

Parish Bulletin for 28 April 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian), 371 Burnell Street
Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian), 95 MacDonald Avenue
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Sat. Apr 27 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Special intention, req. by Idalina Ferreira family

Sun. Apr 28 - **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30am OL – RIP Frank Poredos, req. by Anton & Anna Poredos family

11:00am SA – RIP Paul & Elizabeth Bodi, req. by Georgina McGurran family

Mon. April 29 - NO MASS

Tue. Apr 30 - 3:00pm SA - RIP Darwin Pabico, req. by friends

Wed. May 1 - 3:00pm OL - RIP Carlos & Julita Guerrero, req. by Ranie & Carol Rara

↑ Please note the change of time. This Wednesday only.

Thu. May 2 - 3:00pm SA - RIP Cvetka Gržina, req. by Florence Casciano

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Fri. May 3 - 10:00am OL - RIP George Suhodolnik, req. by Frank & Ivanka Remic

Sat. May 4 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Special intention: Benjamin Diccion, req. by San Jose sisters

Sun. May 5 - **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:30am OL – RIP Barbara Ceh & Tony Ceh, req. by Maria Melo & family

11:00am SA – RIP John & Donna Gannon, req. by Robert & Joyce Gannon & families

Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.

Thank you for your donations last weekend:

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$1,197.00

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) RC Church - \$1,741.00

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer): - for OLL: oll@stpaultheapostle.mb.ca
for StA: Padua@stpaultheapostle.mb.ca

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

“Jesus nut” The “*Jesus nut*,” also called the “*Jesus pin*,” is the nut that holds the main rotor to the mast of some helicopters, such as the UH-1 Iroquois. The long, strong metallic fans of the helicopter are fitted to the main rotor of the mast by a single nut or pin. This single connector got the name, “*Jesus nut*” from American soldiers in Vietnam [1955-1975]; the technical term is MRRN or main rotor retaining nut. The origin of the term comes from the idea that, if the “*Jesus nut*” were to fail in flight, the helicopter would detach from the rotors and the only thing left for the crew to do would be to pray to Jesus before the helicopter crashed! — Today’s Gospel [John 15.1-8] explains why Jesus must be the pivotal point in our lives, through the little parable of the vine and the branches. [Fr. Tony Kadavil].

United in the moon in His name: The lunar module “*Eagle*,” carrying astronauts Aldrin and Armstrong, landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. While Armstrong prepared for his moonwalk, Aldrin unpacked bread and wine and put them on the abort system computer. He described what he did next. “*I poured the wine into a chalice...In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten, were consecrated Bread and Wine.*” Just before receiving Holy Communion, Aldrin read the passage from the Gospel according to John 15.5: “*I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.*” Commenting on his Communion experience on the moon, Aldrin says, “*I sense especially strongly my unity with our Church back home, and everywhere.*” (Mark Link in Sunday Homilies; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

“I can’t take another step”: There is a scene in the movie, *Shadow of the Hawk* (1976) where a young couple is climbing a mountain with the help of their indigenous guide in a desperate attempt to flee from evil people. At one point the young woman slumps to the ground and says, “*I can’t take another step.*” The young man lifts her to her feet and says, “*But darling, we must go on. We have no other choice!*” She shakes her head and says, “*I can’t go on! I can’t go on!*” Then the indigenous guide advises the young man, “*Hold her close to your heart. Let your strength and your courage flow out of your body into hers.*” The young man does this and in a few minutes the woman smiles and says, “*Now I can go on! Now I can do it!*” — By telling us the parable of the vine and branches in today’s Gospel, [John 15.1-8] Jesus shows us how He shares his Divine strength with us. The parable reminds us that, united with Jesus, we can do anything, but separated from Jesus, we are good for nothing. [Fr. Tony Kadavil]

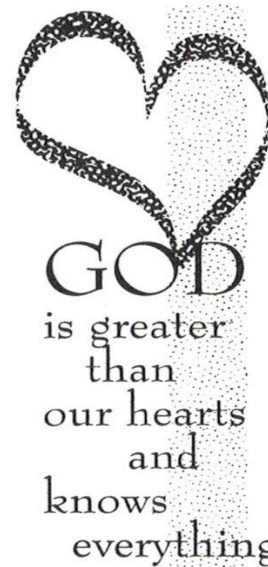
Dear Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners, Women’s Auxiliary and Canadian Slovenian Cultural Society (CSCS) Members:

Please join us on Sunday – May 5th after mass for a community discussion about our “*home away from home*” in the heart of Winnipeg.

