

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES of

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

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*Lord, you have the words
of eternal life.*

[John 6.68]

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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.



Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. [John 2:19]

Built to last

Compared to earlier generations, a special characteristic of this generation is speed. We can communicate with one another at speeds that were unthinkable even half a century ago. An email reaches its destination on the other side of the world in a matter of seconds. Journeys that took days or even weeks in our grandparents' time now take hours. Builders can build much faster than in times past. We may even suspect that much of what is built quickly may not endure. In the ancient world, buildings, especially those of political or religious significance, were built to last. If you go to Rome today, you can still see the remains of the significant political and religious buildings of the Roman Empire.

In Jerusalem, in the time of Jesus, the most significant public building by far was the temple. The Jewish authorities remind Jesus that it had taken forty six years to build the temple. [John 2]. Even then, the temple begun by Herod the Great was still under construction; it would take another fourteen years, sixty years in all, for it to be finally complete. If a building firm gave a timescale of sixty years to complete a building today, they would be unlikely to get the contract.

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2018/03/04-march-third-sunday-of-lent/>

Readings

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B, 4 March 2018

Reading 1: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19.7, 8, 9, 10 [R. Jn 6.68]

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25+ +; *Gospel:* John 2.13-25

Prayer: *Jesus, you turned the tables in the Temple. Help us to see and despise the ways we choose our own slavery. Make us active in choosing life instead, for ourselves and for others. Amen.*

ccb.ca/life_and_family CCCB: National Pastoral Initiative for Life & the Family

Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC Paragraph 2072: Since they express one's fundamental duties towards God and towards neighbor, the Ten Commandments reveal, in their primordial content, *grave* obligations. They are fundamentally immutable, and they oblige always and everywhere. No one can dispense from them. The Ten Commandments are engraved by God in the human heart.

Events in and around the Archdiocese

Archbishop Richard Gagnon, 15 February 2018, RE. **The Fourth Synod Session:** *We should recall that the original purpose of the Synod was to discern how we can become **Missionary Disciples**. By taking information gathered in the Listening Sessions and studied in the nine Focus Commissions, and prompted by the Holy Spirit, we make a series of recommended proposals for possible future directions. On February 24, we will have some of those proposals into possible global initiatives for the entire Archdiocese.*

A Reflection by St. John Paul II: *"Come, follow me" (Mt 19:21)*

It is Jesus himself who takes the initiative and calls people to follow him. His call is addressed first to those to whom he entrusts a particular mission, beginning with the Twelve; but it is also clear that every believer is called to be a follower of Christ (cf. *Acts* 6:1). *Following Christ is thus the essential and primordial foundation of Christian morality:* just as the people of Israel followed God who led them through the desert towards the Promised Land (cf. *Ex* 13:21), so every disciple must follow Jesus, towards whom he is drawn by the Father himself (cf. *Jn* 6:44).

This is not a matter only of disposing oneself to hear a teaching and obediently accepting a commandment. More radically, it involves *holding fast to the very person of Jesus*, partaking of his life and his destiny, sharing in his free and loving obedience to the will of the Father. By responding in faith and following the one who is Incarnate Wisdom, the disciple of Jesus truly becomes a *disciple of God* (cf. *Jn* 6:45). Jesus is indeed the light of the world, the light of life (cf. *Jn* 8:12). He is the shepherd who leads his sheep and feeds them (cf. *Jn* 10:11-16); he is the way, and the truth, and the life (cf. *Jn* 14:6). It is Jesus who leads to the Father, so much so that to see him, the Son, is to see the Father (cf. *Jn* 14:6-10). And thus to imitate the Son, *"the image of the invisible God"* (Col 1:15), means to imitate the Father.

Jesus asks us to follow him and to imitate him along the path of love, a love which gives itself completely to the brethren out of love for God: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (*Jn* 15:12). The word "as" requires imitation of Jesus and of his love, of which the washing of feet is a sign: "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (*Jn* 13:14-15). Jesus' way of acting and his words, his deeds and his precepts constitute the moral rule of Christian life. Indeed, his actions, and in particular his Passion and Death on the Cross, are the living revelation of his love for the Father and for others. This is exactly the love that Jesus wishes to be imitated by all who follow him. It is *the "new" commandment:* "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (*Jn* 13:34-35).

The word "as" also indicates the *degree* of Jesus' love, and of the love with which his disciples are called to love one another. After saying: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"

(Jn 15:12), Jesus continues with words which indicate the sacrificial gift of his life on the Cross, as the witness to a love "to the end" (Jn 13:1): "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

Following Christ is not an outward imitation, since it touches man at the very depths of his being. Being a follower of Christ means *becoming conformed to him* who became a servant even to giving himself on the Cross (cf. *Phil 2:5-8*). Christ dwells by faith in the heart of the believer (cf. *Eph 3:17*), and thus the disciple is conformed to the Lord. This is the *effect of grace*, of the active presence of the Holy Spirit in us.

