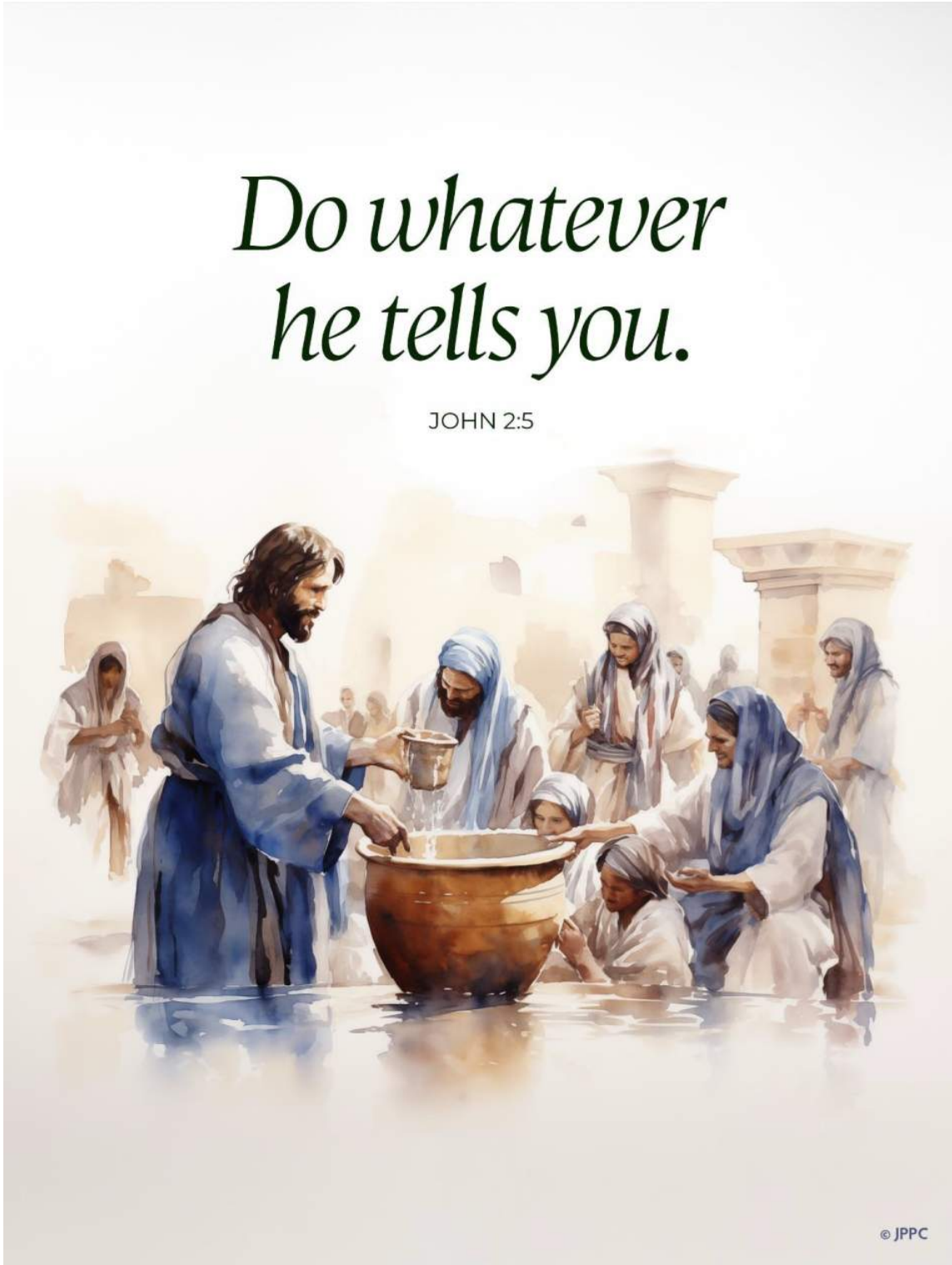


2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 18/19, 2025

*Do whatever
he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



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Chesterton Academy Open House

