

MASS INTENTION FOR February 9—17, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Feb. 9 5:00 pm For + Jean Iwaschuk by the CWL
Sunday, Feb. 10 9:30 am For + Patricia Lucas by the CWL
11:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Tuesday, Feb. 12 9:00 am For + Rose Hui by Terry Lasek & family
Wednesday, Feb. 13 9:00 am For + Frank Ball by Florence Ball
Thursday, Feb. 14 9:00 am In Thanksgiving by Ron & Cecilia Fernandes
Friday, Feb. 15 6:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Mass, Benediction

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Feb. 16 5:00 pm For + Helen Keller by the CWL
Sunday, Feb. 17 9:30 am For + Brent Labelle by K.C.
11:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 13 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Prayer Night
Saturday, Feb. 16 1:00 pm Catholic Girls League




Sunday, Feb. 17 Youth Group fund raiser
Crepe Breakfast after both masses. Come support our young people while enjoying some delicious crepes.

YOUTH GROUP: We invite all young people ages 13-18 to join. Please email Jason at Jason.duiker@epsb.ca if you are interested. They will be hosting all kinds of fun events.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MINI RETREAT : February 27 at St. John Bosco
7:00 pm—9:30 pm Spouses are welcome to join. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the back table in the Church. If you have any questions please ask Father Raja or by calling Hubert at 780-473-0138.

 Our parish is pleased to have a visitation team to provide Pastoral Care to individuals who feel isolated from the community due to age, loneliness, or infirmity. Holy Communion is available upon request. Referrals can be made to Fr. Raja for the Sacrament of the Sick. If you or someone you know would like a visit please call the parish office at 780-478-0198.

Notice to Catholic men ages 18 to 35:

With Archbishop Smith's blessings the Knights of Columbus will establish an organization for young men in the Archdiocese.

Purpose: Young Catholic men ages 18 to 35 to meet fraternally, to practice their faith in a supportive environment, to develop a social web, to engage in programs to strengthen their faith and family and to support their community. This may help mold our future Catholic leaders and make stronger families in faith.

Date and location: Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at St. Josephs Basilica, O'Leary Hall (basement). Archbishop Smith will address this inaugural meeting.

Come to learn what this organization will offer to you, a young man in the Archdiocese, and the opportunities and benefits for participation.



GRACE BEFORE MEALS: For the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You invite us to trust in your providential care. (Lk. 4:4-7)

All: May we be witnesses of hope in our world

Together: Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive, from your bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen



We are looking for volunteers to count the weekly collections and deposit them into the bank. 2 volunteers a week for about 1 hour or so. Please call the parish office for more information.

DONATION ENVELOPE & TAX RECEIPTS. Your 2018 tax receipts are ready for you to pick up off the table at the back of the church. If you have not used boxed envelopes before and wish to have a new box of envelopes, please email me at: turlockm@telusplanet.net and I will put a box out for you next week.

Please throw out all old envelopes. Do not use any envelopes that don't say 2019.

Your envelope number is your account number. I do not use names for posting your donations. Your old envelope number may now be assigned to someone else. If it is; that new person will be credited with your donation. **ALSO.** There is no need to give several envelopes when you are away or have forgotten your envelopes in past weeks. Use just the one for that Sunday as donations are posted on the date they are received, not the date on the envelope. Thank you for your donations to our parish.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK: No sin which we are capable of committing has ever taken God by surprise for He knew we were just like that. ~ Alan Redpath

WORSHIPPING CATHOLIC STYLE
Understanding Some Symbols and Gestures
(Continued from last week)

Holy Water: Holy water is a *sacramental*—a religious object or action created by the Catholic Church as opposed to those instituted by Jesus himself. Helpful and beneficial but totally optional, sacramentals are inferior and subordinate to the seven sacraments, which are necessary in order to live a life made holy by the gift of grace from God. Sacraments give the recipient a special grace necessary to fulfill the mission of that particular sacrament, but sacramentals offer a different and subordinate grace depending on the spiritual demeanor of the recipient. In other words, sacraments give grace independent of the spiritual state of the recipient. For example, a groom who is in the state of mortal sin when he gets married is validly married. On the other hand, a groom who has a mortal sin on his soul gets no grace from the blessing the priest gives to the newly married couple after they pronounce their vows. ***Sacraments are like food for the soul, and sacramental are like supplemental vitamins.***

