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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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### Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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### MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to December 28 ... 4:00pm January 4 to April 12, 2025 ... 3:00pm & 4:30pm

### SUNDAY

After Easter to December 29 - 8:00am & 10:00am January 5 through Easter Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am,10:30am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday......8:15 am Holy Days......8:15 am & 6:00 pm

### **CHURCH OPEN HOURS**

Monday - Friday 7am-4pm Saturday 2pm - 5pm Sunday 7am -11am

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter - September 4 through May 31 Mon - Fri 9:00am -12:30pm,1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Summer** - June 3 through Aug 31 Monday through Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00am - 9:15am After Easter to Dec 29 - Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:30pm Jan 4 to April 13 - Saturdays: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Contact Parish Office

### Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20 8:15am †FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BELLUCCI FAMILY Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15am **†CSESLAW MASELEK** by Tom Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Reading: Hebrews 6:10-20 Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15am **†LEONORE CAMACHO** by Connie *Reading: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 Gospel: Mark 3:1-6* 

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8:15am **†CLIFFORD BROWN** by Jim and Kristy Parent *Reading: Hebrews 7:25—8:6 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12* 

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

8:15am **†PATRICK BERRIGAN** by Barbara Calnen Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13 Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY) 3:00pm **†OLIVE GRENIER** by Pat Brooks 4:30pm **†JOHN GARROW** by Larry and Karen Mangold

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 7:30am †THE BARRETT FAMILY by Bob and Liz Barrett 9:00am †NANCY AND RAY BACON by John and Renae Hansknecht 10:30am FOR OUR PARISHIONERS Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



### Gospel Reflection The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time John 2:1-11

This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals Divine power by transforming water into wine. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden, and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb. At Cana, Jesus also blesses human marriage, perhaps at that moment instituting the Sacrament of Matrimony. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of

the covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful bridegroom, and humanity is His beloved bride. Let us pray for God's daily miracles in our families.

We see this theme beautifully presented in today's first reading, where Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. God's fidelity to his people is compared to a husband's fidelity to his wife. Isaiah predicts God's salvation of Jerusalem after the return of the Babylonian exiles and visualizes it as a wedding between God and Jerusalem. Jesus' provision of abundant wine for the wedding feast in Cana signifies that the day foreseen by Isaiah has arrived. Anticipating the joy of this wedding, the psalmist urges us in the responsorial psalm, "Sing to the Lord a new song." In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the new wine Jesus pours out for us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to His bride. In today's Gospel, John describes the first of the seven "signs' by which Jesus showed forth His Divinity. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' Mother told Jesus about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some of the miraculous water-madewine to the headwaiter. When they did so, the headwaiter expressed his surprise that such a great wine had been reserved for late use.

Let us, "invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes" when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family will encourage parents to create an atmosphere of prayer, Bible-reading, mutual love, and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service at home. This change will refresh and renovate family life, removing its boredom.

Let us follow Mary's instruction, "*Do whatever He tells you*." This is the only recorded command given by Mary in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and effect salvific changes in our daily lives.

Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern, and care.

Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us, and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit.

Let us also appreciate where God transforms our offering of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Gospel Reflection by Fr. Anthony Kadavil, Chaplain, Sacred Heart Home, Mobile, AL. Brought to you by Penny Fleming, SFOA Communications



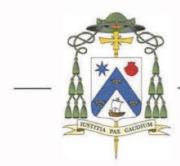
Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our high school youth at our parish on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the 4:30pm Vigil Mass.

Congratulations 2<sup>nd</sup> year students! Sofia Barreto, Elijah Bates, Olivia Cizmar, Jeremy Donhauser, Bladimir Galvan, Vallerie Kappelmann, Aaliyah Knotts, Nico Remmers, Michael Schack, Aiden Silva, Analina Silva, Sophia Siligato, Ava Trullinger, Lily Trullinger, Luke Trullinger, Sarah Trullinger.

We have a two-year Confirmation program and at the end of Year 2 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are privileged to journey with the students & their families during this prep time, to encourage & support our youth to continue to grow, & strengthen them in their Catholic faith & spiritual lives. There are 3 sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist enable us to experience & grow in the full Christian life. For us, as Catholics, Confirmation is really the completion of Baptism. Most of us were baptized as infants. Our parents made the decision of Catholic faith for us. In Confirmation, these youth will affirm their "yes" to that decision of Catholic faith. "Yes" means we want to live our Catholic faith & want/need the Holy Spirit of the risen Lord to help us make Christ to be the center of our lives. Baptism & Confirmation, all the sacraments, prepare us for fullest loving union with Him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist completes all the sacraments. Participating in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, empowers us to grow in God's Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul & mind. This is the greatest & first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:36-40)

We encourage our parishioners to be '**prayer partners**' for our youth receiving Confirmation. Pray for our youth & their families & see them be confirmed. Thank you for your willingness to participate as prayer partners in our parish family.

