

Special Bulletin

for the Fourth Sundays of Lent [March 22, 2020]

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES of
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Hungarian) 371 Burnell St.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Slovenian) 95 MacDonald Ave.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES : 95 MacDonald Avenue, P.O. Box 2015 Station Main, Winnipeg., Manitoba, R3C 3R3

Assessment 2020: \$9,120.00 ... Collections reported for 2018 = \$56,979.00; Rate = 16%; Annual assessment for 2020 = \$9,120.00
Sharing God's Gift - 2020 Appeal Target: \$5,710.00 Sharing God's Gift 2019 Reimbursement: \$1,350.00

Thank you also to parishioners who donated through Pre-Authorized Payment [PAP] Program. PAP January 2020 total: \$740.00

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Assessment 2020: \$10,740.00 ...Collections reported for 2018 = \$67,105.00; Rate = 16%; Annual assessment for 2020 = \$10,740.00
Sharing God's Gift - 2020 Appeal Target: \$6,730.00 Sharing God's Gift 2019 Reimbursement: \$4,625.00

Thank you also to parishioners who donated through Pre-Authorized Payment [PAP] Program. PAP January 2020 total: \$420.00



SOCIAL DISTANCING is now the norm during this Coronavirus Pandemic in order to protect the vulnerable. But we can still be connected with each other by our personal / private Prayer and Spiritual Communion.

Please read the attached "*Update #2 - Coronavirus (COVID-19)*" by Archbishop Richard Gagnon.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED until and including Sunday, 26 April 2020.

Archbishop Gagnon has given the **DISPENSATION** to all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 22 to April 26, 2020.

For **EMERGENCY** please call the office, @ **204-772-8140**, and leave a message. The voice mail is regularly checked.

Live-streamed Mass: The Archbishop will celebrate a private Mass each Sunday from St. Mary's Cathedral at 11:00 am, "lived streamed" at our Archdiocesan Website: www.archwinnipeg.ca This will begin Sunday March 22nd and will continue throughout the duration of the protocols.

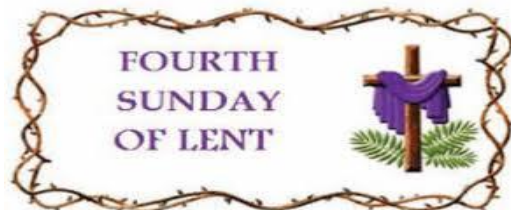
Please participate in the TV Sunday and Weekday Masses.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: Because you cannot be present at Mass on the weekend, you are encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion. This is a beautiful devotional practice in the Church and is a real source of grace in communion with our Lord. Below is an example of a prayer for spiritual communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRIVATE MASSES will be offered this weekend and weekdays (March 21-27, 2020) for the following intentions:

- *"Pro populo", i.e., for the intentions of parishioners;
- *RIP Carlos Encarnacao, req. by Manuel & Maria Encarnacao;
- *RIP Amalia & Frank Sustarsic, req. by Marko & Beneta Simonic;
- *Special Intention, req. by Tuyet Anh Tran, Joe Trieu & Kelvin;
- *Thanksgiving, req. by Pestaluky & Casciano families;
- *RIP Angela Kalichak, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire;
- *Special intention, req. by Rod & Tess Layco.



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PRAY IN THE CHURCH: Although Masses are cancelled until April 26, parishioners wishing to visit St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray the Holy Rosary, may do so privately. When visiting our churches, please maintain social distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) between people.

<https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/news/588-fourth-sunday-of-lent-year-b> ↓

CHURCHES' DOORS WILL BE OPEN ON THESE TIMES: [These hours may be subject to change].

- SA, Saturday, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- OL, Sunday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- SA, Sunday, 11:00 am - 12:00 am
- SA, Wednesday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- SA, Thursday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- OL, Friday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am



As circumstances permit, **CONFESSIONS** will be available during those above mentioned times when our 2 churches are open. Please observe social distancing during confessions. The designated places for confessions are the following:

SA - in front of the tabernacle; **OL** - in the office room (on the west side of the sanctuary).

Wash your hands often. Practice social distancing, i.e., 2 meters / 6 feet between people. Stay home if you can.

Self-isolation vs Self-quarantine: *Self-isolation* is for those who are sick due to the coronavirus. *Self-quarantine* is for those who are not sick of coronavirus, but for the sake of caution do it.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gave this distinction in www.cdc.gov, their website: "*Isolation and quarantine help protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have a contagious disease.*"

***Isolation** separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

***Quarantine** separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick."

Our parish bulletin is also available online in the OLL website:
www.ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com and click on "Our Community" then "Weekly Bulletin".
and in the SA website: www.saintanthonyhungarianwinnipeg.com

Archbishop Richard Gagnon's Memorandum: 18 March 2020
Re: Update #2 - Coronavirus (COVID - 19)

The following Protocols are to be fully implemented as of today, March 18, 2020. Every one of us has been affected by the COVID- 19 Virus, socially, psychologically, physically, financially and spiritually. Most notably we are becoming more and more aware of our responsibility toward our neighbour in preventing the spread of this virus. In particular, I'm thinking of the elderly and the vulnerable since they are in the greatest danger of contagion. In my previous memo I emphasized the importance of personal hygiene and social distancing as practical steps in fulfilling our mutual responsibility toward one another.

