the hospital environment for those with leprosy and their families. Of this mission, she said —

“I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned ‘lepers’.”

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters took on an even more challenging assignment and went to the Hawaiian island of Moloka'i, a leper colony, to open a new home devoted to the protection of girls and women with leprosy as well as to take charge of the home that her friend, Saint Damien de Veuster, had established for men and boys. She helped improve life on the island by introducing pride, cleanliness, and a little fun to the colony. She often provided bright scarves and dresses for the women she served and cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.

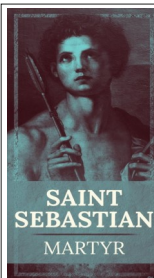
Prayer

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.
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PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY



Prayer for the Miraculous

Oh God beyond my understanding, bring Your soul-stirring power into my life today. In the places where people are saying, “It can't be done” or “There's no solution,” act in such a way that responds: “There is a way, and there is a God, and He loves me.”
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