Jim Brantner, Director of Religious Education



### DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Collection for the Church in Latin America provides the opportunity to show unity with our brothers and sisters in Central & South America, as well as the Caribbean Islands. For decades, this collection has helped meet the many challenges and needs of the Church and the faithful in Latin America.

Gifts to this collection provide grants to dioceses in Latin America, which help sustain important ministries such as evangelization, vocations and seminary training, marriage support, and the promotion of human life and dignity. In the capital of Venezuela, the Church is now equipped to become a leader in the fight against human trafficking. And in the Amazonian region of Peru, the love and sacraments of Christ are able to reach remote Indigenous villages.

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America during the weekend of January 18 & 19, 2025. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your donations to this collection support life, faith & hope to our brothers and sisters in Central & South America and the Caribbean.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for your support of the Church in Latin America.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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# Annual Workshop for Parish Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Please plan to attend the annual workshop if you are a volunteer in either of these ministries OR if you would like to volunteer. We have need for additional volunteers.

If you cannot attend, please notify Pat Lawson to schedule a make-up session. For any questions call the Parish Office: 941-697-4899 Press 0

To Volunteer for this or any ministry, go to **sfoachurch.com** Click **Parish Forms**, Scroll down and click

# Volunteer Application Form.

Thank you volunteers!

Drop food donations at Mass or at the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!



Parish Butreach Food Pantry

The Parish Outreach Food Pantry is in need of Tuna, Canned Fruit, and Canned Pork and Beans.

We have two poor box locations in church, we can take cash or check in the poor box at any time. You may also donate online by going to sfoachurch.com and click **Giving** and then click **Online Giving**.

# St. Francis Youth Group



1st & 3rd Sundays 5 pm - 6:30 pm

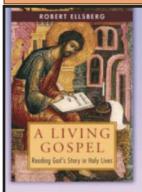
Meets at the Parish Center



or All Teens 14 - 17 years old

**Dinner, Discussions, & Activities** 





Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Book Club

Thursday, January 23, 2024 6:00pm-8:00pm In the Parish Conference Room We are reading chapter 8.

We are reading A Living Gospel by Robert Ellsberg

In a number of award-winning books, Robert Ellsberg has reflected on the lives of saints, prophets, and spiritual masters, drawing particular attention to models of holiness that speak to the needs of our time. The message of such figures, as he shows in this new book, is found not only in their writings but in the "text" they wrote with their lives. Among the particular figures he examines are Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, and Flannery O'Connor. He especially holds up the example of holy women, who charted their own path, and those who exemplify a "holiness of the everyday." In learning how to read the "living gospel" in their stories, he shows how we may learn to read our own lives in the same light. https://orbisbooks.com/products/a-living-gospel

All are Welcome to Join! Call Martha Mingel with any questions 941-697-4899

#### THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



# ALL THINGS NEW

### FEATURING NEW, DYNAMIC PRESENTERS

#### DISCOVER:

- Earth-shattering theological insights from some of the greatest theologians of our day.
- New Creation Story, New Spiritual Life, New Adam, New Eve, New Fruitfulness, New Tree of Life, New Fruit from the New Tree of Life.
- A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!
- Enkindle a deep Catholic spirituality and arm yourself with the two most powerful spiritual weapons.
- Renew a profound, faithful and reverent love for the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church rooted in Sacred Scripture.
- Discern what kind of men we need to save the Church and the world.
- Become the man your family, our Church, and our world desperately awaits.
- Be inspired to set out to re-evangelize the de-Christianized and secularized.
- Become a new creation in Christ!



SPEAKERS:









STEVE BOLLMAN

ARK MIRAVALLE

#### **PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

Starting January 16 Continuing each Thursday for 13 weeks St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

#### SCHEDULE:

Doors Open at 6:45/Begins 7:00am Includes food, video and small group discussion Concludes by 8:15am

#### **REGISTRATION:**

For more information or to register- call, email or contact the parish office

WWW.TMIY.ORG

### Paradisus Dei

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSIST

PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD

# **February Card Party** 5265 Placida Rd. Grove City, FL 34224 February 5, 2025 11:00am - 2:30pm

Reserve your table by February 3rd Reserve your tables at sfoachurch.com Click Parish Forms, scroll down and click Parish Women's Guild Card Party Registration or by calling 941-697-4899 and Press 6 to leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of people at your table.

