

# January 17, 2016

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*We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place.*

## Cycles of Faith -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim." And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became "the good wine." Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that wedding feast in Cana. And he can do the same with our lives.

Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed and our energy has run dry. It may seem impossible that anything good could come out of our situation. Even our hope has often disappeared in these moments. But today's Gospel should restore our confidence; we don't need to work the miracle. We just need to "do whatever he tells" us.

In many cases, this will mean doing something that doesn't make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical that filling their jugs with water would have any benefit. But they did it anyway. And they did it wholeheartedly, filling them up "to the brim." In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us, all the way, without reservation. We need to continue to pray (even when we don't hear an answer). We need to continue to participate in the sacraments (even when they don't seem to help). We need to continue to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to continue to love our neighbors (even when they don't love us back). All of this is like pouring water into those jars. We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into an overabundance of joy.

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## Readings for the Week of January 17, 2016

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 /Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,416.00 Fuel: \$521.00**  
**Maintenance: \$80.00 Christmas: \$425.00**  
**Initial Offering: \$37.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$60.00**  
**Electronic Giving: -0-**

**Second Collection This Week for Natural Disasters in USA**  
**Second Collection Next Week for VT Catholic Magazine**

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Jan. 17 8:00 a.m.**

**Sun. Jan. 17 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Jan. 24 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Jan. 24 11:00 a.m.**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 18, 2016

Cyndy Marshall  
Margaret Titus  
Sue Haselton

### Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, January 24, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	Gail Blasius
	Extraordinary Min:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	Ali Croke Leah Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min:	David Croke Deena Miller

### Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-1/21 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-1/24 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at 10:30 at St. Jude  
-1/28 Liturgy Committee Meeting

**Question of the Week:** For whom do I need to intercede this week? What is Jesus telling me to do that life's water might be transformed into the wine of God's mercy?

**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**Jubilee Year Of Mercy For Lay Ministers:** You are all invited to attend the Jubilee Year of Mercy celebration recognizing Lay Ministries in the Diocese of Burlington at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral on Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 p.m. This celebration is going to focus primarily on Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Acolytes (Liturgical Lay Ministry). This celebration will include Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Eucharistic Exposition. Confessions will be made available for those people desiring to receive the Holy Year indulgence. Light refreshments will be served after. The Holy Door is now blessed and is open for group and individual pilgrimages throughout the year. (Please note this is not a Mass.)

**Second Grade Parent Meeting:** There will be a Parent Meeting for all parents with children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. This is a mandatory meeting. First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m.

**Collection Envelopes:** The collection envelopes for 2016 are available on the back pew. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years. Some of the numbers have been changed due to the fact that we ordered less this year in order to not have so many leftover and thrown out.** Thank you.

**End Of Year Statements:** End of Year Statements will be sent out within the next couple of weeks to those parishioners who use the collection envelopes, do online giving, or put a loose check into the collection basket.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Diocesan regulations for the accounting of all collections requires a photocopy of all checks **not** enclosed in envelopes. We ask those parishioners NOT currently using envelopes to please consider doing so. This will alleviate the additional time, paper and storage involved in processing these loose checks. Thank you.

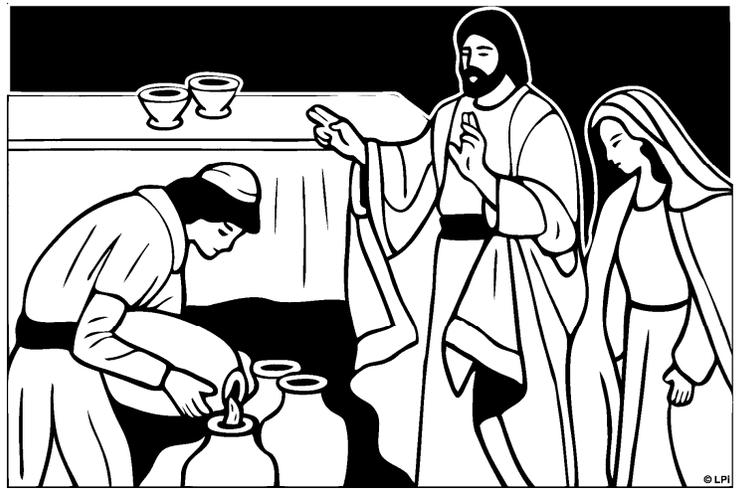
**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for January 26, March 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Fabric Donations Needed:** Helping Hands Sewing Ministry is in need of cottons, cotton blends and lightweight upholstery fabrics (at least ½ yd). If you have fabric you would like to donate or know of anyone who does, the HHSM would love to take the fabric off your hands. They are also looking for solid color sheets in good shape. If you have any of these items, please contact Grace Link at 489-6200.

**Special Collection for Natural Disasters in the USA:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that Dioceses take up a special collection to support the work of Catholic Charities, USA in its efforts to assist the victims of the recent and future natural disasters in the United States. Our Diocese will take up this collection this weekend, January 16 and 17 at all Masses. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction and to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Please be generous.

**Pray A Novena For Life:** The U.S. Bishops invite all Catholics to pray for the protection of all human life by participating in a special novena called 9 Days for Life, from January 16th through the 24th. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

**Project Rachel:** Find hope and healing from abortion. Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. For more information about Project Rachel or to speak to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact 658-4118.



*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." — Jn 2:1-3*

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**Pasta Dinner:** The January Pasta Dinner at St. Jude's has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 23 following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Cost of the Pasta Dinner is \$10/adult; \$7/child and seniors; \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

**Women's Retreat:** The Sisters of Mercy are offering to any interested women the opportunity to spend a day in retreat at Mount St. Mary's in Burlington. Retreat director is Sr. Ann Duhaime, RSM, and the theme of the retreat is "LIVING IN GOD'S MERCY". The retreat day is Saturday, January 30. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. Cost of the retreat is \$25 which includes breakfast items and snacks. Those attending need to bring their own bag lunch. If interested, please contact Sr. Ruth Ravey at [33mercyt@gmail.com](mailto:33mercyt@gmail.com) or call at 658-5494 for a registration form.

**World Marriage Day:** The annual celebration of World Marriage Day will be Sunday, February 7 with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington. Bishop Coyne will celebrate this Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2016 such as 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and above, will be recognized at the Diocesan Mass. If you are interested in attending the Mass, please fill out the information on the sheet in the back of the church. Also, if you would like to receive a certificate honoring your "milestone" anniversary, please fill out the information on the same sheet.

**SCHIP Grant Deadline:** The deadline for the next round of SCHIP grant applications is January 31, 2016. Grant application forms are available by emailing [schipgrant@myfairpoint.net](mailto:schipgrant@myfairpoint.net) or by stopping by the shop at 5404 Shelburne Road, Shelburne. If you have any questions or would like more info, please contact Ali Gately at 482-3063 or [aligately@yahoo.com](mailto:aligately@yahoo.com). In order to qualify for a SCHIP grant, the applicant must be a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization.



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