St John Paul II, *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of the Truth)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

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Sun 9:30 am (E) English; (S) Slovenian; (Euc) Eucharist
Mar 4 Allie Stegne (E), Vladka Mohoric (S), Louis Stegne (Euc)

The Way of the Cross: Sundays @9:00am

2018 Catechism Classes: Mar 11, Apr 8&22, May 6th last class.

CWL will be hosting on March 11/18, guest speaker, **Zofia Dove**, a physiotherapist, who has for many years worked with the elderly and gravely ill patients. Her lecture is titled "*the power of you.*" Please stay after Mass on March 11/2018 for a very inspirational lecture. [CWL Executive].

Parish Pastoral Council [PPC] Meeting: Wed., March 14, 6:30pm, church hall.

Welcome to our CWL General Meeting to be held on Sunday, March 18/2018 in church Hall at 11:15. Your attendance in very much appreciated. Thank you.

"Unfolding Love Stories" Through Music & Song: Sunday, 15 April 2018 @7pm, Holy Cross Gymnasium, 290 Dubuc St, St. Boniface. Featuring *Fr. Robert McDougall* [singer, songwriter, composer, pianist] & *Claudine St. Arnauld* [violinist - Wpg Symphony Orchestra]. Tickets \$20 [children <10 free], available at Holy Cross Parish, 204-233-7367.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Sat 5:30 pm

Mar 3 Delfina Marinelli (1), John de Leon (2)
Christine Blanco & Isabela Santos (PF)

Sun 11:00 am (H) Hungarian, (E) English

Mar 4 TBD [to be determined]

The Way of the Cross: Saturdays @5:00pm & Sundays @10:30am.

Recycle your 2017 Collection Envelopes: please put them in the blue box at the church's entrance. This will avoid confusion with the 2018 collection envelopes. Thank you very much.



Thank you to Michael Tanasychuck, our bookkeeper, for printing us our donation tax receipts. Per CRA rules we mailed [before Feb 28th] the tax receipts that were not picked up last weekend.

Thank you for handing in the Letters to the Parliament, regarding the *Canada Summer Jobs*. To date there were 16 letters sent to the Prime Minister, from our 2 churches, SA & OLL.

OL Collections Feb 25, 2018

Total revenue - \$

Thank you for your financial support of our Parish!

SA Collections Feb 25, 2018

Sat/Sun Env-\$

Loose-\$; Defibrillator-\$

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CONFESSIONS / Lenten Penance Services - Winnipeg Central Deanery

Wed. Mar. 7 @ 7PM	St. Charles Parish
Thurs. Mar. 8 @ 6:30PM	St. Patrick's Parish
Tues. Mar. 13 @ 10:30AM	St. Charles School
Tues. Mar. 13 @ 6:30PM	St. Mary's Cathedral
Wed. Mar. 14 @ 10AM	St. John XXIII Parish
Wed. Mar. 14 @ 6:30PM	St. Paul the Apostle
Fri. Mar. 16 @ 7PM	St. Anthony's (Hungarian)
Tues. Mar. 20 @ 7PM	Good Shepherd (Portage la Prairie)
Wed. Mar. 21 @ 7PM	Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian)
Wed. Mar. 21 @ 7PM	Blessed Sacrament (Elie)
Fri. Mar. 23 @ 6:30PM	St. Edward's Parish

THIRD SUNDAY
in Lent

"DESTROY THIS TEMPLE AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP"

MARCH 4, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar 3 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Pasqua Campanelli, req. by Adelma & family

Sun. Mar 4 – **Third Sunday of Lent**

9:30 am OL - RIP Joseph Lebar, req. by Lebar family

11:00 am SA – RIP Elizabeth & Laszlo Maczky, req. by Herbert & Sudárka Vossler

Mon. Mar 5 & Tues. Mar 6 - NO MASSES [apologies for the inconveniences]

Wed. Mar 7 - 9:00 am SA – RIP Tessie Alvero, req. by Mandy Alvero

Thu. Mar 8 – 9:00 am SA – RIP Athanase Lavoiz, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Fri. Mar 9 – **10:00 am OL** – RIP Josephine Bernjak, req. by a family

Please note the change of time, due to a meeting @ St. Anthony's Church-Kildonan.

Sat. Mar 10 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Julianito Bercasio, req. by Ma. Dolores Bercasio

Sun. Mar 11 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 am OL - RIP Sorodniki Vodopivec, req. by Stanka & Family Vodopivec

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

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

God made us for life, not for slavery.

Throughout the Scriptures, God's people remember that we worship the One who brought His people out of slavery. It's not just a history lesson. God's people keep going back – to idols, to oppression, to sin.

When Jesus turns over the money tables in the Temple, He's telling the people that God's house is not just another (or a sanctified) structure for the same sin we live out in the world. [John 2]. Slavery is alive and well in our world – in human trafficking and black markets in our own communities, but also in our hearts.

We are addicted to all kinds of things – alcohol and drugs, food, comfort, being right, anger and selfishness to name a few.

God is calling us during this season of Lent to turn over the tables of our own enslavements, and to turn our attention to setting others free from theirs, especially where our comforts cause the slavery and suffering of others. [ccc.ca/life_and_family]



**Thank you for the flowers donated
to beautify the sanctuary.**

**We appreciate your kindness in enhancing
our church celebrations!**

Our parish bulletin is also available online in the following 2 websites:

1. Archdiocese of Winnipeg website: Please go to: http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php
2. OLL website: ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com and click on "Our Community" then "Weekly Bulletin".