

Parish Bulletin for 8 September 2024, Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8: Nativity of Mother Mary

Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian), 371 Burnell Street

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian), 95 MacDonald Avenue

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The ears
of the deaf
will be
opened
and the
tongue of
those who
are mute
will sing.

the prophet
Isai'ah



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Blessing of the Graves: Sunday, September 29th, 2:00 PM at Green Acres Cemetery.

We will meet at the Holy Angels Mausoleum, and then blessings at the gravesites.

Sat. Sep 7 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Luisa Farias, req. by Lucy & family

Sun. Sep 8 - **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – Special intention: Milan & Family Dekleva, req. by Stanka and family

11:00am SA – RIP Sergio Dimaala, Purificacion Vicente, Ceferino Roan, req. by Rey & Gloria Vicente

Mon. Sep 9 - NO MASS

Tue. Sep 10 - 5:00pm SA - Thanksgiving, req. by Carol Arnaud & Melita Corpuz

Wed. Sep 11 - 10:00am OL - RIP Virgilio Buensuceso, Anthony Sapiter & Edna Lamoste, req. by Arvin & Liberty Sapiter

Thu. Sep 12 - 9:00am SA - Special intention: Lin Ng, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Fri. Sep 13 - 10:00am OL - Thanksgiving: Bonifacio Genovea, req. by Gloria Dato

Sat. Sep 14 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Ermelindo Jesus Carvalho & deceased relatives, req. by Maria Celeste Carvalho

Sun. Sep 15 - **Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – RIP Cvetka Gržina, req. by OLL Ladies' Auxiliary

11:00am SA – RIP Frank Kilarski, req. by Elizabeth Takacs family

Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.

Thank you for your donations last weekend:

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$810.00

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) RC Church - \$1,410.00



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

Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan: We all know Helen Keller, whose story we read or watched in the play or movie *The Miracle Worker*. Helen wrote in her autobiography the key experience in her life: *"The most important day I remember in all my life is the one in which my teacher, Annie Mansfield Sullivan, came to me. I stretched out my hand as I supposed it to be my mother. But someone took it, and I was caught up and held close in the arms of someone who had come to reveal all things to me, and more than all else to love me."* Annie Sullivan did give the child enormous love, but she also gave her firm and, at times, strong discipline. Annie's combination of very tender and warm love and very stern and uncompromising discipline touched this child deeply and made her into a human being and a very great one at that. Even a cynical soul like Mark Twain, who got to know Helen Keller, reckoned her as one of the most interesting figures in the nineteenth century, because she had conquered her own physical limitations to become a beautiful and noble lady. — In today's Gospel [Mark 7.31-37], we see Jesus dealing with the man who was deaf and mute, and we can receive many insights for our own life from contemplating the scene. (William Bausch in *Telling Stories, Compelling Stories*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

What brought about the sudden change? During World War II, there was in Poland a brilliant and Popular pianist, named *Marta Korwin-Rhodes*. As a matter of fact, she was in Warsaw when the city was bombarded. The devastation to both life and property was so horrible, that the brave and noble musician decided to stay and help the wounded in crowded hospitals instead of fleeing to safety. One night as Marta was walking through the wards, she heard a soldier sobbing loudly and pathetically. Going over to his side, she watched helplessly as his heart-rending cries literally broke her heart. What was she to do? And how was she to console such a disconsolate person? Suddenly she looked at her hands, and a most interesting thought crossed her mind. *"If these hands can produce harmony from the keys of a piano, then surely God can use them to comfort and reassure a person in extreme pain."* Instantly she bent down and gently placed her hand on his forehead and earnestly prayed: *"O God, help this man, for he is in pain and misery. Give him your comfort and peace in this moment of trial."* To her stunned disbelief, the man's sobbing stopped, and he soon fell into a peaceful sleep. (James V. in *"Your Words, O Lord, Are Spirit, and They Are Life"*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

Deaf Heather Whitestone did that. When Heather was a child, Daphne, her mother, was advised to send Heather to a school for the deaf and not to expect her to receive more than a third-grade education. But her mother had greater ambitions for Heather. With her mother's encouragement Heather has been able to turn a hearing disability into an asset. Many of you will recognize Heather Whitestone's name as Miss America 1995. In Heather's hometown there is a poster featuring a photo of Heather, taped on a storefront. The poster reads: *"They said she would only be able to get a third-grade education. Fortunately, she wasn't listening!"* (Denise George, *"Capturing a Nation's Heart," Pursuit, Vol. III No. 4, p. 26*). — Today's Gospel [Mark 7.31-37] tells us how a deaf and mute man receives Jesus' healing touch. [Fr. Tony Kadavil]

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is our pleasure to invite you and your family to the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. God has truly been faithful to our church family over the past 60 years and to mark this occasion we are planning a celebration to commemorate this milestone on Sunday, October 6, 2024.

The celebration will begin with Mass at 9:30 a.m., presided by His Excellency the Most Reverend Archbishop Richard Gagnon, who will also administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to five candidates, followed by a luncheon, fellowship, and program in the church hall.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25.00 pp; children 12 and under - \$12.00; children 6 and under are free. Join us for a delicious meal of pork cutlets, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, meatballs and gravy, carrots in butter and basil, salad and dessert. Pop, water and coffee are included - a cash bar of wine and beer will also be available.

Pre-registration for the luncheon is required and reserved seating will be provided. To reserve your spot please email ollparishcouncil@gmail.com with the number of adults and children in your party, or contact any member of the Parish Council – Father Dado, Vera Slejko, Stephanie Casar, Sonia Stubler, Boris Poredos and Ricardo Medeiros. For catering purposes reservations must be made by Friday, September 27th.

Special guests will include His Excellency the Most Reverend Archbishop Richard Gagnon; His Excellency Andrej Gregor Rode, Ambassador to the Slovenian Consulate in Ottawa, and Mrs. Monika Rode; and Founding Father and original member of the very first Parish Council, Mr. Stane Vrsnik.

To commemorate this event, we will be preparing a slide presentation and ask that you submit photos of celebrations and momentous occasions that have taken place at OLL over the past 60 years – baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, etc. Photos can be emailed to ollparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Please share this invitation with family and friends. We would also like to thank those who have volunteered their time and services for this event.

Your presence would add to the joy of this occasion as we remember our past, celebrate our present, and embrace our future. We hope you can join us and look forward to hearing from you.

May God bless you and may God keep you,

Father Dado and OLL Parish Council

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PRAY FOR US.

