Parish Bulletin for 4 February 2024, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian), 371 Burnell Street Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian), 95 MacDonald Avenue Served by: Rev. Diosdado Parrenas, Pastor Parish Office: 365 Burnell Street, Wpg., Mb., R3G 2B1 Phone: 204-772-8140 Mailing address: Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church P.O. Box 2015 Station Main, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3R3 Website: www.ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com with Sat. Feb 3 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Felicidad Cruz, req. by Robert & Evelyn Thordarson Sun. Feb 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time all your 9:30am OL – RIP Josko Jagodnik, reg. by John & Liz Pimentel family 11:00am SA – RIP Desiderio, Maria, Giorgio & Pasqua, reg. by Marinelli family strength Mon. Feb 5 - NO MASS Tue. Feb 6 - 3:00pm SA - RIP Edito Recuenco Jr, reg. by Felicidad Recuenco ©Religious Graphics, Ltd. Wed. Feb 7 - 10:00am OL - RIP Fran Mulhall, reg. by Terry & Dona Ludwick Thu. Feb 8 - 9:00am SA - RIP Lea Sylvester, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire Fri. Feb 9 - 10:00am OL - RIP Bernardo Diva Sr, Judith, Dominador & Jose Dato, req. by family Sat. Feb 10 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Special intention: Rob & Connie Huff, reg. by Elinor Francisco Sun. Feb 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am OL - RIP Franc & Frančiška Tesovnik, req. by Frances Pikel & family 11:00am SA - RIP Jim Takacs, Wilma & Hilda Kilarski, req. by Liz Takacs *Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.* Thank you for your donations last weekend: Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$731.00 MAY OUR GIFT BECOME THE

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Our Lady of Lourdes Ceiling Repairs: Repairs to the interior of the church is going on. This work is necessary to repair damage to the ceiling caused by water leakage. Work is expected to take up to eight weeks, barring any unforeseen issues, however, we are cautiously optimistic the church will be open in time for Easter. During this time there will be NO access to the church, however, Sunday and weekday Masses will continue to take place in the church hall. The hall will also remain open for dance practices, meetings and rentals.

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

February 4, 2024: World Cancer Day 2024 — Anyone can get cancer, but not everyone can get the same access to cancer care. It's time to make a change.

We pray for cancer patients, especially children, that today's World Cancer Day will encourage the sharing of research and resources for life-saving treatment. And blessings for all who live with cancer in its many forms, for their health and wellbeing, for those who care for them and all medical scientists seeking treatments and cures. Amen.

Masses for Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024: 9:00am SA; 5:00pm SA; 7:00pm OL.

The Black Death, the most severe epidemic in human history, ravaged Europe from 1347-1351. It is thought that as many as 25 million people (one-third of Europe's population at the time) were killed during this short period. Thousands of people died each week. This plague killed entire families at a time and destroyed at least 1,000 villages. Once a family member had contracted the disease, the entire household was doomed to die. Parents abandoned their children, and parent-less children roamed the streets in search for food. Boccaccio said it best: "... brother was forsaken by brother; nephew by uncle, brother by sister and often husband by wife, and fathers and mothers were found to abandon their own children..." If the people weren't dead, they ran away in vain attempts to save themselves. Victims, delirious with pain, often lost their sanity. Life was in total chaos. The Black Death struck the European people with very little warning. Physicians and philosophers harmed rather than helped. They did not understand the causes of infectious diseases, or how they spread. It is no wonder that the people looked to priests and storytellers for answers, rather than doctors. They did not know where this sudden cruel death had come from. And they did not know whether it would ever go away. The Plague was a disaster without a parallel. Why people have to suffer, get sick, and die are the problems that continue to nag people today just as they did humanity from the beginning. The first reading tells the story of Job's vain search for an answer, and the Gospel explains how healing was one of Jesus' main ministries. (Fr. Bobby Jose).