> \$12 per person includes lunch, card play, and door prizes. All are welcome!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Women's Guild 5265 Placida Road, Grove City • Parish Center • 941-697-4899 ext. 6



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!! These are the VOLUNTEER hours that need to be filled. TUESDAY FEB 18th • 10:00am - 2pm Setup WEDNESDAY FEB19th • 8:30am - 3pm Setup/Price THURSDAY FEB 20th • 8:30am - 1pm Setup/Price THURSDAY FEB 20th • 8:30am - 1pm Setup/Price 2:30pm to 5:30 pm FRIDAY FEB 21st • 8:30 - 2pm SALE SATURDAY FEB 22th BROWN BAG SALE

8:30 am to 12 noon (cleanup 12-2)

CONTACT: women's guild 941-697-4899 ext, 6; ckmitch1@aol.com; kathy6150@aol.com; with days & hours available

### WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another. There are many reasons to register.

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.
- In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish.
- Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- To receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.
- For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.

Please call the parish if you have any questions. Stop by the parish office if you would like to talk more about the parish or pick up a paper registration packet. You can also register online via electronic application or print and complete on our parish website, www.sfoachurch.com on the Parish Forms webpage and return to the Parish Office.

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# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL \$100,000 DRAWING 2025

We're kicking off our annual \$100,000 Drawing! With your help, \$100,000 will go toward supporting our mission, and up to 10 lucky winners will share \$100,000!

## Tickets are \$100/each

## Buy your tickets in the Saint Francis of Assisi Narthex after Mass on Feb 1/2 & Mar 8/9

Drawing Dinner will be on April 6th, 2025

Best of all, after each ticket is drawn, it's re-entered, giving you multiple chances to win—even the full \$100,000!

Get your tickets now and support St. Charles Borromeo School!

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# Diocese of Venice Anniversary Mass

Location: St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota Date: Saturday, March 8th Time: 11am

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor.

The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations:

February 1st at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, March 8th at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, also at 11am.

Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend. SFOA Church Office: 941-697-4899

Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church							
	Start	End	Event - Location				
			Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Parish Office Closed				
Mon Jan 20	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church				
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center				
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Room 6				
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina Gospel Prayer - Church				
	6:00pm	8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Assembly 2782 Officer's Meeting - Church				
Tues Jan 21	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church				
	8:50am	9:50am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church				
	9:00am	10:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Church				
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church				
	10:00am	11:00am	Parish Bereavement Ministry - Parish Conference Room				
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room				
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education K-8 - Parish Center				
Wed Jan 22	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church				
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center				
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall				
Thurs Jan 23	7:00am	8:00am	TMIY - Parish Center				
	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church				
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church				
	1:00pm	3:00pn	Hooks and Needles - Parish Conference Rooms				
	5:30pm	6:30pm	OCIA - Church				
Fri Jan 24	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church				
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center				
Sat Jan 25	10:30am	12:00pm	Reader and MOHC Workshop - Church				
	2:00pm	2:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church				
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church				
	4:30pm	5:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church				
Sun Jan 26	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church				
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church				
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church				



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AN WALK BA RF Local acupuncture clinic is treating the untreatable, peripheral neuropathy with incredible results

Pain comes in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. A disease that comes with years heightened sensitivity to touch targets specific nerves in the of shooting, stabbing pain that making it almost impossible for gradually ends in numbness, balance problems, and on occasion, amputations. A disease that was once classified as irreparable.

David R. of Venice, FL was facing such a fate.

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks on the beach That is until he found Lauren with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the edge, medical solution to

pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are greatly reduce its symptoms you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet.

to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

"It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner." shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

Milligan of Sage Point Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. Dr. Milligan and her staff have pioneered a cutting Success stories like David's are treat neuropathy, eliminate or and give people their lives back. Best of all, they're doing neuropathy," shares Dr. it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged

This causes the nerves to begin nerves, preventing them from dying off," tells Dr. Milligan.

further by integrating ATP **Resonance BioTherapy which** body using microcurrent. ATP While David's peripheral therapy is like watering a plant. neuropathy was idiopathic, This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back unknown, Dr. Milligan's around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair."

#### Three months later David is thrilled with his progress, "I can walk barefoot on the beach again!"

not atypical for the staff at Sage Point AIM. "We have a 87% success rate in treating Milligan.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed

neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you "We take our treatments a step have not sustained more than 90% nerve damage Sage Point AIM offers hope where there once was none.

> meaning the cause is treatments can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

"We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments, specifically tailored to treat each individual case."

To schedule a consultation and complete evaluation call (941) 451 - 8154 but do so quickly because Sage Point AIM is taking a limited number of new neuropathy patients.

For more information and to take advantage of their new patient offer visit SagePointAcu.com.

