

Parish Bulletin for 23 March 2025, Third Sunday of Lent

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Sat Mar 22 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Ben & Lourdes Vicente, req. by Caring Manzano, Rey & Gloria Vicente
Sun. Mar 23 - **Third Sunday of Lent**

9:30am OL – RIP Frank & Amalia Sustarsič, req. by Marko & Beneta Simonic

11:00am SA – RIP Norma Ferenczi, req. by Louis & Irene Ferenczi

Mon. Mar 24 - NO MASS

Tue. Mar 25 - 5:00pm SA - RIP Cristina Pastor, req. by Allan & Rochelle Pablo

Wed. Mar 26 - 10:00am OL - RIP Louise Rakar, req. by Frank & Ivanka Remic

Thu. Mar 27 - 9:00am SA - Thanksgiving, req. by Ismael & Cora Tabaquero family

Fri. Mar 28 - 10:00am OL - RIP Slavica Perus, req. by John Mravenic

Sat Mar 29 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Special intention, req. by Ramil & Maria Santos family

Sun. Mar 30 - **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:30am OL – RIP Jozef Zmavc, req. by Vida Zmavc family

11:00am SA – RIP Margit & Istvan Zombori, req. by Aranka Egey-Samu

Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.

Thank you for your donations last weekend.

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$920.00

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This is my name **I AM WHO AM**
for all generations

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Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Auxiliary is holding a meeting for all members on Sunday March 30th, 2025 at 11am in the church hall. We welcome those interested in becoming a member to attend.

RE: Sunday Coffees: OLLWA is requesting volunteers for March 23rd and 30th, 2025. Please consider hosting a Sunday Coffee. The sign-up sheet is in the church hall or email ninatony@shaw.ca if interested.

Stations of the Cross before the Masses on the weekends: Saturday, 5:30pm-SA; Sunday, 9:30am-OL; 11:00am-SA.

Lenten Reconciliation Services (Confessions): April 3, Thursday, 6:30pm-OLL; April 11, Friday, 6:30pm-SA.

Chrim Mass, Tuesday, April 15, 10:30am, St. Mary's Cathedral.

The 36th Annual Public Way of the Cross: Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at Notre Dame Parish in Selkirk, MB—more details to follow.

Easter / Paschal Triduum, or the Three Days:

Holy Thursday, April 17, 6:30pm OL; 8:00pm SA.

Good Friday, April 18, 2:00pm SA; 4:00pm OL.

Sat. Easter Vigil, April 19, 6:00pm OL; 8:00pm SA.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30am OL; 11:00am SA.

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain will be installed as the 8th Archbishop of Winnipeg on Friday 7:30pm, April 4, 2025 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Note: Due to limited seating in the Cathedral, **PASSES** are required to attend the installation.

Sir, leave it another year: In today's Gospel, Christ teaches how God's grace works, slowly but surely: in the parable, the fig tree that seemed unproductive but was to be given tender loving care and another chance to produce fruit. (Luke 13:1-9). The parable was fiction, but Father Turquetil's conversion of the Inuit was reality, and an even more amazing illustration of the workings of grace. *Arsène Louis Eugene Turquetil* was born on 3 June 1876, in Revières, near Lisieux, France. Orphaned at a young age, he was adopted by nuns of a local parish. Later he joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a missionary order, and having been ordained a priest in 1899, he was dispatched to Canada's far northeast to work among the aboriginals. After twelve years with the indigenous people, he was sent to pioneer a mission among the Inuit around Chesterfield Inlet, off upper Hudson Bay. Father Arsène struggled five long years to win these non-Christians to the faith. They gathered to hear him but only in order to laugh at his message and mock his Mass. When the bishop learned that his missionary could report not a single convert after five years, he ordered him to return to headquarters in order to receive another assignment. Despite his failure thus far, Father Turquetil did not want to give up. "Give me one more year" he pleaded. "All right," said the bishop, "if you insist, one more year." — This was around 1917. About that time the missionary received a letter from a friend back home telling how Sister Therese of the Child Jesus, a Lisieux girl, had since her death in 1897 been working many sorts of miracles. Father Arsène decided to ask her help with the Inuit. His friend had sent a packet of dust from Therese's tomb. So, the next time the Inuit gathered to hear him, he had his lay brothers go around behind the natives secretly and drop a bit of the dust on the floor behind of each of them. It worked. The priest was able to baptize a baby shortly after. Then the head of the Inuit suddenly came up and said, "I want to become a Christian." The rest followed their leader's example. It was a true miracle of grace, and it also helped achieve the canonization of St. Therese of Lisieux in 1925. When Turquetil, named bishop of his Inuit in 1931, retired in 1943, there were only two non-Christians among the Inuit of Chesterfield Inlet! (*Father Robert F. McNamara, adapted*).

Fr. Arsène Turquetil OMI (1876-1955, age 79 years) · First Bishop of the Inuit · Mission in Chesterfield Inlet.