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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2010

## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5 PM  
SUNDAY MASS 9 AM  
ESPAÑOL MASS 11:30 AM  
ST. MARY IN GENEVA, SAT MASS 7 PM

### DAILY MASS

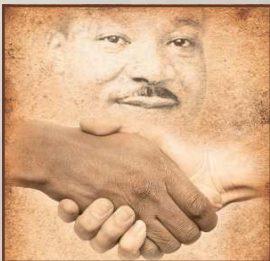
MON, COMMUNION SERVICE AT 9AM  
TUE, THU, FRI MASS AT 9 AM  
WED 5:30 PM BENEDICTION SERVICE,  
WITH MASS TO FOLLOW

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:00 – 4:45 PM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

IN THE DAY CHAPEL:  
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM  
ROSARY & ADORATION IN SPANISH  
7 PM ON 3RD FRI OF MONTH



*Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it.  
Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.  
Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.*  
Martin Luther King Jr.

## DAILY READINGS

Readings for the Week of  
January 17, 2010

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**MON:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50;  
Mk 2:18-22

**TUE:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89;  
Mk 2:23-28

**WED: ST. FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR  
& ST. SEBASTIAN, MARTYR**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

**THUR: St Agnes**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56;  
Mk 3:7-12

**FRI: ST VINCENT, DEACON, MARTYR**

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19

**SAT:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;

Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19;

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27;

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JAN 18–25, 2010

This January, the Week of Prayer among the Christian Churches will coincide with the interreligious outreach scheduled by the Holy Father for January 24 in Assisi. It will be important for us to keep our prayer with Christians for unity distinct from this interreligious outreach. However, these initiatives enable us as Christians to reach out in common concern for our interreligious partners. Christians praying together at interreligious event are also a sign of what we hold in common as Christians.

Whether celebrating the life and work of Martin Luther King, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity or the two together, ecumenical prayer within the Catholic Church is guided by The Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism, issued in 1993 by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and available from the USCCB in Washington at 800-235-8722.

During the past century reconciliation between Christians has taken on very different forms. Spiritual ecumenism has shown how important prayer is for Christian unity. Great energy has been put into theological research which has led to a large number of doctrinal accords. Practical cooperation between churches in the social field has given birth to fruitful initiatives. Alongside these major accomplishments, the question of mission has had a particular place. It is even generally held that the 1910 World Mission Conference in Edinburgh marked the beginnings of the modern ecumenical movement.

## THE SEARCH FOR UNITY: THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, covers the days between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. The theme for the 2010 week of prayer for Christian Unity is "You are witnesses of these things."

The Eight Days during the 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we reflect each day on chapter 24 of Luke's gospel stopping at the questions which it asks: Jesus' questions to his disciples and the questions the apostles ask of Christ. Each of these questions allows us to highlight a particular way of witnessing to the Risen One. Each of them invites us to think about our situation of church division and about how, concretely, we can remedy that. We are already witnesses and we need to become better witnesses. How?

- Day 1, by praising the One who gives us the gift of life and resurrection.
- Day 2, by knowing how to share the story of our faith with others.
- Day 3, by recognizing that God is at work in our lives.
- Day 4, by giving thanks for the faith we have received.
- Day 5, by confessing Christ's victory over all suffering.
- Day 6, by seeking to always be more faithful to the Word of God.
- Day 7, by growing in faith, hope and love.
- Day 8, by offering hospitality and knowing how to receive it when it is offered to us.

Would our witness not be more faithful to the gospel of Christ in each of these eight aspects if we witnessed together?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** January 21 at 7:00pm in the Old Hall.

**FINANCE MEETING:** Jan. 18, 5:30pm in the Old Hall.

**COOKIES FOR TROOPS:** The Parish & Community Life and Mary Martha group will be packing Valentine cookies for our troops on Saturday, January 30 at 10:00am in the meeting room in the new hall. We hope lots of folks will be able to bake cookies for us as we have quite a number of soldiers that need them. Please drop off cookies, or money for shipping, the morning of Jan. 30 or to the office during the week before Jan. 30.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner Wed, January 27, 5-7:00pm in the New Hall. Tickets are \$5 or \$20 for a family of four or more and will be on sale the night of the dinner and before and after the Masses.

**VALENTINE DINNER:** The annual St. John Valentine Dinner will be Friday, February 12 at 6:30pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Everyone is invited; you do not have to be a couple, just no kids please. Adults only. Wear your dancing shoes as the Alan Waters band will perform and there will be a dance floor. Tickets will be for sale before and after the Masses on the weekends of January 30 - 31 and February 6 - 7.



**REVIVING THE BIBLE FOR CATHOLICS:** You are invited to a special event for all Catholics. Stephen J. Binz, biblical scholar, will conduct a presentation on "Reviving the Bible for Catholics," Sunday, January 24, 1:30-4:45pm at the St. Bede Parish in Montgomery. All are welcome!

**JOURNEY OF HOPE CONFERENCE 2010** will be held February 27-28 in Atlanta and will offer resources and advice for divorced and separated Catholics. The conference will address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and navigating life after divorce. Registration is open to separated and divorced men and woman and those involved in related ministries. For information and to register, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule and visit [www.journeyofhopeconference.com](http://www.journeyofhopeconference.com) or call 404-493-2190.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is the perfect way to spend a special weekend, just the two of you. The next WWME weekend for the Mobile Archdiocese is February 12-14 at the Springhill Suites on Pensacola Beach. For more information, call Dan or Giulia Gerencser at 850-994-9637 or email [wwwmeregister@mchsi.com](mailto:wwwmeregister@mchsi.com).

**2009 DONATION TAX STATEMENTS:** If you would like a tax statement for your 2009 donations to St. John, please indicate so in the book in the vestibule. Tax donation statements **will not be sent out automatically**. For questions, please call the office.

**HISPANIC MASS**

Sunday's @ 11:30 am

**NO CCD**

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>



**January 18  
Office Closed**

**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** Please fill out a Parishioner Registration Card (in the vestibule) and place in the collection basket or return the card to the office.

**HOMEBOUND & ILLNESSES:** If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited at home or in the hospital or nursing home, please contact the office.

**LEARN TO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS:**

Pope Paul VI, in *Laudis Canticum*, recommended that the Liturgy of the Hours be prayed by "all Christ's faithful," and subsequent popes have echoed this call. Come learn to pray the Hours at the Liturgy of the Hours Retreat to be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, AL, January 22-24. The Sisters will instruct participants in the structure of the Hours, psalmody, and the historical background of praying the Hours. Retreatants will join the monastic Community for Lauds, Vespers and Eucharist, and will experience silence, meditative prayer, and the rhythm of monastic life. Registration will be 6:00-7:00pm, Friday, January 22, and the program will end after the noon meal on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is \$195/person for a private room or \$175/person for a shared room; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at 256-734-8302 or [www.retreats@shmon.org](http://www.retreats@shmon.org).

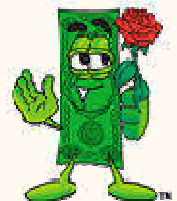
**CENTERING PRAYER WEEKEND RETREAT:**

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman and Contemplative Outreach, Birmingham are sponsoring an Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat to be held in Cullman, AL, January 29-31. This retreat is designed for those new to Centering Prayer, a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. Its purpose is to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ through the silence and stillness of contemplative prayer. Private rooms and the ability to maintain silence are required. Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm, Friday, January 29, and the program will end after the noon meal on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is \$195/person for a private room; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at 256-734-8302 or [www.retreats@shmon.org](http://www.retreats@shmon.org).

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**JANUARY 10:**

Ordinary Collection: \$6,445.88  
Bldg. Fund Mortgage: \$440.00



**MASS READING & MEDITATION**

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From an address by Pope John Paul II at the General Audience of Wednesday, February 26, 1997: John 2:1-11

In the episode of the wedding at Cana, St. John presents Mary's first intervention in the public life of Jesus and highlights her cooperation in her son's mission. The meaning and role of the Blessed Virgin's presence become evident when the wine runs out.

As a skilled and wise housewife, Mary immediately notices and intervenes so that no one's joy is marred and, above all, to help the newly married couple in difficulty. Turning to Jesus with the words: "They have no wine" (John 2:3), Mary expresses her concern to him about this situation, expecting him to solve it. More precisely, according to some exegetes, his Mother is expecting an extraordinary sign, since Jesus had no wine at his disposal.

Jesus' answer, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4), appears to express a refusal, as

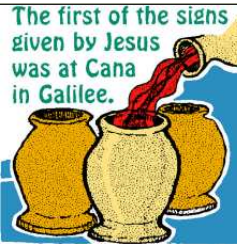
if putting his Mother's faith to the test. Mary docilely refrains from insisting with him and instead turns to the servants, telling them to obey him.

Her trust in her Son is rewarded. Jesus, whom she has left totally free to act, works the miracle, recognizing his Mother's courage and docility: "Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim" (John 2:7). Thus their obedience also helps to procure wine in abundance.

Mary's request, "Do whatever he tells you," ... is an exhortation to trust without hesitation, especially when one does not understand the meaning or benefit of what Christ asks. Jesus' apparent refusal exalts Mary's faith, so that her Son's words, "My hour has not yet come," together with the working of the first miracle, demonstrate the Mother's great faith and the power of her prayer.

**"Mary, we honor you today for your great faith, your surrender to your son, and your humble obedience to the Father. Pray for us, Mary, that our faith will have the same character!"**

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3,7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11



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ARE DUE EACH THURSDAY AT 4 PM  
THE WEEK PRIOR TO PRINT. EMAIL  
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**MONDAY JAN 18**  
OFFICE CLOSED

FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG,  
5:30PM, OLD HALL

**TUESDAY JAN 19**  
RCIA 6PM, OLD HALL

**WEDNESDAY JAN 20**  
ADORATION IN DAY CHAPEL

**THURSDAY JAN 21**  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG,  
7PM, OLD HALL

**FRIDAY JAN 22**  
CONASTA, 1PM, NEW HALL  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG,  
7PM, OLD HALL

**SUNDAY JAN 24**  
CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME,  
5-6:30PM, NEW HALL

**WELCOME**

ST. JOHN PARISH IS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT PROCLAIMS THE GOOD NEWS AND SERVES OTHERS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. MAY YOUR TIME AT ST. JOHN BE A BLESSED ONE.



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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**  
*In loving memory of*  
**Lillie Mae Bolerjack**  
*mother of*  
**Angela Munson**  
*and*  
**Suzie McDonald**

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2010**  
Young people and Social Communications Media  
General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

**Christian Unity: Missionary:**  
That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

**2nd Collection**

**FEB 7 - BLDG FUND MORTGAGE**

**FEB 21 - BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS**



Mass Intentions Of The Week

**JAN 22**  
FOR LYNN & MICHAEL CONDON

**JAN 23**  
FOR JAY & RANI MYERS