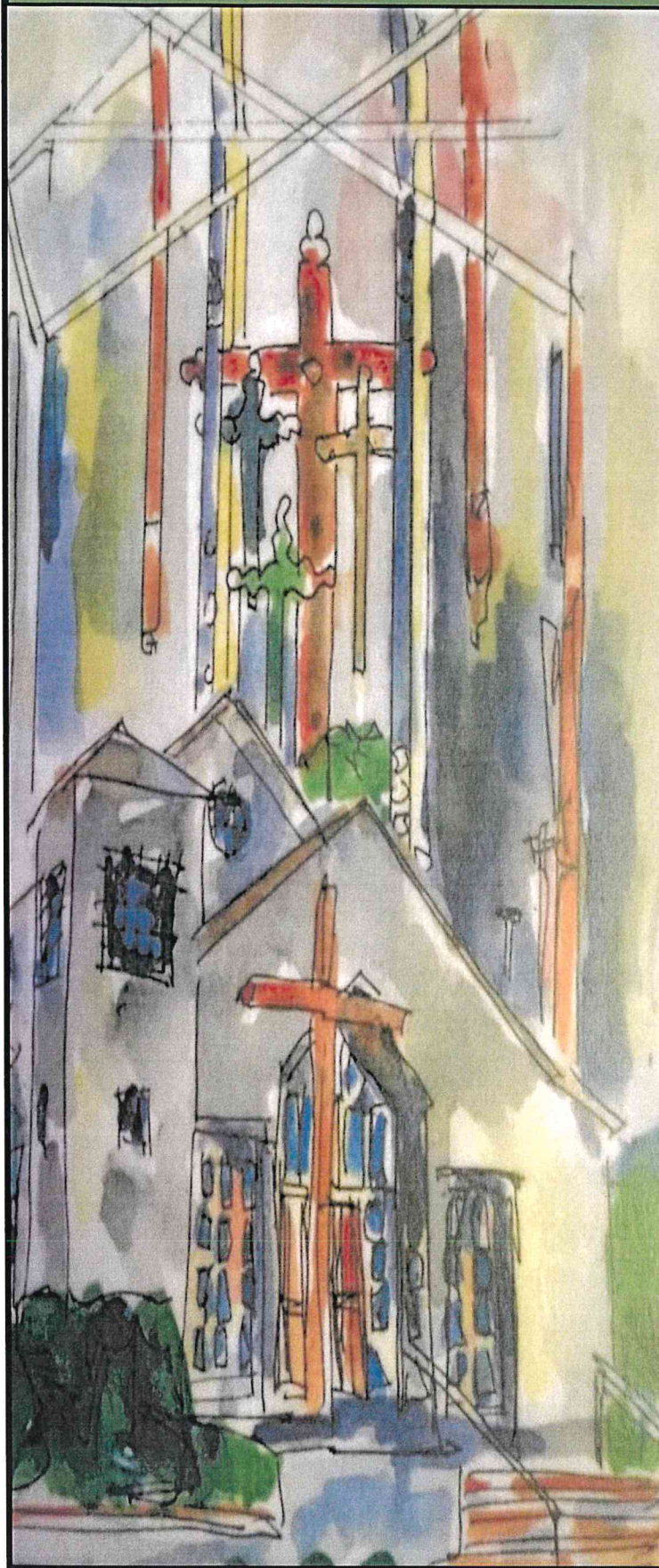


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Sacrament of Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to all the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

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MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 20-26, 2025

Mon	20	5:30 P.M.	The Nichols Family
Tue	21	8:30 A.M.	†Tomeka Shum
Wed	22	8:30 A.M.	†Mark Foley
Thu	23	8:30 A.M.	†Lucien Romero
Fri	24	8:30 A.M.	†Jeffrey V. Scatena
Sat	25	4:30 P.M.	The People of St. Peter
Sun	26	8:30 A.M.	†Frankie Franck
		11 A.M.	†Lance Gureghian

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon	20	Reading <i>Hebrews</i> 5:1-10 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 110:1-4 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 2:18-22 <i>Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i>
Tue	21	Reading <i>Hebrews</i> 6:10-20 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c Gospel <i>Mark</i> 2:23-28 <i>Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>
Wed	22	Reading <i>Hebrews</i> 7:1-3,15-17 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 110:1-4 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 3:1-6 <i>St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr St Marianne Cope, Virgin</i>
Thu	23	Reading <i>Hebrews</i> 7:25—8:6 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 40:7-10,17 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 3:7-12 <i>St Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
Fri	24	Reading <i>Hebrews</i> 8:6-13 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 85:8,10-14 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 3:13-19 <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle</i>
Sat	25	Reading <i>Acts</i> 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 117:1b-2 Gospel <i>Mark</i> 16:15-18
Sun	26	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Reading I <i>Nehemiah</i> 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 19:8-10,15 Reading II <i>1 Corinthians</i> 12:12-30 Gospel <i>Luke</i> 1:1-4;4:14-21

