

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

Imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16-23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18
Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19
Weekday

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

Thursday

JANUARY 20
Weekday

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

Friday

JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3-21
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,
19, 23-27
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 23
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11



Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.
JOHN 2:10

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer forsaken or desolate, but now a delight and espoused (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- How might you describe your relationship with God?
- Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014



St. Patrick Catholic Parish

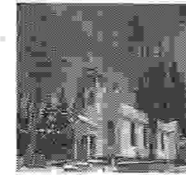
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Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Patrick Catholic Parish, with the help of the Holy Spirit and united in faith, are called by God to become a living example of the message of Jesus Christ. Through prayer and the Sacraments we endeavor to provide spiritual growth, and increase in love and charity. We work to be of service to all, especially our youth, and to reach out to all people, inviting them to a personal relationship of love and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PARISH LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

4 PM - Lewiston

Sunday

8:30 AM – Rosary / Communal Prayer

9 AM – Weaverville

11:30 AM - Hayfork

Weekdays

9 AM – Mon to Thurs in Weaverville

(No Mass on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays)

First Friday

9 AM – Mass and Followed by Adoration

First Saturday

8:30 AM – Rosary

9 AM – Mass in Honor of the Blessed Mary

Children's Mass

Every 2nd Sunday in Weaverville

CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Weaverville – Sunday @ 8:15-8:45AM

Hayfork – Sunday after the Mass

Lewiston – Saturday @ 4:30 – 5PM

(Or by Appointment)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

1st Friday @ 9:30AM - Weaverville

1st Wednesday @ 11AM – Lewiston

2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays After

9:00 AM Mass – Weaverville

RCIA

Sundays: 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

Mass Intentions/Offerings

Week of January 16th– January 21st

For our Parish, our benefactors and the souls of the faithful departed (I),

Moreno-Taylor Family (I), Lacap & Lagasca Family (I)

Dan Foley (H), Lincoln Deichler (H)

I=Specified Intention R=Repose of the Soul

O=Offerings B=Birthdays H= Healing

T= Thanksgiving

Your Donations for the Weekend of January 8th/9th

Offerings: \$2,024.00

Maintenance: \$7,340.85.00 (Insurance)

Memorial Garden: \$450.00

Dad: \$115.00

**Thank You So Much
For Your Generosity**

Monthly Collection Report

July—\$7,465.00

August— \$7,208.00

September—\$5,461.00

October—\$5,598.00

November—\$5,182.00

December— \$6,041.00

Monthly Average Expenses

\$8,500.00

THE DIOCESE' COVID PROTOCOL

1. All ministers of Holy Communion should wear mask when distributing Communion
2. Parishioners are to be directed to wear masks while Indoors.
3. Continue to provide hand sanitizer.
4. Refrain from physical contact during Exchange of the Sign of Peace

Parish Memorial Garden Project

\$150 Donation per Stone

(Sample Lay-out)

In Loving Memory

JOHN DOE

1950-2022

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

In preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023, the Pope would like the laity, the people of the Church, to have the opportunity to share their experiences of the Catholic Church.

We will host Listening Sessions, in Weaverville and in Hayfork. We invite and encourage you to attend a session and let your voice be heard. In Weaverville, the Listening Sessions will be held on Sunday, Jan 30, after Mass and on Thursday, Feb 3, at 5:30. In Hayfork, the Listening Session will be held on Sunday, Feb 6, after the Sunday Mass.

Contacts: Lorrac Craig and Ann Lagorio

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

WHAT: Everyone is invited for a Parish Formation Program to grow in faith and spirituality.

WHEN: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, starting on Feb 10, 2022, at 5:30.

WHERE: Parish Hall

THEME: Ignatian Spirituality (The theme changes as the program progresses.)

CONTACT: Anne Lagorio

PARISH VIRTUAL BIBLE & FAITH SHARING

This Parish Program happens weekly, every Wednesday at 7pm. This program is open to all.

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0815 6762

Security Passcode: 397167

Facilitator: The Pastor

PLEA: Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration

Let us take some time to pray for the unborn, their mothers and fathers, and pray for state and federal laws that harm those most vulnerable.

From January 12-20, 2022, join our 9-Day Novena PLEA. Find the full schedule at www.scd.org/plea or contact Moises De Leon at 916-733-0133 or mdeleon@scd.org.