



WELCOME!

Our Three-Parish Cluster
Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Churches
Hills, Lone Tree and Nichols

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

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Cluster Mass Intentions January 15, 2022, to February 6, 2022

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, Location, and Intention. Lists mass intentions for various parishes from Jan 15 to Feb 6.

Music Ministry: St. Joseph, Hills, Lily Westemeyer. Church of St. Mary, Nichols, Jean Mengel. St. Mary, Lone Tree, Steve Moore, Bob and Connie Shaw.

Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Confession Schedule

Father Hai is available to hear confessions before Mass at the below times:

- St. Mary, Lone Tree: 3:30 p.m. to 3:50 pm on Saturdays
Church of St. Mary: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 am on Sundays
St. Joseph, Hills: 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 am on Sundays

Let us come to reconcile to God and others!

Food pantry items are being accepted

anytime in our cluster churches. Baskets are available at Lone Tree and Nichols and items can be dropped off at Hills in the food pantry in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity to our food pantries.

When you get to your wits end, you will find God lives there.

There will be no First Saturday Masses with Confessions and Adoration in February or March. First Saturday Mass celebration will resume on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the Church of St. Mary in Nichols.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Ordinary Time - Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you.

The Prophet Isaiah writes:

“As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.” Isaiah was talking about the nation of Israel, but God loves and rejoices in each of his children and wants us to know the joy of being loved by him. He generously shares his gifts with us, “different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit,” St. Paul explains to the Corinthians. All spiritual gifts come from God, and all are important and necessary: “To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” God’s gifts are distributed uniquely to each person to use in our own unique way to “announce his salvation, day after day,” and invite others to discover the joy of his great love.

January 16, 2022



Let us always recognize that we are God’s beloved sons and daughters, called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be missionary disciples of the Lord Jesus. Discerning what our gifts are and how to use them can be challenging. The Gospel about the wedding at Cana offers an interesting guide. Mary tells the waiters, “Do whatever he tells you.” By reserving time for listening and not speaking during prayer, we can hear what Jesus is “telling” us. Jesus then says to the waiters, “Fill the jars with water.” We can “fill our jars” with the knowledge of how to live as disciples by reflecting on Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the waiters, “Draw some out.” We can “draw” on his love for strength and courage when we need it, but more importantly, we are called to “draw some out” to share with others. In sharing the “good wine,” the Good News of Jesus Christ, others will begin to believe in him, too. As the new year gets under way, devote time to discerning the unique spiritual gifts, or charisms, you have been given. Make time for silent prayer and reflecting on Scripture each day. (Grow + Go)

Stewardship Quote: In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits – the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), January 18 –25. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21) Let us pray for the unity in the Church of Christ!

9 Days for Life – January 19 – 27, 2022 – is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please check and join at www.9daysforlife.com Let us pray for an end of abortion!

Thank you very much for everything that you and your families have done for our cluster parishes, especially your prayers, support and generosity. Know that you and your loved ones are always in my daily prayers and thoughts. May God protect and bless you all!

Have a safe and grace-filled week ahead!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Hai Dinh