



St. Agatha – St. James Parish

Caritas Christi Urget Nos

Jan 20, 2019
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MON-FRI, 3-6PM | RESUMES THIS WEEK



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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00AM: Beiler's Doughnuts + Coffee
11:30AM: Free Jimmy Johns luncheon
5:30 PM: Nachos
9:00 PM: Sunday Sundaes

Mon, Jan. 21: 12:05pm Mass
Tues, Jan 22: 12:05pm Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 23 12:05pm Mass, 6:30pm Mass
Thursday, Jan. 25 12:05pm Mass, 5:30pm Mass
Friday, Jan. 26 12:05pm Mass
Saturday, Jan. 27: 8:30am Mass

Daily Adoration will resume this week.

Confession available a half hour before Sunday Mass.

To see Mass offerings, please look at saintsaj.org/offer-a-mass.

Adoration is Mon-Fri, 3-6pm.

The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

This second Sunday of Ordinary time invites us to reflect on one of the first episodes in Christ’s public ministry—the Wedding feast at Cana. There are many beautiful and educational elements in this Gospel reading, and at the heart of it is one of the few exchanges of words that we see between Jesus and his Mother.

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."

The first thing that we might notice is that Jesus calls his mother, “woman,” which to us sounds disrespectful. But we must remember that we cannot always interpret the Bible through the lens of our own language and cultural norms. In fact, the use of the word “woman,” or γύναι (original Greek) is a completely respectful way of addressing a mother that we see multiple times in the scriptures.

If we are able to look beyond the difficult translation of this part of the passage, we see what could have been one of the most dramatic, heart-wrenching, and faithful exchanges of words in all of the scriptures.

Mary notices that the wedding party has run out of wine. Not only is it a problem that Jesus could solve, but she also understood it as the moment for her son to leave her guidance and protection and to start his mission that will ultimately be fulfilled in his great “hour”—that of his passion, death, and resurrection that will redeem all of mankind. Imagine how difficult this moment was for both of them. Mary is basically telling Jesus, “it is time for you to go.” She very well could have been fighting back tears. Jesus, understanding the gravity of his Mother’s invitation, seems to resist, basically responding, “Mom, I don’t think I’m ready.” Imagine what was going on in their hearts in the moment that followed. Finally, we see the impressive strength of the Great Mother of God who at that moment begins to tell the world what she continues to repeat throughout all ages. “Do whatever he tells you.”

What a beautiful drama of faithfulness and love. Let us pray that the Lord grant us the grace to enter into this great drama with him and his mother, and that we may

be faithful to living the call of love that each of us has been given before we were formed in our own mother’s womb.

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Collection	Jan. 6	Jan. 13
Total Collection	\$1,967	\$1706
Envelopes	\$143	\$455
Cash/Cks Not in Envelopes	\$518	\$669
Online Giving Venmo	\$1275 \$31	\$450 \$132
# of Online Donations	23	16
# of Venmo Donations	5	10

Electronic Giving: eTapestry/Venmo: Visit the website for eTapestry/Venmo info or write Missy - melwell@saintsaj.org



The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. You can read more about Alpha saintsaj.org/alpha. We are running Alpha at Saint Agatha Saint James Church, Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm. You are welcome to join any time.

Please note: Parking will no longer be available during the week days.

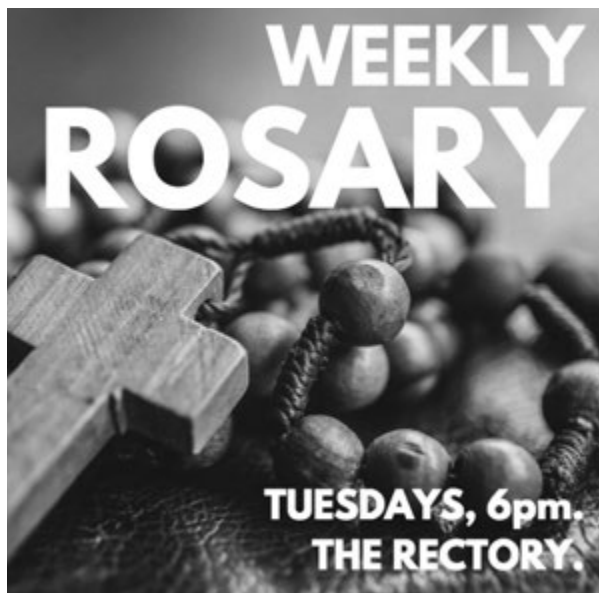
Christ in the City is now EVERY Friday: Students are welcome to join us **every Friday at 5:30PM** to do ministry to the homeless. For more information, please contact Michael at michaelgokie@gmail.com.

Young Adults/Graduate Students: 7:30PM Wednesday evening Marian small-group program features discussion on how faith impacts our lives, prayer and social opportunities. For more info, write to Leo at Inegrini@saintsaj.org

St. Vincent de Paul: Society members are committed to offer any form of personal, spiritual, and/or financial help. These needs include everything from food, medicine, rent and utilities, to help in finding appropriate social services available in the community. Email svdp.stsaj@gmail.com for more info.

Serving Christ by helping the poor: our parish's St Vincent de Paul Society members seek to help the needy spiritually and concretely. We meet weekly for spiritual sharing and to discuss cases (Sundays at 2pm in the rectory dining room). You are welcome to visit a meeting to find out more. If you know of someone in need, ask them to call (267-416-0653) or email (svdp.stsaj@gmail.com). Donations to the poor boxes at the back of our church go to our local chapter to help the local poor.

Getting Married? Go to our parish website to find out about and register for our upcoming Pre-Cana program.



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World Youth Day Celebration

Saturday, January 26, 2019; 10:00am-10:30pm
Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136

The Young Adult and Youth Ministry at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center will be celebrating World Youth Day in at their retreat center in Northeast Philadelphia. It will be a day FULL of opportunities to share your faith with dynamic local speakers, live music, prayer experiences, Adoration, and Mass! With time for getting to know one another over a meal or cup of coffee, there will also be a live stream of all the inspirational talks in Panama, where the main World Youth Day event will be held!



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