

## Parish Bulletin for 6 April 2025, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Sat Apr 5 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Ramon Arboleda, req. by Lino & Lourdes Hermano

Sun. Apr 6 - **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:30am OL – RIP Ivan & Justina Krajnc, Slavica Perus, req. by Jacob Perus family

11:00am SA – RIP Julius Gross, req. by Elizabeth Gross family

Mon. Apr 7 - NO MASS

Tue. Apr 8 - 5:00pm SA - RIP John Predpadnik & Fran Remic, req. by Ivanka Remic

Wed. Apr 9 - 10:00am OL- RIP Katarina Stegne, req. by B. Stegne

Thu. Apr 10 - 9:00am SA - Special intention: Judith Montero Gomez, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Fri. Apr 11 - 10:00am OL - RIP Slavica Perus, req. by John Mravenic family

Sat Apr 12 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Thanksgiving, req. by Rick & Fatima family

Sun. Apr 13 - **Palm Sunday**

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

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

Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.

Thank you for your donations last weekend.

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$875.00

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) RC Church - \$2,634.00

**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 11, Friday, 6:30pm-SA.

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

**The 36th Annual Public Way of the Cross** will be held on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, 9:30am at Notre Dame Parish, 269 Jemima Street, Selkirk, MB. *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* (Matthew 16.24).

**Easter / Paschal Triduum, or the Three Days:**

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

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

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

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

**"Turn it over."** John R. Aurelio, in his book *Colors: Stories of the Kingdom*, gives us a beautiful portrayal of this side of God. He writes: On the sixth day, God created Father Adam and Mother Eve. On the seventh day, as God was resting, they asked Him if He would give them something special to commemorate their birthday. So, God reached into His treasure chest and took out a sacred coin. Written on it was the word *"LOVE."* On the eighth day, Father Adam and Mother Eve sinned. As they left the Garden of Eden, they asked God for an assurance that He would not abandon them. *"You have the coin,"* He told them. *"But, the coin says LOVE,"* they answered. *"We have lost love. However will we find it again?"* *"Turn it over,"* God said. On the other side of the coin was written the word *"FORGIVENESS."* — There is great truth in that. There is no love without forgiveness and there is no forgiveness without love. They are the two sides of the same coin. And the Good News is that God loves you no matter what you've done or what you've thought of doing. God loves you. That's the bottom line: God loves you. And God wants each of us to turn over the coin. [Fr. Tony]

**"He doesn't deserve mercy!"** The story is told of a young French soldier who deserted Napoleon's army, but who within a matter of hours was caught by his own troops. To discourage soldiers from abandoning their posts the penalty for desertion was death. The young soldier's mother heard what had happened and went to plead with Napoleon to spare the life of her son. Napoleon heard her plea but pointed out that because of the serious nature of the crime her son had committed he clearly did not deserve mercy. *"I know he doesn't deserve mercy"* the mother answered. *"It wouldn't be mercy if he deserved it."* — That's the point about mercy: nobody deserves it. It is given freely! (Quoted by Fr. Jude Botelho & Fr. Lakra).

**During this Lent.** Give up complaining.....focus on gratitude. / Give up pessimism...become an optimist. / Give up harsh judgments...think kind thoughts. / Give up worry.....trust Divine Providence. / Give up discouragement.....be full of hope. / Give up bitterness.....turn to forgiveness. / Give up hatred.....return good for evil. / Give up negativism.....be positive. / Give up anger.....be more patient. / Give up pettiness.....become more mature. / Give up gloom.....enjoy the beauty that is all around you. / Give up jealousy....pray for trust. / Give up gossiping.....control your tongue. / Give up sin.....turn to virtue. / Give up giving up....hang in there !!!!! [Fr. Kadavil]

Forgetting what lies  
behind but  
straining forward  
to what  
lies ahead,  
I continue  
my pursuit  
toward  
the goal,  
the prize  
of GOD's  
upward  
calling, in

CHRIST  
JESUS

Philippians 3.13-14

