

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NATIONS SHALL BEHOLD YOUR VINDICATION,
AND ALL THE KINGS YOUR GLORY.

— ISAIAH 62:2

JANUARY 20, 2013

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

A VISIBLE GOD	<p>We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an ideal. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world. During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana. Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.</p>
PRAYING FOR OUR UNBORN	<p>The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates this Tuesday, January 22, a day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Not coincidentally, Tuesday also marks the 40th anniversary of Roe v Wade which legalized abortion in the U.S. and consequently deprived more than a million babies of life each and every year since then. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, which mandates the provision of both preventive and abortive contraceptives, the number of aborted babies is predicted to increase. Within his January 1st World Day of Peace message entitled <i>BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS</i>, Pope Benedict XVI stated <i>“The path to the attainment of the common good and to peace is above all that of respect for human life in all its many aspects, beginning with its conception, through its development and up to its natural end. True peacemakers, then, are those who love, defend and promote human life in all its dimensions, personal, communitarian and transcendent. Life in its fullness is the height of peace. Anyone who loves peace cannot tolerate attacks and crimes against life.”</i></p> <p>Within this Year of Faith, as we strive to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, may we all understand that this is a call to action...to courageously defend the lives of the unborn.</p>
JOIN SR. FRANCE WHITE ON FEB. 1	<p>Sister France White invites all of us to explore THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS, and to seek out our own experience of the same or similar emotions. Reserve February 1st, 7:00p.m., parish hall, for this beautiful presentation. A helpful booklet will be available for purchase (\$15) if you care to use it as a basis of Lenten reflections where one word can be considered each week.</p>
“LOVE NEVER FAILS.” <small>1 COR 13:8</small>	<p>Archbishop Gomez will be sending a letter, within the next two weeks, to past contributors to the Together in Mission campaign. If you receive a letter, please respond with a generous pledge to support the ministries, programs and services provided by the parishes and schools that receive these funds.</p>
LITURGY MEETING	<p>A very important Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28 at 7:00p.m. We will review the Advent/Christmas season and make plans for our soon-to-come Lenten season. Members are encouraged to attend...<i>we need your valued input.</i></p>
NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	<p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 27, 2013 FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6 SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11 GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11</p> <p><i>“God has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor...announce a year of favor from the Lord.” ...words from the prophet Isaiah and Jesus, which apply to my own actions. How, when and where do I begin to accomplishing this?</i></p>