

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St John in his gospel mentions Mary, the mother of Jesus two times: at the marriage feast at Cana, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and at the crucifixion, the end of it. That could be a way of telling us that Mary did not only play the passive role of being the physical mother of Jesus, that she was also actively involved with Jesus in the work of our redemption. In today's gospel, we hear of the marriage feast at Cana. Mary, the mother of Jesus was invited, as well as Jesus himself and his disciples. As the wedding feast went on, the wine ran out. Mary went out of her way to intercede with Jesus and Jesus performed what John tells us was his very first miracle.

If this was Jesus' very first miracle, how then did Mary know that Jesus could do it? Good mothers of many young men and women have gone on to accomplish great things in life because they know their children. They know the hidden talents and potentialities of their children. The mothers believed in them and encouraged them. A more fascinating question arising from the story is this: Did Mary know all those thirty years she lived with Jesus that she was living with a wonder-worker and yet never asked him to multiply her bread, turn the water on the dining table into wine, or double her money to make ends meet? How come she never asked Jesus to use his miraculous power to help her out but she was quick to ask him to use it and help others? Think of it. If you have a child who has a miraculous power to double money for other kids at school, won't you ask him to double yours at home too? After all, one would argue, charity begins at home. But for Mary and for Jesus the needs of others come first.

Take the case of Jesus. He knew he had this power to perform miracles. After his forty days fast in the desert he was hungry and the devil suggested it to him to turn some stones into bread and eat, but he did not do it. Yet he went out and multiplied bread for crowds of his followers. What are they telling us, Mary and Jesus, through their actions? They are telling us that God's gifts to individuals are not meant primarily for their or their families' benefit but for the service of others. That is what St Paul also tells us in the second reading when he enumerates the many different gifts of the Holy Spirit to different persons and adds that "to each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good," (1 Corinthians 12:6) not for personal profit.

Today, then, is a good day to ask ourselves: "What gifts has God given me? Am I using these gifts mainly for my own personal profit or for the service of others in the community?" If we began using the little gifts we have for the common good — like the gift of praying, singing, teaching, caring, sharing, encouraging, supporting, motivating, writing, etc. — then these gifts will probably begin to grow and soon we will begin to see miracles. Concern for others is the beginning of miracles

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, January 20 **9:00 a.m.**

Repose of soul of Leo Didero

req Mary Mastroianni and Family

Lydia Soliman for successful surgery req Ruby Benitez

In memory of Leo Francis Hickey req Cora Diongson

Tuesday, January 21 **7:00 p.m.**

*****NO MORNING MASS*****

HEALING MASS



Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

6:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Healing Mass

with Anointing with Holy Oil

Alphonsus Lambe req Ark of the Covenant Praesidium -
St. Charles Parish

Healing for Linda and Raymond Schlett

req Peter and Barbara Stirling

Intentions of Stirling family and Bolivar family

req Peter and Barbara Stirling

Healing of Richard Raganit req Jerry and Barbara McCarthy

Wednesday, January 22 **9:00 a.m.**

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo

Birthday Thanksgiving for John Joseph

req Suja and Lukose Mathew

Birthday blessings for Fe Barrientos req Jackie Sherk

In memory of Marie Kundih req Jackie Sherk

Thursday, January 23 **9:00 a.m.**

In memory of Rosalina Abellera req Ruby Benitez

Flora Bendig and Dennis Allan req Anabeth Ondiano

Friday, January 24 **9:00 a.m.**

In memory of Leo Didero req Jackie Sherk

Birthday blessings for Tina Talaue

req Susan and Andrew Miller

Intentions of Myrna Dizon req by friends

Saturday, January 25 **5:00 p.m.**

Kathleen, Margaret, Josie and Loreta req Helen McSorley

Leo Didero req Virginia Pretto

Sunday, January 26 **10:00 a.m.**

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



(Jan 11/12, 2025)

Sunday Offering \$1,792.00
Loose collection 361.00



*Thank you for your generosity and
continued support to St. Charles
Garnier Parish.*

ST. CHARLES JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

There will be a number of programs throughout the coming year to celebrate the Jubilee Year. One program will begin in January. Each day, except Sundays, the Mass will be offered for one family from the parish. By the end of the year, each family will have been included. You may choose the day you would like the Mass intention for your family. There will be sign-up sheets available at the back of the church. Please sign the sheet by **January 15th, 2025**. We are blessed to receive this gift of a Mass intention for our family and to receive these prayers. We hope each family will attend the Mass that is offered for them.

BIBLE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 (3rd Sunday in ordinary time)

The annual Bible Sunday will be observed in Hamilton Diocese on Sunday January 26, 2025. Let us throughout our lives read the Bible as if it is God Himself speaking to us directly and personally. It will impart to us light, understanding, spiritual food and physical health which will cleanse us, sanctify us, build us up, make us partakers of God's own nature. And you will be empowered with wisdom to overcome evil. On this Bible Sunday, let us with humble hearts give thanks to God for the precious gift of His word. To mark the importance of the word of God, at St. Charles *Bible Enthronement* in our parish. Make a list of your favorite Bible verses and write it down in a chart paper and bring it for your Sunday Mass.

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



are now available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. (If there are questions, please see Flo in the office)

COFFEE TIME

Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join our Pastor and parishioners in a time of fellowship. Please bring a refreshment to share.

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM



"Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Jesus is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do

we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. In Saint Charles Garnier Parish we will begin the study on Tuesday, February 4th at 10 in the morning (soon after the Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.) and in the evening, for those who cannot participate in the morning, at 6:00 p.m. This Jubilee Year, ("Pilgrims of Hope") please consider joining us for this wonderful spiritual pilgrimage with Jesus to know and love.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

Please Register Your Name for the Study with \$50 for the Textbook and the workbook. For more information about the study contact, Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, Donna Marcaccio, Anne McInnis or call the parish office at 905-528-0074 or email us: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

We hope you can join us!

DAY OF PRAYER FIRST FRIDAY February 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adoration

4:30 p.m. Fish & Chips dinner

6:00 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

(Note: Fish and Chips Dinner following the 4:00 Benediction)
Tickets are \$20.00 per person and must be purchased by Sunday February 2nd. Order forms available after all Masses.)

HEALING MASS

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

6:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Healing Mass with
Anointing with Holy Oil

"Lord my God, I called to You for help, and You
healed me." (Psalm 30:2)

Please Invite families and friends