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JOHN 2:10 “You have kept
the **good wine**
until now.”

**Second
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**
January 16, 2022

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LETTING HISTORY OUT OF THE BOX

While there is a whole catalog of disadvantages to growing older, there is at least one advantage—you have a sense of perspective on things. For example, lately there have been a lot of reports that the pandemic may be the death knell for movie-going. The long layoff from going to the movies, coupled with the proliferation of streaming services and the fact that more films are being made available for home viewing more quickly means there is less incentive to ever go back to the cinema. The prophets of doom may be right. At home we can watch what we want when we want to and make as much noise as we want and start texting if we want without anyone glaring at us. On the other hand, I have been hearing that movie-going was going the way of the dinosaur for as long as I have had ears to hear.

When I started going to movies with my parents about 1959, the theatre business had already been in decline for over ten years because of television. The same questions that are being asked now were being asked then: Why go out when you can be entertained at home? Movie theatres were mostly independently owned: the big houses showing first run movies, and the smaller neighborhood theatres showing movies on their second run. And these theatres were closing one by one, and very few new theatres were being built. I can remember movie marquees displaying the tag line “Fight Pay-TV”. Cable television would come one day and that would be the final nail in the coffin. But the movies managed to reinvent themselves. First there were “twin” theatres and then multiplexes, to take advantage of economies of scale; and then the chains took over, showing the same first-run movies in multiple locations. And, when people began to demand more comfort and luxury, well, they introduced auditorium seating, and recliners, and bigger screens, and dine-in options. Movie people have shown an incredible amount of creativity and imagination in keeping their business going. Maybe they can reinvent themselves once more. I certainly do not want to compare the Eucharist to buttered popcorn; but there is a certain parallel, isn’t there, between movie going and church going. Will “they” come back is also a big question churches are asking. Is the Eucharist as important to Catholics as our theology says it is? Is doing without the Body of Christ a decent trade-off for being able to stay home and watch Mass on video? Have I found that not going to Mass has made little difference in my day to day life? Will “getting people back to church” require as much creativity and imagination as cinema people have shown over the last fifty years?

And, here is another thing. This Monday we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s Birthday. That our country would ever honor a Black man with a national holiday and a statue in Washington was unimaginable to me during my childhood in Memphis. When people today talk about the Jim Crow South, they often focus on lynching and brutality by pot-bellied sheriffs. Well, there was plenty of that to go around; but the real reason segregations survived is that most of us white folks thought it was OK. They have their schools; we have our schools; they have their stores; we have our stores; they have their waiting room; we have our waiting room. They have their drinking fountain; we have ours. What’s the big deal? I am sure in the 1950’s there were white Southerners who spoke out against segregation and how everything that was designated for “colored” people was inferior to what we got. But there were not many such people, their voices were not that prominent, and they were not taken seriously. I know I was never exposed to such people. When the Civil Rights movement began to take hold in the mid-1960’s, lots of white people jumped aboard—either because they had wised up or because they were good politicians. By the time Dr. King came to Memphis in 1968 to support the sanitation workers’ strike, I was in high school and had been “radicalized” by our biology teacher, who was also one of the school’s drug dealers (Well, why shouldn’t biology be practical?). But many whites were still able to dismiss Dr. King’s rhetoric because he had a connection with the Communist Party, and the Communists were behind the Civil Rights Movement. When Dr. King was assassinated, some liberal commentators were saying that he had already begun to lose control of the Civil Rights Movement, that his message of non-violence was ceasing to resonate as strongly as it once did. More radical voices were taking the lead, and, that had he not been assassinated, he would probably have faded into obscurity. History is rarely as neat as it appears in the rear-view mirror. But that is something we do not often appreciate unless we have lived through it. There is no room for complexity in the Twitter Universe, and that is part of our national problem.

Fr. Joe

Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
January 22-23, 2022		
M. Gordon	5:00	M. Foster
B. Schuman		
R. Tevonian	7:30	R. Tevonian
K. Kennicott	9:00	C. Gimbar
R. Zanger		
M. Amend	10:30	E. Bunzol
K. Nagatoshi	12:15	D. Iaccino
A. Carvajal	5:00	B. Fumo

RENEW MY CHURCH

As one of the last Groupings to be activated as part of the *Renew My Church* process, we at Assumption will be discerning our future along with Holy Name Cathedral, St. Peter, St. Patrick, St. Mary, and St. James. Although no structural changes are anticipated in our Grouping at the present time, each of our parishes will participate in the Building the New Reality phase of Renew My Church, which is focused on energizing our mission and evangelization efforts. Representing Assumption will be Deacon Kevin Zajdel, Beth Schuman, Eva Bernacki, Lukas Cichon, and myself. We will meet virtually with Cardinal Cupich and the representatives from the other parishes on Thursday evening, January 20. Then we will all meet in person with a facilitator on Saturday, February 5 and Saturday, March 5 to talk about what we might do as a Grouping and as individual faith communities. The final phase of the process is to draw up an action plan for Assumption, a plan to which everyone here will be invited to contribute.