Holy water, which is water blessed by a priest, bishop, or deacon, is the most widely used sacramental. Non-Catholics may think of holy water as the stuff that burned the face of the possessed 12 year old in the movie *The Exorcist*. Holy water can be used to drive out demons; so on rare occasions the Church uses it for that purpose. But more regularly, holy water is used as a symbolic reminder of Baptism.

On entering or leaving a Church, Catholics dip their right hand, usually with two fingers, into a font, a cup of holy water that's on a wall near the doors of the church. Then they make the sign of the cross, wetting their forehead, breast, and shoulders. They're visibly reminding themselves that they're entering the House of God, and blessing with holy water is good preparation for worship.

Holy water is sprinkled on the congregation at Mass whenever the priest chooses to do so in place of the Penitential Rite, which would have taken place at that time. Catholics also take small quantities of holy water home with them to fill fonts on their walls and bless themselves whenever leaving home, because the home is the *domestic Church* for Catholics. Home is where the family lives, and it's from the family that the Church grows and lives. Priests, deacons and bishops must come from families, and families need to attend church and support them. Anytime a priest or deacon blesses a religious article, such as rosary beads, a statue, or a medal of one of the saints, he sprinkles holy water on the object after saying the prayers of blessing. **The holy water reminds the owner that the object is now reserved for sacred use;** to enhance prayer life, for example, and shouldn't be used for nonreligious use. Likewise, a blessed cup, called a *chalice*, used at Mass to hold the wine that the priest consecrates, can't be used for any other purpose. It can't be used to drink wine or juice at the dinner table, for example.

Holy water is blessed when Baptisms are celebrated in the church, particularly at the Easter Vigil, (Holy Saturday night, the evening before Easter Sunday), or it can be blessed anytime during the year when the quantity runs out or evaporates.

(Next week: Sensing God)



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb. 9/10, 2019

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Thank you for your donations!!
Regular Sunday: \$ 4,583.00
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Children's \$ 41.00

Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB
Deacon Jose Huevo
Mia Turlock **Pastoral Assistant**
Theresa Wile **Pastoral Assistant**

PRAYER CORNER:
Cassandra Clipperton
Shiju George

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

A man who was newly out of prison wanted to follow Jesus. But he always had second thoughts with his desire because he was sinful. He always felt unworthy. However, there was always that inner voice that whispers to him to follow the Lord no matter his sinfulness.

Who among us are worthy to become a follower of Jesus? All of us are sinful, all of us have offended the Lord one way or another. Yet in spite of our unworthiness we are always being called by Jesus to follow Him so that He can purify us of our sins no matter how dark those sins are.

The Lord does not call us to condemn us because of our sins. He calls us so that He can restore us of our dignity which we lost through our sinfulness. He calls us to tell us that His love for us can overcome whatever sins that we have committed.

All He want from us is our yes! When we say yes to the Lord, we also would be willing to leave behind the environment which made us sin. We leave behind those people who influenced us to sin. In the gospel, after Jesus performed the miracle of the great catch of fish before the very eyes of Simon and the other fishermen (Luke 5:6). Simon Peter knelt before Jesus and he begged Jesus to leave them for they were all sinful. And therefore unworthy of His presence and the miracle that he did for them (Luke 5:8).

However, Jesus with all the love, mercy and forgiveness in His heart told Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men (Luke 5:10)." Right after bringing their boats to the shore, Simon and the other fishermen left everything to follow the Lord (Luke 5:11).

Regardless of your sins and your dark past Jesus is calling you as well to begin a new life with Him. Will you heed this call of Jesus?