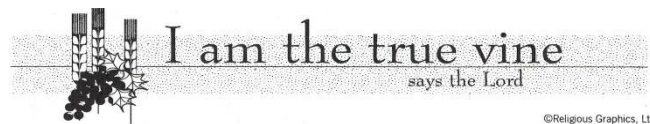
For 60 + years our church and community have been a stable presence in an unstable neighborhood. The present church building is a result of our parents’ and grandparents’ generosity and their hard voluntary work. Now it continues with the ongoing support of remaining dedicated families/volunteers. Is 95 MacDonald Avenue where we continue to see ourselves worshipping/gathering as a community in the future?

History of 95 MacDonald Avenue

The Slovenian Catholic Parish was established in 1963 and the church building was consecrated on June 23rd of the same year under the patronage of “OUR LADY OF LOURDES.”



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For many this has served as their second home. The building is used not only for religious purposes, but also serves as a meeting place for the Parish Council, Canadian Slovenian Cultural Society, the Women's Auxiliary, folklore presentations, other parish functions, and most importantly as a place for fellowship.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish - This is where parishioners gather to celebrate mass and meet for fellowship. All are welcome and we are happy when we can celebrate new membership such as our growth with newer Canadians.
The Canadian Slovenian Cultural Society and its members - This is their community gathering place where meetings are held, dance and cultural practices take place, and where the community stores all its archival material and its setup material for hosting the Slovenian Pavilion for Folklorama.

Today's Reality

The neighborhood surrounding us has seen its share of hardships in the past, but the past few years have been very difficult to navigate. On top of maintenance of an aging building, we are now struggling to find solutions on security, vandalism and prevention of using this property as a dumping ground for garbage.

One piece of the puzzle is trying to understand the dynamics of the neighborhood we are in and the various agencies who are actively working with the people in the area who use it for shelter, services, and refuge. This includes ongoing dialogue with N'Dinawemak - Our Relatives' Place, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Vernaus Autobody, The City of Winnipeg and The Winnipeg Foundation.

The church council and women's auxiliary continue to do outreach and discussions in this regard.

Regular reporting is also being done with the Archdiocese of Winnipeg as the owners of the church and property. Dialogue with agencies and any capital work done to the property requires their involvement as our collective voices ultimately represent our faith. This is ongoing and our most recent report was to inform them of completion of the insurance claims opened due to water damage.

Another component may be to upgrade our security at the church, potentially through a more robust fence system and outdoor security cameras and lighting. (It is unfortunate that have to consider this as it certainly does not make our church/community look very welcoming).

Our immediate priority is the safety and security of all users of 95 MacDonald. We need to:

1/ Deter access to the property grounds when not being used by the parishioners/community members so that our hydro isn't being stolen and our access doors aren't being vandalized to gain entry. The church council budget will then be used as intended instead of having to pay for repairs, etc. and also be able to plan for the future.

2/ Alleviate the need to weekly clean up debris that is currently being dumped on the property (used needles, couches, bathtubs, freezers, general garbage, excrement). This is horrible and dangerous work being done by few parishioners – how do we get beyond this?

3/ Reinstate the pride our parishioners/community members used to have about looking after the property and ensuring it is available for next generations. Increased membership and involvement to both the church and community organizations is needed!

To accomplish items #1 & #2, there are three layers to consider keeping the church safe and secure:

Fencing - New and higher fence with barb wire on the top (like our neighbor across the street). Three quotes were provided. Cost = \$25,000 to \$30,000

Security Cameras - Many people believe these do not work to deter crime. But if you do the research, there are new products out there that not only monitor but will make criminals think twice before staying on your property. Cost = \$5,000

Security Guards – These can be hired on a per/event basis. Cost = \$25 per hour (4 hour minimum).