Join us for our Open House on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00-11:30AM to learn more about how a Chesterton education could change your son's or daughter's life. We will have morning prayer, a school tour, a presentation on Chesterton and classical education, and the chance to meet current and prospective families. Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope is part of a network of more than 60 Chesterton Academies nationwide. We are the first Chesterton Academy in New England, and the only Classical Catholic high school in Rhode Island. Register at: www.chestertonri.org/Jan25
 Contact us at: 401-287-2280 / info@chestertonRI.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22
 Tue Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c
 Mk 2:23-28
 Wed Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
 Mk 3:1-6
 Thu Heb 7:25, 8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 14
 Mk 3:7-12
 Fri Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14
 Mk 3:13-1
 Sat Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2
 Mk 16:15-18
 Sun Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
 1Cor 12:12-30

REFLECTIONS

Such is the case with the simple line that the author of the fourth gospel uses in our hearing this weekend: "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Most of us know what's about to unfold and we line up the characters as we imagine them. A pair of newlyweds, perhaps having overspent on their reception, are about to be caught up in embarrassment because the wine is running out. In those ancient days, wedding celebrations ran for several days. Even the best planning might miscalculate how much wine the guests might consume.

The look of fear in their eyes gets noticed by one special guest. It is the Mother of Jesus, a close friend of the host family. She in turn puts her Son on notice with a simple statement: "They have no wine."

We note some ambiguity in Jesus' response, so mindful was He of His Father's game plan for the timing of His earthly mission. This was paramount in all His own decisions. Mary might be upsetting things.

Yet, there is that motherly power over a loving son, combined with a beautiful faith and trust, which finds her confidently telling the servers words that will turn out to be her valedictory address in all of Scripture: "Do whatever He tells you."

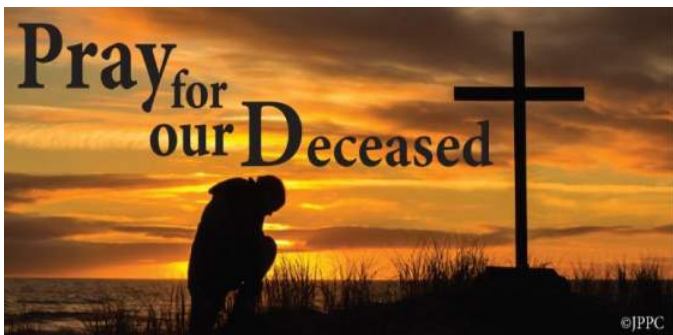
Right then and there we have words to build a life on! Meanwhile the stewards brought the big stone jars of water forward, and when they were full of wine, it was a vintage with a taste that surprised the chief steward. There are many possibilities for reflection in this beautiful story.

But I believe it is Mary's command to the stewards that should be our takeaway. If only we could obey her words and do what Jesus wants of us 24/7/365! Not likely. But thanks be to God, we always have Mary's help. And we also have the sacrament of Reconciliation with its fine-tuned graces.

Both will help us as our stories move along. For one day, we know not when, our stories will be a matter of "once upon a time."

God love you and give you His peace.

source: Rev. Leonard G. Peterson
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Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of Robert St. Jean. Please keep Mr. St. Jean and his family in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.



The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS
SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Jan 18 In Memory of Joni Ballou
Sat 4:00pm (Mem Rem) by a Friend

Jan 21 In Memory of Annette Pocino
Tues 7:45am (Ann Rem) by Family

Jan 22 For the Relief & Release of the
Wed 9:00am Souls in Purgatory

3rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Jan 25 In Memory of Charles A. Dionne,
Sat 4:00pm Jr. by a Friend and Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **for all members of the Armed Forces and First Responders**



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? **Call Pauline Prew 568-5644** and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

The office will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:
Financial update will be in the upcoming weeks bulletin due to early transmission of the bulletin.
Thank you

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jan 18	Catholic University
Jan 25	Latin America
Feb 1	Monthly
Feb 8	Fuel

ON-LINE GIVING

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar **and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)**



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