Protocol:

As of today, after a number of important consultations, including, with the Council of Priests and the Manitoba Bishops and following the directives of Manitoba Health, the following important protocols are to be put into effect immediately in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg:

1. **Sunday Mass:** All churches, chapels and mission places of worship are to suspend public Masses until and including Sunday, April 26, 2020. (This date could change according to circumstances). Please make use of our Archdiocesan Website (www.archwinnipeg.ca) and social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and your own parish Website to keep up to date. In addition, please inform your family and neighbours of this important memo and any further changes.

In the interest of preventing the further spread of COVID- 19 and to safeguard the health and well-being of the faithful, I, Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, dispense all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 22 – April 26, 2020.

2. **Weekday Mass:** All weekday public Masses will cease during this period. Priests are asked to celebrate Mass privately each day, keeping in mind the intentions of our communities, province and country at this time.
3. **Parish Offices:** It is important that where possible, our parish offices, even though operating on reduced hours, seek to remain an active presence within our communities so as to respond to the needs of the faithful.
4. **Church Accessibility:** Where possible, Churches are encouraged to remain open, for certain hours during each day, to allow people to pray privately. (Appropriate cleaning should be observed to provide a sanitary environment in our Churches). On this note, however, seniors or those who have serious medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home as a form of social distancing.
5. **Live-streamed Masses and Holy Week:** The Archbishop will celebrate a private Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral at 11:00 am, "live-streamed" at our Archdiocesan Website www.archwinnipeg.ca. This will begin Sunday, March 22nd and will continue throughout the duration of these protocols. Where possible, parishes are encouraged to "live-stream" private Sunday Masses themselves. Holy Week celebrations will be "live-streamed" from the Cathedral (more information will follow).

The following scheduled events are cancelled:

1. The Confirmation Rally at St. Dominic's Parish (Neepawa) on March 21.
2. The Confirmation Rally at Immaculate Conception Parish (Winnipeg) on March 28.
3. The Mass of Chrism (including the Banquet) on April 6. (The Archbishop will privately bless the Holy Oils and they will be distributed to the Parishes).
4. The Public Way of the Cross on April 10. (Obviously Parish communal celebrations of the Way of the Cross are also to be cancelled).
5. In addition, all parish public meetings, workshops and gatherings should cease during this time.

Other Celebrations:

1. **Confirmations and First Communions:** Depending on the spread of COVID- 19 these celebrations, in May and June, may be postponed.
2. **Baptisms:** All communal celebrations of this sacrament (where a number of Baptisms occur together) will cease. For individual Baptisms, only a small number of people should be present.
3. **Funerals:** Pastors will consult with families about our current situation and speak to them about the importance of limiting the attendees to a small number, primarily to immediate family.

What can we do as the people of God under these necessary restrictions?:

At this challenging time we must be people of prayer in a special way. We need to pray for our communities, province, country and the world that this virus will be eradicated. We need to pray for those in the medical field. Let us also pray for the elderly and the vulnerable that they will be protected. We are reminded that while it is important to follow carefully the provisions of the health authorities, it is also essential that our spiritual life be enhanced and strengthened all the more during this crisis.

Our Synod reminded us that the family is the domestic church. We have spoken much over the past year about the importance of Sacred Scripture and *Lectio Divina* within the family. While Holy Mass is unavailable, this time can remind us of the importance of Scripture in our lives. This can be a time to adopt the practice of a daily reading of Scripture, especially the Sunday Readings. It is also a time to practice Spiritual Communion. Information on *Lectio Divina* and Spiritual Communion will be available on our Archdiocesan Website: www.archwinnipeg.ca.

Daily Mass is available on Vision TV, as well as by a small subscription, on the Canadian Catholic Network SALT AND LIGHT and on EWTN from the United States, on Shaw or Bell MTS.

On our Archdiocesan Website: www.archwinnipeg.ca our Offices of Catechetics and Youth and Young Adults will provide weekly programming to assist youth, parents and young adults. (This is in keeping with one of our Synod recommendations which encouraged the use of media for Evangelization).

Please join with me in prayer for a rapid end to the COVID-19 Virus. May God grant healing to those who are ill, and eternal rest to those who have died. May the Lord bless our medical personnel and civic authorities, who continue to strive with enormous effort and expertise to keep all of us safe.