

Parish Bulletin for 9 February 2025, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat Feb 8 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Thanksgiving, req. by Robert & Evelyn Thordarson

Sun. Feb 9 - **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – RIP Deceased members, req. by OL Lourdes Women’s Auxiliary

11:00am SA – Thanksgiving, req. by Waldo & Loida Balisi family

Mon. Feb 10 - NO MASS

Tue. Feb 11 - 5:00pm SA - RIP Lourdes Tormon, req. by Quezon Family

Wed. Feb 12 - 10:00am OL - RIP Rok Suhodolnik, req. by Frank & Ivanka Remic

Thu. Feb 13 - 9:00am SA - RIP Deceased Botelho & Reis Family members, req. by Reis family

Fri. Feb 14 - 10:00am OL - RIP Vinkó & Frančiška Stegne, req. by B. Stegne

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

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 - \$765.00

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) RC Church - \$1,163.00

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.

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

Victor not vanquished: Many years ago, a little boy in the U.S.A. was badly burnt in a school fire. So severe was the damage to his limbs and muscles that the doctors predicted that he would never walk again. To his good luck, however, that little boy had a mother, who, though illiterate, was staunch in her Christian faith. Against all odds she believed her son would recover and get well. Day after day, sometimes for hours, that devoted mother would massage the scarred, seemingly lifeless legs of her little boy, even as he cried with pain, and would say to him: “*Don’t worry, my boy, you will not only walk someday, but you will run.*” To the cynical and the pessimistic, that was mere wishful thinking, in fact absolute nonsense. But that noble mother firmly believed her son was going to be victor and not the vanquished. And he was – in 1934 he set the world’s record for running a mile in 4 minutes 6.7 seconds. His name? **Glen Cunningham!** – After spending an entire night fishing without success, the apostle Peter, a seasoned fisherman, was very disappointed and depressed. He was ready to brand himself a failure. Then Jesus who was not a fisherman, stepped in and urged him not to give up but try another strategy. So, Peter could choose between being branded a failure or hailed a success. And Peter decided wisely on the latter – he was going to be a victor and not the vanquished. In the words of a Yiddish saying, “*From success to failure is one step. From failure to success is a long road.*” (James Valladares in *Your Words O Lord, are Spirit and They Are Life*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

The challenging invitation: Many years ago, the great explorer, Sir Francis Drake (born c.1540, UK; died 28Jan1596, Panama), was attempting to recruit a number of young men for an upcoming exploration. He gathered them around and told the group that, if they came with him, they would see some of the most marvelous things their eyes could ever behold – sandy white beaches, juicy fruits, foreign peoples, priceless treasures, and gorgeous landscapes. And he told them that this wild adventure could be theirs if they came with him. Not one of them enlisted for the journey. The next day a different group came out. Drake told them that if they came with him, they would encounter storms that would terrify them to tears. Tiger winds would hammer them and blow them off course for months. Water would frequently be scarce. At times they would be so thirsty that their very souls would cry out for simply one drop of water. In short, danger would always be their constant companion. Drake concluded by declaring that if they could handle these things, the joys of exploration would exceed their wildest dreams. Every single one of them in the group joined Sir Francis Drake that day. Some did not even go home to say goodbye to their families! They just boarded the ship, eager for the journey. — What is it about Jesus’ message that made the disciples eager for the journey? They were made eager because first, Jesus offered them a change and a challenge. The paths that are offered to us must promise to shape us, build our character, change our world-view, if they are to have any appeal to us at all. If we are presented with a challenge that will change us, we will be eager for the journey. [Fr. Tony Kavai].



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