

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
JANUARY 18
4:00 PM
CHRISTINE DELONEY
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

SUNDAY
JANUARY 19
8:30AM
LEXIE DELONEY
SPECIAL INTENTIONS
11:00 AM
+ JOE ANN HINDERSON

TUESDAY JANUARY 21
8:00 AM
OLLINGER FAMILY
BIRTHDAYS
11:30AM
USA PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL
CHAPEL
JOHNY WACKER & MARY CLAIRE
WACKER

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 22
8:00AM
MC GILL FAMILY
SPECIAL INTENTIONS
THURSDAY
JANUARY 23
8:00 AM

DARLENE O'ROURKE
SPECIAL INTENTIONS
JANUARY 24
8:00 AM
RITA MALLINI
TAYLOR HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
SATURDAY
JANUARY 25
4:00 PM

VINCENT DUFF
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SUNDAY JANUARY 26
8:30AM
DON STOKLEY &
JUDY MOORE
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

11:00 AM
EDDIE & SANDY KIMBEROUGH
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Collection details :

January 12 2025

1st Collection \$ 2895 Candles \$ 12
Parish Projects \$ 80

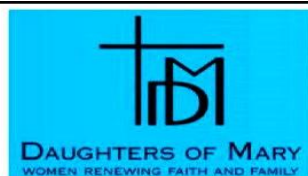
Total Deposit— \$ 2987



KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
-AND- LADIES
AUXILIARY
#8740

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy

In the beginning



Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall

Tuesday
at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. PRABHU BRINGS COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND ON JANUARY 23, 2025. THE COMMUNICANTS ARE ASKED TO BE READY BETWEEN 9:00AM-2:00PM. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE HOME, LET FATHER KNOW.

Weekly wisdom on the Blessed Sacrament

While the Magi acknowledged and worshipped the baby that Mary cradled in her arms as the one awaited by the Nations and foretold by prophets, today we can also worship him in the Eucharist and acknowledge him as our creator, our only Lord and Savior.

—Pope benedict XVI

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday
19
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
20
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 2:18-22
Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday
21
Hebrews 6:10-20
Mark 2:23-28
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday
22
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Mark 3:1-6
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday
23
Hebrews 7:25—8:6
Mark 3:7-12
Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

Friday
24
Hebrews 8:6-13
Mark 3:13-19
Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday
25
Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR



January 19 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS
SCHEDULES**

**SATURDAY 3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
& CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS**

**SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS**

**REGULAR WEEKDAYS
TUESDAY–FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

2025– Catholic Charities Appeal

January 25th/26th Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday.

Last year (2024) Catholic Charities appeal goal for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is \$27,300.00. By your active participation and by your generous contribution, you made it a huge success.

Again this year (2025) the goal for our parish is \$27,300.00. So, please by your generous participation, help all needy people both in central and southern Alabama; benefit from your valuable contribution.

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Tuesday—Friday : 9AM to 1PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED

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**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

174. Courage and generosity are needed in order freely to establish shared goals and to ensure the worldwide observance of certain essential norms. For this to be truly useful, it is essential to uphold “the need to be faithful to agreements undertaken (pacta sunt servanda)”.[154] and to avoid the “temptation to appeal to the law of force rather than to the force of law”.[155] This means reinforcing the “normative instruments for the peaceful resolution of controversies... so as to strengthen their scope and binding force”.[156] Among these normative instruments, preference should be given to multilateral agreements between states, because, more than bilateral agreements, they guarantee the promotion of a truly universal common good and the protection of weaker states.

Foot Note : Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 207.

175. Providentially, many groups and organizations within civil society help to compensate for the shortcomings of the international community, its lack of coordination in complex situations, its lack of attention to fundamental human rights and to the critical needs of certain groups. Here we can see a concrete application of the principle of subsidiarity, which justifies the participation and activity of communities and organizations on lower levels as a means of integrating and complementing the activity of the state. These groups and organizations often carry out commendable efforts in the service of the common good and their members at times show true heroism, revealing something of the grandeur of which our humanity is still capable.

Foot Note : Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 2: AAS 101 (2009), 642.

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHARITY

176. For many people today, politics is a distasteful word, often due to the mistakes, corruption and inefficiency of some politicians. There are also attempts to discredit politics, to replace it with economics or to twist it to one ideology or another. Yet can our world function without politics? Can there be an effective process of growth towards universal fraternity and social peace without a political life?[157]

Foot Note : Ibid., 3: AAS 101 (2009), 643.

The politics we need

177. Here I would once more observe that “politics must not be subject to the economy, nor should the economy be subject to the dictates of an efficiency-driven paradigm of technocracy”.[158] Although misuse of power, corruption, disregard for law and inefficiency must clearly be rejected, “economics without politics cannot be justified, since this would make it impossible to favour other ways of handling the various aspects of the present crisis”.[159] Instead, “what is needed is a politics which is far-sighted and capable of a new, integral and interdisciplinary approach to handling the different aspects of the crisis”.[160] In other words, a “healthy politics... capable of reforming and coordinating institutions, promoting best practices and overcoming undue pressure and bureaucratic inertia”.[161] We cannot expect economics to do this, nor can we allow economics to take over the real power of the state.

Foot Note : Ibid., 4: AAS 101 (2009), 643.

178. In the face of many petty forms of politics focused on immediate interests, I would repeat that “true statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good. Political powers do not find it easy to assume this duty in the work of nation building”.[162] much less in forging a common project for the human family, now and in the future. Thinking of those who will come after us does not serve electoral purposes, yet it is what authentic justice demands. As the Bishops of Portugal have taught, the earth “is lent to each generation, to be handed on to the generation that follows”.[163]

Foot Note : Ibid.

179. Global society is suffering from grave structural deficiencies that cannot be resolved by piecemeal solutions or quick fixes. Much needs to change, through fundamental reform and major renewal. Only a healthy politics, involving the most diverse sectors and skills, is capable of overseeing this process. An economy that is an integral part of a political, social, cultural and popular programme directed to the common good could pave the way for “different possibilities which do not involve stifling human creativity and its ideals of progress, but rather directing that energy along new channels”.[164]

Foot Note : Ibid., 3: AAS 101 (2009), 643.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

Fr. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Tony Lemon, Mary Ann Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Elaine Moore, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew Wiese, Raymond Floyes, George E. Merren, Jr, Mary Ann Fletcher, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Ronnie Hudson, Colleen O'Rourke, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny, Chad Gorlett, Ted Beasley, Mark Tranier, Barbara Tranier, Linda Davis, Pat Carlson, Laura Huff, Linda Nowosielski, Mike Bell Jr., John, Jane Wigley, Darlene O'Rourke, Arlette Cooper, Tony Robertson, Linda Oblak, Blair Elizabeth Reusser, Bernadette Mctagette, June King

MASS OPENING

February— 2025

February 16—8:30am Opening

February 20—Opening February

21—Opening

February 22—Opening February

25—Opening February 28—

Opening March 01—Opening

**All Wednesdays Masses for the
year 2025 are taken by the
McGill family**