Note: The total cost of a new fence and cameras would be in the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

A Grant Application for the Fence Upgrade was sent to Winnipeg Foundation on behalf of the church/CSCS for a grant to offset the possibility of upgrading our fencing system.

*If the grant is successful (\$20,000) then \$30,000 would likely be required from other sources (Otherwise, the full \$50,000 will need to be raised). Can the church council, CSCS absorb the remainder? Will other community members/parishioners help?

To accomplish item #3 requires a view to the future. As we move into the next 60 years:

What does the future look like for the Slovenian community?

This was asked at the beginning of this report: Is 95 MacDonald Avenue where we continue to see ourselves worshipping/gathering as a community? Will we continue to adapt as a community so that new people feel welcome, want to be part of our gatherings, and want to help promote our culture whether it is by worship or supporting the club?

Vacant properties are prone to greater vandalism, arson, etc. in the city, especially in the downtown core. Do we want to be part of the exodus or is this space still our home?

If this is to remain our Slovenian gathering place, then it will take everyone (Parishioners, Women's Auxiliary members and CSCS members) to collectively come together to find solutions and plan for the future.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting on May 5th! However, if you are not willing or cannot show up for the meeting, you can also reach out to the parish council in advance at ollparishcouncil@gmail.com and address your thoughts/concerns.

God Bless,

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Council

OLL Women's Auxiliary

Canadian Slovenian Cultural Society



Our Lady of Lourdes - Financial Statement

For the year ending December 31, 2023



| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 Budget |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Envelope Collections | 49,886 | 53,346 | 57,135 | 53,940 |
| Loose Collection | 1,303 | 2,600 | 2,890 | 2,600 |
| Miscellaneous Donations | 5,415 | 3,850 | 4,499 | 7,840 |
| Vigil Lights | 280 | 889 | 834 | 600 |
| Sacramental Income/Stipends | 800 | 600 | 800 | 600 |
| CSCS/Hall Rental | 6,000 | 6,200 | 6,300 | 6,300 |
| Special Collections - Archdiocese | 565 | 615 | 545 | 0 |
| Interest on investment | 2,839 | 926 | 2,169 | 1,700 |
| Province of Manitoba Bridge Grant | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | 82,088 | 69,026 | 75,172 | 73,580 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Church Repairs & Maintenance | 4,532 | 8,475 | 7,556 | 8,053 |
| Church Utilities | 6,382 | 9,594 | 9,720 | 10,208 |
| Property Tax | 1,290 | 1,353 | 1,386 | 1,486 |
| Insurance | 7,589 | 9,804 | 10,721 | 11,325 |
| Archdiocese Assessment | 7,659 | 7,190 | 8,190 | 8,951 |
| Office costs/Travel/Education | 745 | 2,232 | 2,524 | 2,530 |
| Professional Fees | 1,585 | 1,645 | 1,848 | 2,000 |
| Special Collections | 0 | 615 | 1,260 | 0 |
| Special Events/Hospitality | 172 | 266 | 145 | 2,200 |
| Wages, Benefits & Honorariums | 23,485 | 24,746 | 25,589 | 27,272 |
| Sacristy, Sanctuary, Liturgy & Catechism | 131 | 167 | 210 | 600 |
| Banking Charges | 940 | 887 | 933 | 900 |
| Capital Repairs | 0 | 28,061 | 28,028 | 3,000 |
| Sharing Gods Gifts short fall | -1,406 | 2,885 | 2,818 | 6,753 |
| Canada emergency wage subsidy | -2,448 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canada emergency rent subsidy | -1,376 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenses | 49,280 | 97,920 | 100,928 | 85,278 |
| Net Income | 32,808 | -28,894 | -25,756 | -11,698 |

Assets as of December 31, 2023

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|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Reconciled Bank Account | 59,094 | 47,443 | 35,576 |
| Investment @ Chancery | 33,722 | 50,648 | 43,012 |
| GST Receivable | 270 | 1,164 | 1,247 |