

PARISH UPDATES

Clergy Substitution – Please welcome Fr. Jim Comey to our parish, January 14 to 28. He'll be presiding the daily Eucharist and helping with other pastoral ministries while Fr. Robert is making his retreat/pilgrimage to Central America. We thank Fr. Comey for his availability. Your prayers are most welcome!

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The Khumpis – During our Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, we have composed a resettlement committee to assist the family originally from Myanmar. If you wish to participate and share your expertise, please contact the parish office. Meanwhile, please keep this family and our efforts in your prayers. Thank you.

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Celebrating Christian Unity Week of Prayer – An Ecumenical Musical Evening of songs and praise will be held in our church on Sunday, January 20, 7pm. Social and refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

World Day for Consecrated Life

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. Join Archbishop Miller, CSB, in celebrating and witnessing the renewal of vows of those consecrated to God at Mass on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 12 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver. All are welcome. Please pray for all who have made commitments in the consecrated life.

<https://rcav.org/world-day-for-consecrated-life>

Second Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, a beautiful reading from Isaiah promises vindication which will “shine forth like the dawn.” In the **First Letter to the Corinthians**, we are reassured that each of us has different gifts of the Spirit. “There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” The Wedding Feast of Cana is the centerpiece of **John's Gospel**. His mother told the servants to follow his orders and Jesus performed his first public miracle “and so revealed his glory.”

Monday is the **Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**. Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**. Friday is the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**. Saturday is the **Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops**.

The first reading this week continues with the **Letter to the Hebrews**. Written to inspire and encourage the community in its faith, he exhorts them "not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises."

As we continue **Mark's Gospel** on the weekdays, Jesus is asked why his disciples don't fast. He challenges the religious leaders to have a completely open mind and heart to his teaching because "new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, bringing a new freedom. It is only chapter 3 in the gospel, but we already see the tension with religious leaders building. Because Jesus heals a withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees seek to kill him. Jesus withdraws and people from the surrounding regions come to him, and even the demons know who he is.

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Jesus names twelve Apostles to be with him, to preach and to drive out demons. Jesus' relatives think he's "out of his mind" because so many people are coming to him that he can't even eat.

The **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** begins to take us through **Luke's Gospel**. We will follow it each week until February when Lent begins and pick it up again after the Easter season when Ordinary Time returns. It introduces Jesus as returning to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit” where he goes to the synagogue and teaches from Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” He ends with the stunning words “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

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Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits — the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Mass Intentions

January 20—26, 2019

Mon, Jan 21—	Macario Naval Jr (RIP)
Tue, Jan 22—	Ellen Krisby (RIP)
Wed, Jan 23—	9am, Evelyn Martinez (RIP) 7pm, Evelyn, Wilbur Victoria & Family (TG)
Thu, Jan 24—	Fr. Nelson Santos (INT)
Fri, Jan 25—	Ellen Krisby (RIP)
Sat, Jan 26—	9:30am, Berry Lau (TG) 5pm, Chris & Olga Wolfe (RIP)