

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES of

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Hungarian)** 371 Burnell St.  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Slovenian)** 95 MacDonald Ave.

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

January 19, 2020



*Here I am Lord; I come  
to do your will.*

[Psalm 40:7-8]

Served by: **Rev. Diosdado Parrenas, Pastor**  
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*Sacrament of Penance (Confessions):* Before the Weekday or Saturday PM Mass or upon request. *Sacrament of Baptism:* pre-arrangement in time to allow for preparation. *Marriage arrangements:* Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.



*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world.* [John 1:29]

**It is too small a thing to be good;  
we are called to be a part of God's saving plan for the world.**

John the Baptist proclaims Jesus as the Messiah. [John 1]. Paul reminds the church in Corinth of their sainthood. [1 Corinthians]. Faith is always about more than just what is good for us. It is always about all of God's people too. We live in a world where people sometimes feel as though it is enough to be good people. Of course, being good, making good choices, being a force for good is very pleasing to God. But goodness alone is not the end God has in mind. He intends to draw the whole world to Himself and asks us to do it with Him.

The goodness is ordered toward the eternal reconciliation of all people and creation. As Isaiah says, "*It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob ...; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*" [Isaiah 49].

Our faith never ends with us, but will always call us out in service to those hurting and most in need.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 19 January 2020

Reading 1: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6; Psalm 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9 [R.7-8]

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34

**Prayer:** *God of Jacob and Israel, John and Paul, and each of us, make us dissatisfied with a faith that serves only ourselves. Draw us deeply into your desire to be reconciled with the whole world. Complicate our lives with the conviction to work toward peace and healing with all people. Amen.*

[ccb.ca/life\\_and\\_family](http://ccb.ca/life_and_family) CCCB: National Pastoral Initiative for Life & the Family

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### Events in and around the Archdiocese

*The Gaza Strip* - 13 January 2020. The article below, including the photos, are from Archbishop Gagnon

This year I have the privilege of visiting the Holy Land including Gaza. I am joined by 35 bishops, priests and laypeople who work with their respective Episcopal Conferences in Canada, United States, Germany, France, Spain, South Africa, Scotland and Ireland. Journeys to the Holy Land usually take the form of pilgrimages to the famous Holy Sites of Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, etc. Our journey, however, takes a different form. It is still a pilgrimage but a pilgrimage to encounter the Palestinian Christians of the Holy Land. We begin with staying in Ramallah, one of the largest cities under the Palestinian Authority which is predominantly Muslim. The Christian population in this city is around 24,000 people.



Like other Palestinian areas, one must get used to the “*checkpoints*” when one enters and leaves. At times these can be very restrictive and frustrating. In general, there are restrictions as to who can use the highway systems, and in the areas of the Palestinian Authority, there are only secondary roads that are often congested and traffic moves slowly.

Upon approaching Gaza at the only regular entrance and exit point at Erez, one sees a large facility designed to process many thousands of people per day. In reality, very few actually enter Gaza these days and if you do, the process is painstakingly slow. It is even worse when you leave with everything you wear or are carrying, subject to examination. Our process took two hours to pass security. This is the result of a security blockade imposed since 2007.

Gaza is a strip of land about 40 kilometres long and 6-12 kilometres wide with over 2,000,000 people. The Christians total 1,000 persons, mostly Orthodox. There is one Catholic Parish, called Holy Family, numbering only 150 souls. Gaza is a Muslim-majority territory governed by Hamas, a Sunni Islamic government in power since 2007. The territory is very poor with its infrastructure largely destroyed. Unemployment is very high and some say that it is at the 70% level. It is hard to find work and hard to leave and if you are given permission it is very difficult to return.

The community I encountered was simply amazing. For one thing, their Parish is named after the Holy Family since it is believed that the Holy Family stopped there on its way to Egypt! They are proud of their parish and our international delegation was greatly appreciated as it showed support for these isolated Christians. We celebrated Mass in the Church, socialized with parishioners over Middle Eastern Cuisine, and visited some of the 18 charities operated by these Christians to serve not only Catholics but the whole community around them! The Missionaries of Charity, for example, operate a care home for children, adolescents and seniors who are physically and mentally disabled- all coming from outside the Catholic Community. Such works of mercy are deeply respected by the families concerned. We were given a presentation on an employment project for Palestinian Catholic youth which is designed to improve their professionalism and chances for being hired.

In all of this, the parish lives a Catholic life within the large Muslim population on all sides yet they contribute to the good of the greater whole by living joyfully the Gospel message. In a certain sense, they can

be called the Gaza Project that serves as a good model for every parish. They live in an impossible political and social situation yet they do exactly what Christians are called to do - to live the Gospel.

