

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Arockia Antony, HGN  
Deacon James Wilton  
Mary K. Keating  
Joe Labrecque  
Kevin Krawiec

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM
Monday / Tuesday	12:10 PM
Wednesday	7:30 AM
No Mass on Thursday or Friday	

## MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 8:00 AM every week  
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM
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## VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 PM
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## ST. MARY CEMETERY

**Old Church Road**  
Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other  
information regarding the parish cemetery.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

**Closed until further notice!**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

## Chapel Hours

Monday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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



## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### *The Miracle and Message of Cana*

Today we shall ponder Jesus' first miracle, which John calls signs because Jesus doesn't perform them in order to excite wonder but to reveal the love of the Father. Initiating his public ministry at the wedding at Cana, Jesus reveals himself as the spouse of the People of God, and reveals to us the depth of the relationship that unites us to him: it is the new covenant of love. What is at the foundation of our faith? An act of mercy by which Jesus binds us to him. And the Christian life is the response to this love, it is like the history of two people in love. God and man meet, seek, find, celebrate, and love one another: just like the lovers in the Song of Songs. Everything else comes as a result of this relationship. The Church is the family of Jesus into which he pours his love; it is this love that the Church safeguards and desires to give to all.

In the context of the covenant we are also to understand our Lady's observation: *they have no wine*. How can one celebrate a wedding feast and make merry without what the prophets indicated as a typical element of the messianic banquet? Water is necessary for life, but wine expresses the abundance of a banquet and the joy of a feast. This wedding feast was short of wine; the newlyweds are ashamed of this. Just imagine ending a wedding feast drinking tea. Wine is necessary for a feast. By transforming into wine the water of the jars used for the Jewish rites of purification, Jesus performs an eloquent sign: he transforms the Law of Moses into the Gospel, bearer of joy.

The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: *Do whatever he tells you*. These are her last words recounted by the Gospels; they are the legacy she hands down to us. Today too our Lady says to us all: "Whatever Jesus tells you, do it." At this wedding the new covenant is truly articulated, and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: *Do whatever he tells you!* To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward who tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: *you have kept the good wine until now*. Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord.

The wedding feast at Cana is more than a simple account of Jesus' first miracle. Like a treasure chest, he guards the secret of his Person and the purpose of his coming: the awaited Groom starts off the wedding that is fulfilled in the Paschal Mystery. At this wedding Jesus binds his disciples to himself in a new and final covenant. At Cana Jesus' disciples become his family and at Cana the faith of the Church is born. We are all invited to the wedding feast because the new wine will never run short!

POPE FRANCIS

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**January 15, 2022—January 23, 2022**

<b>Sat. Jan 15</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> T. J. Raymond (†) By Jodie Raymond
<b>Sun. Jan 16</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Christine McElreavy (†) By Joseph McElreavy and Family
10:30 AM	Sick and the Dying
<b>Mon. Jan 17</b> 12:10 PM	<b>St. Anthony, Abbot</b> Sick and Dying
<b>Tue. Jan 18</b> 12:10 PM	<b>Weekday</b> Edna Kennedy (†) By Her Granddaughter Sarah
<b>Wed. Jan 19</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Joanne Lemieux (†) By Hibbard & Claire Doe
<b>Thur. Jan 20</b>	<b>Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Jan 21</b>	<b>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b> No Mass
<b>Sat. Jan 22</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosemary Garfield (†) By St. Mary Class of 1955
<b>Sun. Jan 23</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People

All 3 weekend Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook.

The Church is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

**WEEKLY OFFERING . . . Stewardship**  
**Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in gratitude**  
**for all of God's gifts.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Thank you also for those who make up envelopes!**

**January 9, 2022**

Offertory	\$2,717.50
Buck-A-Month	\$ 337.00

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Seminarians Fund	Jan 15/16
Catholic Outreach	Jan 22/23

**PLEASE NOTE ...** Offertory checks made payable to: St. Mary Parish.  
You are welcome to indicate a second collection in the memo section of your check. Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to **"Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list**

Becky Baril	David Grey	David Montano
Bill Beattie	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
Gloria Beattie	Deborah Hemingway	Melvin Parker
William Beattie	Renee Honeman	Christine Puksta
Deb Bedard	Timothy Houle	Mary Raymond
Carol Braga	David Immic	Brian Smith
Pauline Buckner	Elaine Keating	Andrew St. Pierre
Stephen Burlew	Richard LaCasce	Elaine St. Pierre
Brendon Collins	Lisa Laliberte	Marcy St. Pierre
Rebecca DeVoyd	Claire Lessard	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Matthew Limoges	Peter Sullivan
Thomas Eagen	Roy Lucier	Linda Supernois
Charles Eastman	Jon Manning	Todd Supernois
Joan Flaherty	Terry McGuire	Christine Snyder
Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Dennis Fontaine	Sylvia Michaud	Louise Unger

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES**

Zachary Long... US Army

Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy

Call the parish office to add your loved ones in the service.

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—January 2022**

**For True Human Fraternity—** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .**

Mon. Jan 17	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tues. Jan 18	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wed. Jan 19	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thurs. Jan 20	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Fri. Jan 21	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Sat. Jan 22	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Sun. Jan 23	Neh 8:2-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR**

***"Memorial Candle Fund"***

Candle burning in the Church in memory of deceased Veterans.



**Welcome New Parishioners...**Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!



## HYMNS—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Page 87

Offertory Hymn: #89—Songs of Thankfulness and Praises

Communion Antiphon: Page 89

Communion Hymn: #261—The King of Love

Recessional Hymn: #197—Now Thank We All Our God

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Upper Valley Deanery -  
Praying for a Greater Respect for Human Life  
Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 9:00 AM  
Mass & Rosary  
St. Denis, Hanover

### Catholic Charities NH: “How to Deal with Dementia” Support Group

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, “How to Deal with Dementia,” is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/dementia](http://www.cc-nh.org/dementia). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org). There is no cost to participate.



### Men of St. Joseph

New men's group is starting at St Mary's. Men of St. Joseph is a lay men's group that focuses on prayer and the virtues of St. Joseph, and how men can use these virtues to become better men, husbands, and fathers.

There will be an initial information meeting held at St. Mary's church on Wednesday January 19th at 7:00 pm. All men from both St. Mary's and St. Joseph parishes are welcome. For additional information you can call Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130.

# Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

## Every Thursday Evening

6:00–7:00 PM

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

**JOHN PAUL II:  
I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU**  
This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

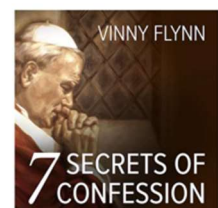


**FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS  
MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA  
KOWALSKA**  
St. Faustina is known as the “secretary of Divine Mercy” because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

**7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION  
BY VINNY FLYNN**  
The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

### Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. January 22nd — 3:00–4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage  
Sun. January 23rd — 7:30–10:30 AM...St. Mary Rectory Garage



Aluminum cans only! Rinse out cans, do not crush them.  
5 cent plastic soda bottles marked VT accepted. Check markings!  
**Proceeds go to 2 seminarians and a postulant.**

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*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day*