MASS FOR LIFE

Our annual Mass in support of human life and the right to life will take place at 10:30 a.m. January 16.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on January 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Note this new time for winter). Exposition will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 22-23, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America.

SIGN UP FOR “FORMED”

Assumption has subscribed to the on-line Catholic digital resource “Formed”. Learn more about your faith at your own pace. To sign up, go to formed.org/signup; look for Assumption Church at 323 W Illinois; hit next; enter your name and email address; check your email for a link to begin using FORMED.

TOILETRIES DRIVE

The Servite Secular Community at Assumption is conducting their annual toiletries drive this month to benefit Zacchaeus House, a transitional living facility for men, and The House of the Good Shepherd, which provides transitional housing and other social services for women and children who have suffered from domestic violence. Among items needed are razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, and combs. Gift cards are also welcome. Please place your donations in the gold box next to the Vatican flag by February 20.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, many churches and charities offer meals to the needy and homeless. But people are still hungry in January and February. Chicago Help Initiative has been allowed to resume offering indoor hot meals on a limited basis on Wednesday evenings at Catholic Charities, 721 North LaSalle. However CHI feeds many more people across Chicago with bag meals, and the number of volunteers who prepare these meals has declined. Find out how you can provide bag meals to your sisters and brothers who are struggling by contacting chicagohelpinitiative.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving is the twenty-first century way to support your church. Go to our homepage (www.assumption-chgo.org) and click on electronic giving. That will take you to GiveCentral, where you can draw up your giving plan. Thereafter, the amount you have designated will be charged to your credit card or transferred electronically from your checking account each week.

OUR VIDEO MASS CONTINUES

For those who have not yet returned to church, Sunday Mass from Assumption is uploaded on our website at 4:00 p.m. Saturday (www.assumption-chgo.org). Sunday Mass from Assumption is also available on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

GETTING “FULLY” REGISTERED

It's not as controversial as getting vaccinated. Some of you only shared an email address with us in order to make a reservation for Mass, when advance registration for Mass was expected. But that is not the same as being registered as a member. Right now we have approx. 800 in that category. Being a member of the parish helps us to better serve you and our community. If Assumption is your regular church, we invite you to complete the process of signing up.

Here's how: Login from our homepage as you did when you were making Mass reservations. Then, from the “Welcome To Assumption Church” screen, click the link for “Address and family details” and enter your address information. You can also add other members to your family from this page. Feel free to include as much personal information as you wish.

TAX LETTER

If you are a registered member of the parish and would like to receive a statement of contributions for 2021, please call or email the Parish Office.

HYMNS FOR MASS

#420, #360, #707 (except 5:00 p.m. Sunday)

WEDDINGS

DARIUS GRAYER & ALEXANDRA McCALLUM

PRAY FOR THEM

Sick: Annette Russo, Bill Hjorth, Nancy Alfano,
Rosemary Reeves, Kevin Atwood, Terrie Stevens,
Maripat Nellis, Craig Mitchell, Davy Hart,
Anita Lopez, and Stan Godt

REST IN PEACE:

Theresa Hufnagel

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2022

Sat.	15th	5:00	Theresa Hufnagel (RIP)
Sun.	16th	7:30	Helen Dillon (RIP)
		9:00	Pat Tolios (RIP)
		10:30	Mass For Life
		12:15	Theresa Hufnagel (RIP)
		5:00	Michael & Rose Marie Sopko (RIP), Helen Morris (RIP) Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
Mon.	17th	7:00	Theresa Hufnagel (RIP)
		12:10	Mashawn Plummer (RIP)
Tues.	18th	7:00	Theresa Hufnagel (RIP)
Thurs.	20th	12:10	Dr. Carlos & Gladys Almeida (RIP)
Fri.	21st	7:00	Theresa Hufnagel (RIP)
		12:10	Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)

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MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00, 12:10 PM

Saturday: 7:30, 5:00 PM (for Sunday)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15, 5:00 PM

CONFESSION:

Friday: 11:35 –12:05 PM

Daily after all Masses (on request)

ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION:

Monday following the 12:10 Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Third Monday of the Month: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS: You do not have to be a member of Assumption to get married at Assumption. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

BAPTISMS: Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15 and the first weekend of the month during Mass.

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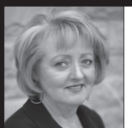
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