<https://www.archwinnipeg.ca/news.php#248>

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

95 MacDonald Avenue  
P.O. Box 2015 Station Main  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3R3

**Sun 9:30 am** (E)English; (S)Slovenian; (Euc) Eucharist; (PF)Prayers of the Faithful  
Jan 19 Evan Slejko (E), Lojze Stegne (S), Alexandra Stegne (PF)  
Mary Sobocan (Euc)

**Assessment 2020: \$9,120.00**

Collections reported for 2018 = \$56,979.00; Rate = 16%; Annual assessment for 2020 = \$9,120.00

*Thank you also to parishioners who donated through Pre-Authorized Payment [PAP] Program.*

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

**Sat 5:30 pm**

Jan 18 Evelyn Thordarson (1), Noel Villafuerte (2)  
Kimberly Nicolosora & Mayumi Tolentino (PF)

**Sun 11:00 am** (H) Hungarian, (E) English  
Jan 19 Mary Bakos (H), Nida Villanueva (E)

**Assessment 2020: \$10,740.00**

Collections reported for 2018 = \$67,105.00; Rate = 16%; Annual assessment for 2020 = \$10,740.00

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Re: City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service to mark the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 7:30 P.M., Epiphany Lutheran Church, 200 Dalhousie Drive, Winnipeg.  
From: Reverend Robert Polz, Chair, Winnipeg Celebration of the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world from January 18 – 25, 2020. The theme this year is “*They showed us unusual kindness*” (cf. Acts 28:2). The materials have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On February 10th many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of Saint Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year’s Week of Prayer.

The 2020 Week of Prayer in Winnipeg will be marked by a *City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service* at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 200 Dalhousie Drive. We are grateful to Pastor Paul Sartison and the members of Epiphany Lutheran Church for their willingness to host this year’s city-wide gathering. The presider for the ecumenical worship service will be Reverend Jason Zinko, Bishop of the Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod of the

**OL Collections Jan 12, 2020**

35 Env - \$725; Loose - \$20  
SGG-\$70; Initial offering-\$40  
***Thank you for your financial support of our Parish!***

**SA Collections Jan 12, 2020**

Sat/Sun Env-\$711; Loose-\$140  
SGG-\$15; Jan 1-\$30; Initial O-\$25  
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We will be led in song before and during worship by the Ecumenical Choir being formed for the occasion.

The services to be held in Winnipeg are now posted on the Canadian Council of Churches website [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)

## MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 18 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Giovanni Di Pietro, req. by Mimmo and Adelma

Sun. Jan 19 – **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 am OL** - RIP Frank Kozin, req. by Franka Kozin

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

Mon. Jan 20 - NO MASS

Tue. Jan 21 - 10:00 am **OL** - RIP Rudolf Fidel, req. by Maria Fidel & family

Wed. Jan 22 – 9:00 am **SA** – RIP Sophie Pestalucky, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Thu. Jan 23 - 9:00am **SA** - Special Intention, req. by Rod & Tess Layco

Fri Jan 24 – 10:00 am **OL** - Thanksgiving, req. by Lojze & Tania Stegne & family

Sat. Jan 25 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Conchita Palsis, req. by Palsis family

Sun. Jan 26 – **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 am OL** - RIP Anton Cusin, req. by Kimberley Houle & family

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

**OL** – *Our Lady of Lourdes Church* **SA** – *Saint Anthony of Padua Church* **RIP** - *Rest In Peace*

### 2020 Annual Meeting of the Coordination of Episcopal Conferences in Support of the Church in the Holy Land

From **11 to 16 January 2020**, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), will participate in the annual meeting of the Coordination of Episcopal Conferences in Support of the Church in the Holy Land. Archbishop Gagnon will be accompanied by Mr. Carl Héту, National Director for Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada. This **annual international gathering** involves representatives from Conferences of Bishops in Europe and North America who meet with the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land (AOCTS) to promote dialogue and peace in the region.

This year's meeting will take place in Ramallah with planned visits to other sites in the Holy Land, including an overnight visit to Gaza. As in previous years, the delegates will have a full agenda including visits to the House of Peace run by the Missionaries of Charity, East Jerusalem,

the Comboni Sisters in Bethany, as well as a school and parish in Ramallah. The Bishops will also meet with young people in both Jerusalem and Ramallah, in addition to the Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate, Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzabella, and the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli.

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/5196-2020-annual-meeting-of-the-coordination-of-episcopal-conferences-in-support-of-the-church-in-the-holy-land>

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Here is the lamb of God. [John 1:29]



↑ <http://cbcpnews.net/cbcpnews/called-to-live-in-intimacy-with-the-lord/>

Our parish bulletin is also available online in the OLL website: [ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com](http://ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com) and click on "Our Community" then "Weekly Bulletin".