Our Lady Of Victory

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SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday at 8:00 A.M.

ADORATION IN THE CHURCH
Wednesday from 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Last Weekend of the Month
Pre-arrangement Necessary

SACRAMENT OF Penance
Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements to be made at least 4 months prior to marriage.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Call Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Wednesday
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bulletin Deadline:
Noon Monday
**Everyday Stewardship**

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

(Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS)

**Questions of the Week**

Am I willing to serve those who are not in my own tribe, as did Jesus, as did Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist?

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." — Jn 2:3-5

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

(Lpi Resource Center)
Readings for the Week of January 19th

Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, I Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23, Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Mark 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21, Mark 3:13-19

Observances for the Week of January 19th

Monday: Memorial of St. Fabian
Memorial of St. Sebastian
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday: Memorial of St. Agnes

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday: Memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;
Memorial of St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday: Memorial of St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, January 25th - 5:00 PM
Bob Fish

Sunday, January 26th - 9:30 AM
Sue Arneson

LECTORS
Saturday, January 25th - 5:00 PM
Dennis Kammen

Sunday, January 26th - 9:30 AM
Joe Lampe

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, January 27th
Lisa Kline and Bev Truran

******VOLUNTEERS NEEDED******

We are in dire need of new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for our Masses. This would require volunteering at least once a month to help with these ministries. If you are interested, please call our Musical Director, Sharon Kosel at 763-245-9001. Thank You !!!

Pray for ... the sick in our community.
Our homebound and nursing home residents,
and those who care for them.
The deceased of our parish,
and the family and friends who mourn them.