

## **Intentions for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

### **Saturday, January 16, II Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

5:00 pm James McLoughlin

### **Sunday, January 17, II Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am James Armstrong

12:00 pm Rev. Fr. Robert McKnight

### **Monday, January 18, weekday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Martin Luther King Day**

10:00 pm Nancy & Eddie Kenny

### **Tuesday, January 19, weekday in Ordinary Time**

12:00 pm Margaret Fountain (Surgery)

### **Wednesday, January 20, Ss. Fabian & Sebastian**

12:00 pm Anne V. Casey (32nd Anniversary)

### **Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes**

12:00 pm Claire Winelander (1st Anniversary)

### **Friday, January 22, St. Vincent**

12:00 pm Anne V. Roys (8th Anniversary)

### **Saturday, January 23, III Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

5:00 pm For the Unborn & Their Parents

### **Sunday, January 24, III Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am John Krzywicki (19th Anniversary)

12:00 pm Jane & Joseph Vickers (Wedding Anniversary)

### **Attendance and Collections for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 10)**

Our attendance was 173; the collection was \$1114; our second collection for the Restoration Fund was \$1608. Our second collection today is for the Catholic University and Catholic Communications. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish**

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Patti Adcroft, Mary Barone, Mary Billings, Anne Cahill, Kara Jean Fleming, Margaret Flynn, Sister Eileen McCabe, Carol Mohler, Jacqueline O'Grady, Fred Serafini. If you know of a parishioner who is sick, please contact the Rectory.

### **Visit to the Sick, Homebound, or Hospitalized**

If you or someone you know is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and would like a visit from a priest for Confession, Communion, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory.

## **St. Thomas Day Lecture 2010**

### **The New Atheism: Its Virtues and Its Vices**

The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer presents "The New Atheism: Its Virtues and Its Vices" presented by Dominican Father Brian Davies, Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University, on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Lexington Avenue (at East 66th Street), 212-744-2080.

### **Catholic Alumni Partnership Guardian Angel School**

On a visit to the United States, Pope John Paul II said: "Catholic Schools are a gift to the Church and to the Nation," and now, more than ever, we need to come together as a community to ensure that we are able to continue to provide this gift to future generations of children!

Guardian Angel School is blessed to be one of more than 300 schools, across seven arch/dioceses, participating in the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP). CAP is enabling us to reconnect with the many men and women who walked the halls of our school. Our Principal, Maureen McElduff has been, and will continually be, working closely with the CAP staff to identify our alumni and creating opportunities for them to become active members of our school community.

Whether you are an alumnus of our school or another Catholic elementary school, I urge you to be an active member of your elementary school community. Visit [clickyes.com](http://clickyes.com) to learn if your school is participating in CAP.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information about CAP, please contact Ms. Maureen McElduff at 212-989-8280.

### **Our Restoration Fund at Work**

During the past weeks, the Baptismal Font has been moved back to the Baptistry. Some of the church's side doors, as you can see, are restored, other are in the process of restoration. It is our hope to work slowly, but surely, to restore the church, while causing minimal interruption to our divine worship. Our interior church restoration is being handled by Gargiulo Brothers, Inc., a company that specializes in church renovations. Visit their website at [www.gargiulobros.com](http://www.gargiulobros.com).

### **Thanks! Church Clean-Up**

Our clean-up volunteers will meet to clean the church at 9:30, on Saturday, January 16. Our church cleaning usually takes place on the third Saturday of each month. Please come and lend a hand to keep our church neat and clean. The next church cleaning is Saturday, February 20.

## Ordinary Time

With last week's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we end the Christmas Season and begin "Ordinary Time."

The Latin *Tempus Per Annum* ("time throughout the year") is rendered into English as "Ordinary Time." Many sources, online and in print, suggest that Ordinary Time gets its name from the word ordinal, meaning "numbered," since the Sundays of Ordinary Time, as in other seasons, are expressed numerically. However, others suggest the etymology of "Ordinary Time" is related to our word "ordinary" (which itself has a connotation of time and order, derived from the Latin word *ordo*). Ordinary Time occurs outside other liturgical time periods, periods in which specific aspects of the mystery of Christ are celebrated. According to The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, the days of Ordinary Time, especially the Sundays, "are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." Ordinary Time, depending on the year, runs either 33 or 34 weeks.

Basically, Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the Christian year that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time. The first period begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the Sunday after Epiphany) has ended. Some interpret this to mean that Ordinary Time begins on Sunday night, while others, including The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, specifically mention the first period of Ordinary Time beginning on the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord. Either way, the point is the same. The next Sunday is still reckoned "The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time," because it is the Sunday of the second week in Ordinary Time. The reckoning can be confusing, and has many asking, "what happened to the first Sunday in Ordinary Time?" This first period of Ordinary Time runs until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday. The Second period of Ordinary Time runs from the Monday after Pentecost until Evening Prayer is said the night before Advent begins. This includes Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Ordinary time does not need to be "ordinary," and is not meant to mean that somehow we get a break from the Liturgical Year. The opposite is true: Ordinary Time celebrates "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." Many important liturgical celebrations fall during Ordinary Time, including, Trinity, Corpus Christi, All Saints, the Assumption of Mary, and Christ the King. In addition, the Church continues to celebrate Saints days and other events such as The Octave of Christian Unity. The major feasts, when occurring on a Sunday, trump the regular Ordinary Time Sunday lessons and liturgy. In the American Catholic Church, Corpus Christi is usually transferred to a Sunday, so often there are fewer than the 33 or 34 Sundays labeled "Sundays of Ordinary Time,"

although these Sundays still fall within Ordinary Time. We also may remember and celebrate the parts of Jesus' life that were ordinary, much like our own lives. The color of green is appropriate because it is the most ordinary color in our natural environment.

During the Liturgical Year, the Scripture readings for Seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas have prominent themes. During Ordinary Time the readings are not chosen according to a theme. Rather, they present in a continuous fashion: the life and work of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke. John's Gospel is read principally during the liturgical seasons.

During the Christmas season, the gospels recount the birth and early life of Jesus. On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the gospel begins to speak about the ministry of Jesus through the text about the wedding feast at Cana and two other passages from the Gospel of John. Then, with the Third Sunday, the life and preaching of Jesus unfold in each of the Gospels.

The readings from the Old Testament were chosen to correspond to the Gospel passages and to bring out the unity between the Old and the New Testaments. The selections were made so that many of the principal pages of the Old Testament would be read on Sundays. The readings are arranged in a logical order, but according to what the gospel reading requires.

During Ordinary Time, the Letters of Paul and James are read in a sequential manner. (The Letters of Peter and John are read during the Easter and Christmas seasons.) Because of the length of the First letter to the Corinthians and the diverse issues it addresses, the selections from it are read at the beginning of Ordinary Time over the three years of the lectionary cycle. The Letter to the Hebrews is divided into two parts. The first part is read in year B and the second in Year C.

The feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and of the liturgical year. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, a sign of hope. The Chi Rho is a Christian symbol that dates from the early Church. It is comprised of the first two letters of the Greek word for Messiah, *Christos*—the letter Chi looks like the letter "X", and the letter Rho looks like the letter "P." This abbreviation became a symbol representing Jesus Christ.

