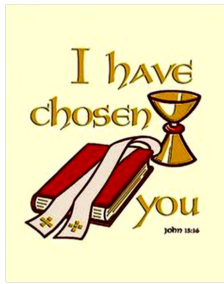


## ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

All are invited to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Ethelbert Jude Akagha on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity starting at 3:00pm and to the celebration of his first Mass as a Priest on Monday, February 3, 2025 at Stella Maris Church starting at 5:00pm. Immediately following the Mass there will be a reception in the hall. Please support Deacon Jude by your prayers and presence at his Ordination and first Mass as a Priest.



## ALTAR SERVERS

Training will take place in the church on Sunday, January 19th at 12:00noon. All current altar servers and those interested in becoming altar servers are asked to attend this important training session.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL wishes to advise that the new date for their benefit performance of Basil Dawkins' play "First Lady" will be on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 8:30pm. They apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused however it was due to circumstances beyond their control. They still have unsold tickets so if you are able to attend this new date, please contact any member for tickets. Thank you as always for your support.

## ULTREYA

All Cursillistas are invited to the first Ultreya for 2025 at Carter Hall, Holy Cross Church on Monday, January 20th at 6:00pm. Come and join us in prayer, talk and fellowship, we will also reflect on the contribution of John Brandon to our movement. Please remember to get pool where possible. Christ is counting on YOU!

"Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, for ever!"

- Pope Saint John Paul II



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**MASS TIMES:** Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.

**RECONCILIATION:** Appointment/Announced

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Year C - January 19, 2025

## Today's Readings

**1st Reading:** Is. 62: 1-5  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 12: 4-11  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn. 2: 1-11



**Response:** Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples

## Reflecting on the Gospel

Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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### 19th January

Dawn Lawson ♦ Rachael McGhie ♦

Stephanie Williams ♦

### 20th January

Keith Edwards ♦ Renee Hitchener ♦

### 21st January

Tanya Barnes ♦ Donna Walker ♦

### 22nd January

Paula Hanna ♦ Nicole Gregory ♦ Sheila Polack ♦

### 23rd January

Zach Anderson ♦

### 24th January

Imani Chin ♦ Kai Cortiza ♦ Sean Dunwell ♦

Richard Hoo Kim ♦ David Tame ♦ Mary Yap ♦

### 25th January

Leslie Chung ♦ Rupert Dacosta ♦ Joyce Grant ♦

Richard Sharp ♦



19th January ♦ Marc & Anodia Scott

21st January ♦ Josef & Alike Zitzlsperger

## MASS FOR THE MARRIED

All parishioners who are celebrating the following milestone anniversaries are invited to submit their names and date of marriage to the parish office by Friday, February 14, 2025.

10 years - 2015

20 years - 2005

30 years - 1995

40 years - 1985

50 years - 1975

55 years - 1970

60 years - 1965

65 years - 1960

70 years - 1955

Silver Jubilee - (25 years) - 2000.

This information will be submitted to the Archdiocese of Kingston Marriage Ministry coordinators. Certificates will be prepared and presented at the annual Mass for the Married on July 26, 2025, Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne.

