

## Parish Bulletin for 16 February 2025, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Roman Catholic Parishes of  
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The words  
of the LORD  
refresh  
the soul



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Sat Feb 15 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Giovanni di Pietro, req. by Adelma Marinelli family

Sun. Feb 16 - **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – Thanksgiving: 65th Wedding Anniversary, req. by Jacob & Slavica Perus

11:00am SA – Special intention: Teodoro Bautista, req. by Esmeralda Bautista

Mon. Feb 17 - NO MASS

Tue. Feb 18 - 5:00pm SA - Thanksgiving, req. by Ismael & Cora Tabaquero

Wed. Feb 19 - 10:00am OL - RIP Gloria Alagao, req. by Flor & Lita de Guzman

Thu. Feb 20 - 9:00am SA - RIP Lydia & John Swirsky, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Fri. Feb 21 - 10:00am OL - Thanksgiving: Rafaela dela Torre, req. by Ranie & Carol Rara

Sat Feb 22 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Special intention, req. by Ramil & Maria Santos family

Sun. Feb 23 - **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – RIP Louise Jagodnik, req. by Emil Jagodnik

11:00am SA – RIP Elizabeth & Laszlo Maczky, req. by Sudárka Vossler

*Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.*



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*Thank you for your donations last weekend.*

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$770.00

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) RC Church - \$2,013.00

Thank you for the flowers donated to beautify the sanctuary. We appreciate your kindness in enhancing our church celebrations.

**2024 tax receipts** will be available for pick up at the church beginning this Sunday, February 2nd until Sunday, February 23rd. Receipts not picked up during this time will be mailed out by the end of February.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Auxiliary** is collecting membership dues for 2025. We welcome new members to join our group!

Annual membership is \$10.00 and can be paid to any member of our Executive; Sonia Stubler, Vera Slejko or Nina Vrsnik.

Payments can also be via e-transfer to: [ninatony@shaw.ca](mailto:ninatony@shaw.ca).

RE: Sunday Coffees: OLLWA is requesting volunteers for the month of March. Please consider hosting. Sign-up sheet is in the church hall.

**Roy Campanella** (November 19, 1921 – June 26, 1993), the great baseball player, had two such road maps for his life. His successful stint as catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers was right on track, following the path he thought it should. Then, an automobile accident, which left him paralyzed and in a wheel chair, sidelined his career and proved to be a roadblock which also sidetracked his life's journey. When he was forced to accept and follow the map which reality handed to him, he found strength in the following: *"I asked God for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey . . . ++ I asked for health, that I might do great things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. . . ++ I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise. . . ++ I asked for power, that I might have the praise of people. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. . . ++ I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. . . ++ I got nothing I asked for - but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken words were answered. I am, among people, most richly blessed."*

That Campanella was able to recognize the direction his life had taken as a blessing rather than a curse is indicative of a deep and solid faith. In today's scripture readings, the community of believers is challenged to a similar faith as it examines the blessedness of human need before God. Jeremiah pronounces as blessed those people who trust in God rather than in their own human devices; those who hope in God can survive any and all difficulties. [Jeremiah 17.5-8]. In a continuation of his teaching on the resurrection, Paul reminds his readers (second reading from 1 Corinthians 15.12-20) that our hopes must stretch beyond this life with all its exigencies; as believers in a risen Lord, we trust that the map of our life's journey will lead eventually but surely to eternity. (*Patricia Datchuck Sánchez*).

**Trust in God leading to beatitude in family life:** I'd like to begin with a Valentine story. Back in 1920 a man from Bavaria, Germany, placed this ad in the newspaper: Middle-ranking civil servant, single, Catholic, 43, immaculate past, from the country, is looking for a good Catholic, pure girl who can cook well, tackle all household chores, with a talent for sewing and homemaking with a view to marriage as soon as possible. Fortune desirable but not a precondition. A woman named *Maria Peintner* answered the ad. She was 36 years old, a trained cook and the illegitimate daughter of a baker. She did not have a fortune, but even so, they married four months later. Despite their somewhat advanced years they had three children – two boys and a girl. The youngest child received the same name as his father: *Joseph Ratzinger*. He is better known today as *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*. — I tell their story because today we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Joseph and Maria Ratzinger give a beautiful testimony to married love. Their love illustrates what we heard in today's Scripture readings: *"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."* [Jeremiah 17.7]. If one gets up into one's mid-thirties and one has not found that special person, one can feel life has passed one by, maybe even that God has forgotten one. That was not the case with Joseph and Maria Ratzinger. From all we know, they were people of deep faith in God. Because of their trust in God, they had an admirable marriage and deeply united family. (*Fr. Phil Bloom*).