

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. JOSEPH

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JANUARY 16, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays** Our Lady of Lourdes:

Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

**Saturdays**

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM

**Sundays**

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM

Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

## RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 3 PM

## BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

## MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

*We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass.*

*You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.*

*If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your*

| Lay Ministries | Jan 15/16     | January 22/23 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4 PM           | Donna Brown   | Ben Brown     |
| 5:30 PM        | No Mass       | No Mass       |
| 8 AM           | Anne Boisvert | Charlie Hauck |
| 10:00 AM       | Rob Rodler    | Betsy Bosiak  |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 15**

**4PM** Robert C. McWhinnie & Stephen P.  
McWhinnie by Janice McWhinnie OL

**5:30PM** No Mass

**Sunday, January 16**

**8AM** Geri O'Brien by Pat & John Cotton OL  
**10AM** For Our Parishioners SJ

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, 12 noon OL  
Wed., Thurs., Fri. **8AM** OL

**Monday Jan. 17** No Mass

**Tuesday Jan. 18** Intentions of Sophia & Matthew  
Bomba OL

**Wednesday Jan. 19** Healing for Eric Barbasso OL

**Thursday Jan. 20** Rev. Gerald Auger OL

**Friday Jan. 21** Healing for Gloria & Roger  
Hartgen OL

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday January 22**

**4:00PM** Robert C. McWhinnie & Stephen P.  
McWhinnie by Janice McWhinnie OL

**Sunday, January 23**

**8:00AM** For Our Parishioners OL  
**10:00AM** Donald Graves by His Loving Wife Janet SJ

**Parish Ministries**

**Serving God, Our Parish and  
Our Parish Community  
Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's  
Church Parish Center**

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Drive up take-out dinners are offered every Monday at 4:30
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: on Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and during food pantry hours or by appointment
- **The Northwood Emergency Food**
- **Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

**DIVINE MERCY MILITIA**

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

**Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement: \$ 4,000**

Christmas Offering - \$2,867  
December 26, 2021 - \$4,883  
January 1, 2022 - \$ 626

**We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.**



**READING  
2nd SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**“Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory” (John 2:11)**

**Question of the Week**

Do you perceive any signs of God's power and glory around you? What are they?

**HIS WORD TODAY**

In John's Gospel the miracles performed by Jesus are called signs. A sign is usually not an end in itself. What is more important is the reality to which a sign points. The signs done by Jesus point forward to the "hour" of Jesus and to the divine glory made manifest in him as both revealer and revelation of God.

Jesus' changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana is described as "the beginning of his signs." It is the first in the series of seven signs by which Jesus manifests his power and glory during his public ministry. The key to the Cana episode and to all of Jesus' signs is his statement to his mother that "my hour has not yet come." The "hour" of Jesus includes his passion, death, resurrection and exaltation taken as one great event. In this "lifting up" of Jesus, his glory as God's Son is definitively revealed. The "signs" are previews or anticipations of the fullness of his glory. The sign at Cana points forward to Jesus' "hour" on the cross and the banquet in God's kingdom.

Although Jesus' response to his mother ("Woman, how does your concern affect me?") may sound formal and even cold, she shows faith ("Do whatever he tells you") that her son will do what is needed to save the honor of the newlyweds and their families. Thus she deserves to be revered as the mother of all believers in Jesus (see John 19:26-27). And Jesus acts in response to his mother's faith in him.

Today's reading from Isaiah 62 looks for signs of Israel's full restoration as God's people after the return from exile and describes God's fidelity to his people in terms of a husband's fidelity to his wife. The reading from 1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that each of us can and should be a sign of God's power and glory. Paul insists that the source of every spiritual gift is the Holy Spirit and these gifts should be exercised for the good of others and for bearing witness to God's power and glory.

The challenge for us of Jesus' first sign at Cana and of Paul's advice to the Corinthians is to become more sensitive to the many signs

**Father John's Jottings**

*What are relics? Why do we venerate them?*

The word relic comes from the Latin *reliquiae*, which means something left behind. We save pictures and objects or even a lock of hair of a deceased loved one. In the Christian sense, a relic usually refers to a part of the body or the clothes of a deceased saint, which remains as a memorial.

The practice of venerating relics in the Catholic Church came from the early Christian practice of celebrating Mass in the catacombs over the grave of a martyr. To this day, relics of saints are placed under the altar on which we celebrate Mass. This is why the priest kisses the altar at the beginning of Mass.

The saints and martyrs are creatures like us, but they have successfully run the race and can intercede for us in heaven. We can think of them as our big brothers and sisters in Christ. They have become God's masterpieces because of the holiness of their lives. We want to lead similar lives, so our veneration of their relics is a way of being inspired by them and honoring their accomplishments. By such an act, we ask for their intercession and open ourselves to God's grace, which played such an important part in their lives.

**VITA Volunteers Needed**

The IRS and our local partner Granite United Way need volunteers to help prepare tax returns at our Laconia site for the upcoming filing season.

For over 50 years, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites have offered tax prep for low to moderate income taxpayers. No experience is necessary as training is provided to become an IRS certified volunteer preparer.

We also need individuals to serve as greeters. A commitment of at least 3 hours a week during the tax season and the willingness to learn and grow with fellow volunteers is all that is needed.

If you would like to help your community, please contact Cathy at 603-528-4295, or [cdumais@metrocast.net](mailto:cdumais@metrocast.net)



 **PUZZLE**

Try to create a special design for God on this jar!  
Have fun!



 **MISSION**

I will put all of my toys away neatly after I finish playing.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



 **GOSPEL**

At a wedding party, Mary said to Jesus, they have no more wine. Help them. Even though it was not time for him to perform miracles, Jesus honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your mother's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash, or making the bed into a gift of love. This love makes your mother and God smile.

 **PRAYER**

Lord, help me turn chores for my family into gifts for you.

 **DRAW**

Draw two pitchers, one filled with water and one with purple wine.



**Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary Undoer of Knots** ——— Mary is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so He can untangle the knots of our soul.

*Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion.*

*Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.*

*Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks.*

*Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen*



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/> " But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." Fill your marriage with peace and love.

### Religious Education

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### We Need God !

**The fact the enemies of God must face is that modern civilization has conquered the world, but in doing so has lost it's soul. And in losing it's soul it will lose the very world it gained. And as religion fades so will freedom, for only where the spirit of God is there liberty.**

**Archbishop Fulton Sheen**



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