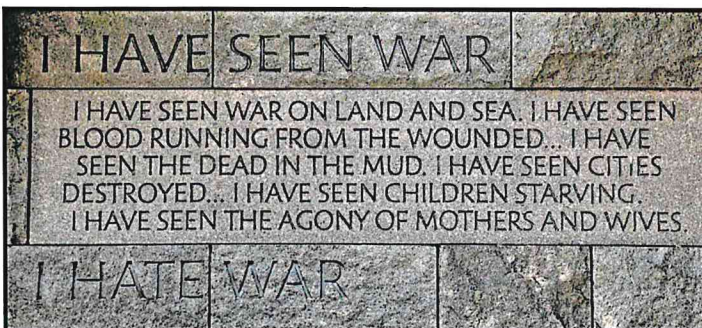
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Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2025

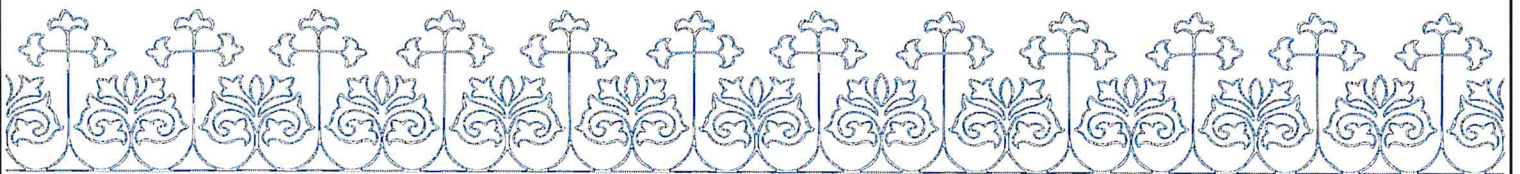


Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege!

Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother. Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.



WHY YOUR PARISH NEEDS MONEY

By Father Jon Thomas is parochial vicar at The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill.

Many Catholics ask, "Why does the Church need money?"

In one regard, answering the question is easy. At my parish, Christ Our Light in Cherry Hill, we allow parishioners to review the entire budget at an annual meeting. They can see the parish's expenses for themselves: obvious ones like clergy, liturgical supplies, music, youth ministry, social services and religious education; and less obvious ones, like the school subsidy, the Star Herald, interest on loans, office supplies, insurance and utilities. It is true that some of these expenses are mitigated by tuition, fees and special collections. But for the most part, these expenses must be paid by the parish's Sunday collections. In another regard, the answer to the question is difficult. Surely most people realize that parishes have these expenses. Yet I think they hold a few misconceptions about parish finances. Let me address four specific claims.

- **"Churches don't pay taxes."**

Taxes are a big expense for households and businesses, but fortunately churches are not taxed. Nevertheless, churches have other expenses.

- **"Churches operate only on weekends."**

Of course, this isn't true. Most parish offices are open during business hours Monday through Friday. During these office hours, priests and other staff have regular appointments, parishioners come for Mass cards, and the needy seek assistance. Religious education classes are held on a couple of weekday afternoons and evenings. Ministries and prayer groups use the meeting space. Daily Mass, funerals, wedding rehearsals, and choir practice also keep the church doors open throughout the week.

- **"Parishes receive financial help from the diocese."**

In fact, the truth is exactly the opposite. Most dioceses are funded by two sources: an assessment on parishes (usually a percentage of their annual income) and a direct appeal to the parishioners of the diocese, usually called the bishop's annual appeal. Directly or indirectly, all the money that the diocese has is from the parishioners. In the past, the Diocese of Camden loaned money to parishes running deficits. That practice has become unsustainable. Since it is unlikely to be fully repaid, the diocese has taken steps to reduce its operating costs, including the elimination of many positions.

- **"The Vatican has lots of money."**

To dispel the myth of a wealthy Vatican, in 1981 Pope John Paul II ordered annual financial reports reviewed by independent auditors. These reports identify the Vatican's expenses, including the pope's pastoral visits around the world.

They also explain that much of the Vatican’s income comes from dioceses and Peter’s Pence; a special collection taken in June. Again, the truth is that the higher level relies for money from lower levels — parishes rely on parishioners, dioceses rely on parishes, and the Vatican relies on dioceses. Despite increased financial transparency, the myth lives on. Many Catholics would like to believe their church is rich. Wealth is considered a sign of success and naturally they want their church to be successful. Of course, the real test of the church’s success is the saints it has formed — and here there is no cause for shame.

Whenever I hear people complain about their parish asking for money, I wonder why they are so upset. Of course, weekly pleas for money are tiresome and interfere with worship. But I know many priests who are afraid to ask for money — and rarely do, except when required by the bishop’s annual appeal. I also wonder what these people think the parish will use the money for. Besides paying its operating expenses, Christ Our Light also provides financial assistance to those in legitimate need. Emergency housing and a gas or food gift card are part of our charitable outreach.

I think the greatest reason people complain about their parish’s appeal for money is because they view it as a necessary evil. For many people, finances are a constant challenge. They go to church to escape worldly problems and find spiritual inspiration. It is no wonder that they can be troubled when they hear the priest talk about money.

I humbly offer two responses. First, it must be conceded that the parish, too, exists in the world and faces financial challenges. The parish doesn’t produce things for sale, so it depends on donations. Second, money is neutral. It can be used for evil, but it can also be used to accomplish great good. When people give to a church or a charity, it is often because they believe the organization can use their money to do good things.

Like time and talent, treasure can also transform the world. Parishioners should see that their donations help fulfill the mission Christ gave to all of us.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

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Shell	50.00 & 100.00	1.5%	Union 76	100.00	1.5%	Chevron	50.00 & 100.00	1%

BEYOND A HANDSHAKE: THE PROFOUND NATURE OF THE SIGN OF PEACE

Attendees exchange the sign of peace during the opening Mass of the "Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America" in Orlando, Fla. The sign of peace has its liturgical and spiritual roots in Jesus' teaching on forgiveness prior to offering gifts on the altar (Mt 5:23-24).

"I don't like peas!" The child's voice cut through the church and stirred up ripples of laughter at an otherwise solemn moment at Mass. Parents, red-faced and cringing, tried to gently silence their beloved but over expressive child. But the child was firm in her dislike and the mood was set. Even as Mass moved on, a subtle wave of humor directed at the hapless family acknowledged the "faux peas." And the story, told to me by a friend, lives on today as one of those "children say the funniest things" tales.

Of course, peas were not being served at that Mass (or any other). The child's outburst was a mis-reaction to the celebrant's words, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." But as outlandish as her gaffe, there is a grain of truth to the child's underlying error of understanding: Although it is a regular part of each Mass, many of us may not understand the deep meaning of the sign of peace and so might approach it with partly puzzled gestures ranging from mere nods to full-on bear hugs of otherwise total strangers. A brief revisit of the history and reasons for the sign of peace can help us recollect how this part of the liturgy is not only steeped in contemporary meaning but profoundly reflective of the whole purpose of Jesus' ministry and message.

The sign of peace has its liturgical and spiritual roots in Jesus' teaching on forgiveness prior to offering gifts on the altar (Mt 5:23-24). That is, if someone had a grievance against his brother, he should first "be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift."

As Christian worship evolved, the gesture of a "kiss of peace" was a way to unite the community gathered in love and reconciliation. Without being at peace, the community and its members could not fully reflect or live the peace and love of Christ in Eucharist.

The "kiss of peace" took on various forms as liturgy developed. Sometimes it involved clergy and congregation, and sometimes only clergy. Today, we know this part of the Mass, placed just after the Lord's Prayer and a brief invitation by the priest ("Let us offer each other the sign of peace."), as the sign of peace.

Although the invitation is the same for each Mass, the way that peace is expressed can vary from parish to parish or diocese to diocese. Conferences of bishops or local dioceses can set parameters for their faith communities. Cultural and congregational considerations can play a role in what gestures best express the fullness of this gift-giving of peace.

However, according to the 2014 circular letter on "The Ritual Expression of the Gift of Peace at Mass," released by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, actions at the sign of peace should maintain the "sacred sense of the eucharistic celebration," and so avoid a "song for peace," "movement of the faithful from their places to exchange the sign of peace among themselves," "the departure of the priest from the altar in order to give the sign of peace to some of the faithful," and should not be used as a time to express congratulations, best wishes or condolences among those present."

There is some latitude in the case of a funeral, where the priest may offer peace to a "small number of the faithful near the sanctuary" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 154). The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has not established an "official" expression of peace.

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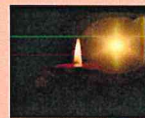
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