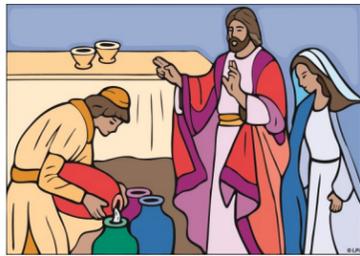


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**Sunday, January 17th, 2016**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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Sat. Jan 16	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Marko Kotar (Family)
Sun. Jan 17	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Dr. Gordon Fulcher (Mike & Rosemary Hunter)
Mon. Jan 18	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Jan 19	9:30am	✠ Peter Reilly (Mary & Jim Smith)
Wed. Jan 20		<b>St. Ann School Mass</b>
	9:30am	✠ Roy Culp (Gloria Egert)
Thurs. Jan 21	9:30am	✠ Michael Wainwright (Mary & Jim Smith)
Fri. Jan 22	9:30am	✠ Virginia Correia (Maria Baptista)
Sat. Jan. 23	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Patricia Jenkins (Sharon Goossen)
Sun. Jan. 24	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Teresa Sporbeck (Mary Ann Biggar)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday masses.**

**Offertory January 9th & 10th, 2016**

91 Envelopes	\$1, 993.75
Loose Collection	\$ 129.25
Total Offertory	\$2, 123.00
Initial Offering	\$ 55.00

**Month of December**

**Income: \$15, 457**

**Expenses: \$11, 704**

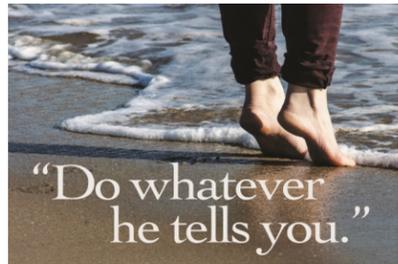
Thank you to the parishioners who helped with the Christmas decorations this past week. **If anyone would like a poinsettia plant, please help yourself to those at the back of the church.**

**Copies of Our Daily Bread are available at the back of the church. Please help yourself.**

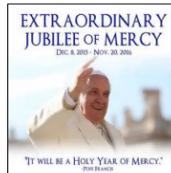
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"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim." And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became "the good wine." Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that 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.



**The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's will have a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., beginning Monday, December 14.** The Sacrament of Confession will be available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. In addition, Confession will be available before each weekday Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to Friday beginning Tuesday December 8. Confessions on Saturday will be increased: the Sacrament will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning Saturday December 12, in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us.

**Living Faith**—provides daily reflections based on a Scripture passage from the daily Mass. With readings for daily Mass listed at the bottom of each devotion, this booklet helps Catholics pray and meditate in spirit with the seasons of the Church Year. Copies are available at the back of the church. Please help yourself.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Monsignor Vincent Ferrando** who died January 12<sup>th</sup> at Bella Nursing Residence in Niagara Falls. Monsignor Ferrando was ordained a priest on May 30, 1942 at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. He served the parishes of St. Helen, Toronto, St. Ann, Niagara Falls, St. Mary, Welland and Our Lady of the Scapular, Niagara Falls. Monsignor Ferrando was 99 years old.

**Excerpt of the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

**FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2016 [January 17, 2016]**

**"Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy"**

In our time, migration is growing worldwide. Refugees and people fleeing from their homes challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter. Increasingly, the victims of violence and poverty, leaving their homelands, are exploited by human traffickers during their journey towards the dream of a better future. If they survive the abuses and hardships of the journey, they then have to face latent suspicions and fear. In the end, they frequently encounter a lack of clear and practical policies regulating the acceptance of migrants and providing for short or long term programmes of integration respectful of the rights and duties of all. Today, more than in the past, the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering of others for granted, and points out way of responding which, grounded in the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, find practical expression in works of spiritual and corporal mercy.

In the light of these facts, I have chosen as the theme of the 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: *Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy.* Migration movements are now a structural reality, and our primary issue must be to deal with the present emergency phase by providing programmes which address the causes of migration and the changes it entails, including its effect on the makeup of societies and peoples. The tragic stories of millions of men and women daily confront the international community as a result of the outbreak of unacceptable humanitarian crises in different parts of the world. Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck. Whether large or small in scale, these are always tragedies, even when a single human life is lost.

Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all. Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones?

At this moment in human history, marked by great movements of migration, identity is not a secondary issue. Those who migrate are forced to change some of their most distinctive characteristics and, whether they like or not, even those who welcome them are also forced to change. How can we experience these changes not as obstacles to genuine development, rather as opportunities for genuine human, social and spiritual growth, a growth which respects and promotes those values which make us ever more humane and help us to live a balanced relationship with God, others and creation?

The presence of migrants and refugees seriously challenges the various societies which accept them. Those societies are faced with new situations which could create serious hardship unless they are suitably motivated, managed and regulated. How can we ensure that integration will become mutual enrichment, open up positive perspectives to communities, and prevent the danger of discrimination, racism, extreme nationalism or xenophobia?

Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself.

**Parish Calendar**

Jan 17th....	Week of prayer for Christian Unity
Jan 19th....	Tuesday Bingo resumes
Jan 20th ....	School Mass 9:30am
Jan 20th....	Finance Meeting 7pm
Jan 30/31....	Charity tax receipts will be ready for pick up at the back of the church. <b>Please pick up your receipt to help defray mailing costs. Thank you.</b>
February...	
Feb 4th...	CWL meeting 7pm
Feb 6/7....	Blessing of Throats following all masses
Feb 10th.....	Ash Wednesday
Feb 14th....	First Sunday of Lent
Feb 16th....	Mass cancelled
Feb 17th....	Liturgy Committee meeting 7pm

**Catholic Women's League**

**A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 4th at 7pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! Come and learn about the activities of the CWL in your parish.**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity– Jan 17-24**

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, participate in various liturgical and other community activities and to pray together that all may be one, a Christ desires. **Theme for 2016:**"Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord"(1 Peter 2:9) At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**2016 Offertory Envelopes:** Please note that there have been updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2016, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** Some numbers are re-assigned every year and if you use old envelopes someone else may get credit for your contribution. **It is best to destroy all old envelopes.** A reminder that if you forget your envelope at home, there are visitor envelopes at the church entrance you can use - don't forget to include your name and address on them. **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY.**

**"Pro-Life Coffee House - Dessert Social"** hosted by St. Catharines Right to Life, Monday January 25 at 7:00 p.m. at The Heritage Christian Bookstore Cafe, 400 Scott Street, St. Catharines. Everyone welcome, there is no fee. Be inspired as guest speaker Anastasia Pearse of the National Campus Life Network shares stories about pro-life work being done on post-secondary campuses across Canada. For more info, call 905-684-7505 or email info@chooselife.ca .

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 11, 2016**, in Niagara Falls please call **905-664-5212** or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca)