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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 9th février
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Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



The light of Christ shines through our good deeds.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. We are called to reflect that light in our lives, dispelling the darkness around us so that the gloom of a fallen world may become as bright as the midday sun.

World Day of the Sick – February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (memorial of our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

Reflection for the World Day of the Sick, February 11, 2014

Pope Francis has a way of stating the obvious which jolts us into a new awareness of the meaning of reality. A constant theme of his homilies, talks and interviews is the necessity of our encounter with Jesus, without which nothing worthwhile can be achieved. This encounter, I think, can be explicit (which it can be and should be for Christians) or implicit in the depths of the sanctity of conscience for those who have not yet received the grace of an explicit encounter. The Pope says that this encounter with the Word made flesh, sent by the Father of love to bring us out of the world of darkness into the kingdom of light has all sorts of consequences. He speaks of the joy of evangelization, the essential nature of the Church as evangelizing, the inclusion of the poor where their voice is heard as having authority—and so much more.

February 11 is the World Day of the Sick. My usual thoughts on such a day is to see the sick as among the poor, the vulnerable, as needy of love and service. This is undoubtedly true. This is a day to thank God for the dedication of many people engaged in healthcare—nurses, physicians, healthcare professionals generally, and also the army of family members and volunteers who serve the sick in so many ways. In some mysterious way, all these people have encountered Jesus—“I was sick and you cared for me.”

Today, though, I am brought to realization that the many of the sick have encountered Jesus. To misquote Jack Kennedy, “Ask not what you do to serve the sick, but how the sick serve you.” Like many of us, I have been privileged to have been with marvellous sick persons who love and serve the Lord in their sickness. In the afterlife, we will learn about the overwhelming good achieved through the loving, patient sick, so often attributed to some secondary cause.

When people truly encounter Jesus, as Pope Francis has, nothing is impossible and is achievable in joy.

Leo Walsh, CSB

This year, World Day of the Sick, February 11, has special meaning as we mark 150 years of Catholic health care in Alberta. In honour of this day of reflection on the Church's healing ministry, Covenant Health asks for your prayers for our care teams and the people and families we serve in our Catholic hospitals and health centres across Alberta. We pray for God's healing grace for those who are sick, lonely or hurting in our communities and for our shared ministry to them. Prayer cards and resources are available at <http://www.covenanthealth.ca/about-us/150-years.html>, as well as a message from Covenant Health Board Chair John Brennan and President and CEO Patrick Dumelie.

As we celebrate the **Day of the Sick**, we will have the anointing of the sick for those who seek this sacrament and are in need. **This week** during the masses in the Lodge, Aspen as well as on Tuesday at the church, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. We also invite everyone, who may have some loved ones and friends who would like to receive the sacrament, please contact the parish office or so that one of the priests may visit them at home.

Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a workshop with spiritual and practical insights for those doing the ministries as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. If there is anyone interested and willing to serve in our parish as a Reader or/and Eucharistic Minister, please talk to one of the fathers or call the parish office.

- **Feb. 10th Monday - Eucharistic Ministers - 7:00 pm** at the St. Emile Church in Legal
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Come and See...

Take some time with us and explore the possibility of life as a religious brother or priest with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Where: St. Albert, Alberta

When: Friday Feb. 14 to Sun. Feb 16 (Fri. 7:00 PM till Sun 12:00 Noon)

Who: Men 18 to 40 years of age.

- *Contact Fr Mark Blom for more information or to register for the weekend:*

vocations@omilacombe.ca

Phone: 587 985 3553

The Missionary of Mary Immaculate are a Roman Catholic religious order of men founded by Saint Eugene de Mazenod in 1826. More than 4000 Oblate Brothers are Priests are dedicated to bringing the Good News to the poor in over 60 countries throughout the world. The Discernment Weekend begins on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and finishes on Sunday with lunch. Accommodation and food are provided. There is no charge for the retreat.



Family Fun in February

Join us for some good old fashioned board games and a few new (Wii)!

When: Friday, February 28th

Time : 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Basement of Rectory

RSVP at familyfun@sjbp.ca by February 23rd



*** Bring your favorite board game and a refreshment to share with others. Donations accepted to help offset the cost of future activities!

Marriage Preparation 2014

There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.

April 25,26,27 at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30



Faith and Charity: “We Ought to Lay Down Our Lives for One Another” (1 Jn 3:16)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. On the occasion of the Twenty-second World Day of the Sick, whose theme this year is *Faith and Charity: “We Ought to Lay Down Our Lives for One Another”* (1 Jn 3:16), I turn in a special way to the sick and all those who provide them with assistance and care. The Church recognizes in you, the sick, a special presence of the suffering Christ. It is true. At the side of – and indeed within – our suffering, is the suffering of Christ; he bears its burden with us and he reveals its meaning. When the Son of God mounted the cross, he destroyed the solitude of suffering and illuminated its darkness. We thus find ourselves before the mystery of God’s love for us, which gives us hope and courage: hope, because in the plan of God’s love even the night of pain yields to the light of Easter, and courage, which enables us to confront every hardship in his company, in union with him.

2. The incarnate Son of God did not remove illness and suffering from human experience but by taking them upon himself he transformed them and gave them new meaning. New meaning because they no longer have the last word which, instead, is new and abundant life; transformed them, because in union with Christ they need no longer be negative but positive. Jesus is the way, and with his Spirit we can follow him. Just as the Father gave us the Son out of love, and the Son gave himself to us out of the same love, so we too can love others as God has loved us, giving our lives for one another. Faith in God becomes goodness, faith in the crucified Christ becomes the strength to love to the end, even our enemies. The proof of authentic faith in Christ is self-giving and the spreading of love for our neighbours, especially for those who do not merit it, for the suffering and for the marginalized.

3. By virtue of Baptism and Confirmation we are called to conform ourselves to Christ, who is the Good Samaritan for all who suffer. “We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another” (1 Jn 3:16). When we draw near with tender love to those in need of care, we bring hope and God’s smile to the contradictions of the world. When generous devotion to others becomes the hallmark of our actions, we give way to the Heart of Christ and bask in its warmth, and thus contribute to the coming of God’s Kingdom.

4. To grow in tender love, and a respectful and sensitive charity, we have a sure Christian model to contemplate: Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, who is always attentive to the voice of God and the needs and troubles of her children. Mary, impelled by God's mercy which took flesh within her, selflessly hastened from Galilee to Judea to find and help her kinswoman Elizabeth. She interceded with her Son at the wedding feast of Cana when she saw that there was a shortage of wine. She bore in her heart, throughout the pilgrimage of her life, the words of the elderly Simeon who foretold that a sword would pierce her soul, and with persevering strength she stood at the foot of the cross of Jesus. She knows the way, and for this reason she is the Mother of all of the sick and suffering. To her we can turn with confidence and filial devotion, certain that she will help us, support us and not abandon us. She is the Mother of the crucified and risen Christ: she stands beside our crosses and she accompanies us on the journey towards the resurrection and the fullness of life.

5. Saint John, the disciple who stood with Mary beneath the cross, brings us to the sources of faith and charity, to the heart of the God who "is love" (1 Jn 4:8,16). He reminds us that we cannot love God if we do not love our brothers and sisters. Those who stand with Mary beneath the cross learn to love as Jesus does. The cross is "the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it. It is a love which enters into death to conquer it and to save us... the cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help" (*Way of the Cross with Young People*, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013).

I entrust this Twenty-second World Day of the Sick to the intercession of Mary. I ask her to help the sick to bear their sufferings in fellowship with Jesus Christ and to support all those who care for them. To all the ill, and to all the health-care workers and volunteers who assist them, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 6 December 2013

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Light for the World through Media

What is Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation?

Established in 2003, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation is a non-profit national organization committed to providing Catholics with the opportunity to connect with their Catholic beliefs and celebrate their faith which is lived out in parish communities everyday. Salt + Light offers 100% Catholic content through a diverse range of multi-media tools, including television production, digital television and satellite distribution and the internet.

What is Salt + Light Television?

Salt + Light Television is Canada's first Catholic television network broadcasting 24/7 across Canada. Our programming has 100% Catholic content. This channel is currently available through Rogers Digital Cable, Cogeco Digital Cable and Mountain Cable in Ontario, Vidéotron Digital TV (Illico) in Quebec and EasLink Digital Cable in the Maritimes.

Is Salt + Light endorsed by any organizations?

Salt + Light is endorsed by national and international Catholic leaders and organizations, including the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Vatican Television Centre (CTV), many departments of the Vatican, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, to name a few.

Does Salt + Light Television have a mission statement?

Yes. "to be Salt and Light" (Mt 5:13 -14)

Does Salt + Light have an iPhone app?

Yup! Visit saltandlighttv.org/app

Does Salt + Light Television have a vision of this?

Yes. To use modern media as a tool to connect Catholics to their faith. To bring Catholic Media into the 21st century by utilizing the power of multimedia including television to share the Catholic message.

What can Salt + Light Television do for me?

As a Catholic, it is a place of retreat and faith connection. It will build on the enthusiasm created by World Youth Day 2002 and help move all Catholics forward in their roles. It will be the reflector of local Catholic communities with stories of Catholic action and social justice. It will become one of the new tools of sharing the Catholic faith and evangelizing.

How can I access the Salt + Light Television network?

Visit our subscribe page. Or see other ways you can connect.

What is the current programming?

Specific programs will change but generally our programming falls into 5 categories:

Prayer, Devotion and Meditation

Multilingual Catholic Liturgy including special Vatican ceremonies

Learning and Faith Development for all ages

Stories of Catholic Action and Social Justice throughout Canada and around the Globe

Stories of our Catholic Communities; Information and Context

Is Daily Mass available?

Yes; 4 times per day. And daily mass is in French too!

Do you have programs or news from the Vatican?

Yes. S+L airs programs regularly from the Vatican including special ceremonies such as

Christmas Eve Mass Live

The Beatification of Mother Teresa Live

Canonizations and other ceremonies

Check the weekly program schedule for the specifics.

Does Salt + Light produce documentaries?

Salt + Light has produced a number of documentaries that are available on DVD. Please visit the S+L Online Store to view the complete collection.

Why do we need digital cable to receive Salt + Light Television?

The CRTC ruled that no single-faith television network could be broadcast on regular cable. In order to broadcast across Canada, Salt + Light Television needs to be on digital.

Can I find some samples of Salt + Light programming on-line?

Yes. You can watch our promo video and sample some of our productions by clicking on "Watch S+L online".

How can I encourage my parish to introduce Salt + Light?

Talk to your pastor! Tell him about Salt + Light and ask him to contact us to develop a plan to introduce Salt + Light to your parish. Order boxes of our latest bi-annual magazine (Parishes Only).

How can I participate with Salt + Light?

By subscribing and being counted.

By volunteering in your parish to be an Agent of Salt + Light.

How can I receive Salt + Light's magazine?

By emailing us at info@saltandlighttv.org or calling us at 888-302-7181.

Or read it online saltandlighttv.org/magazine.

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Feb 8 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Champagne Relatives - Lorette	Fifth
Feb 9 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Lucien Sasseville – Knights Of Columbus	Sunday of
	11:00 am	RIP Gale Himschoot – Louise & Normand Boissonneault	Ordinary Time
Feb 11 Tues - mar	8:30 am	Special intention (<i>Anointing of the sick during Mass</i>)	
Feb 12 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Ed Kryskow – Tom Thomas & Cassi	
Feb 13 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Lenora Bokenfohr – Family & friends	
Feb 14 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Remi Boddez – Gib & Lil	St. Cyril & St. Methodius
Feb 15 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	Sixth
Feb 16 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	Sunday of
	11:00 am	Deceased Parishioners of our Parish - Parishioner	Ordinary Time

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Eugene Scantland, Father Michael; all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.



CWL NEWS The CWL 2014 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put the envelope in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office. If you have any questions about the CWL or you would like to become a new member please call Sandee Blackburn at 780-939-5199.



February 9, 2014 - National Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada
Catholic Missions in Canada, founded in 1908, fosters and extends the blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry. For more information see www.cmic.info



COLLECTIONS - QUÊTES Feb. 2nd \$3,300; Youth Min. \$ 15.00; Restoration \$ 728.00 THANK YOU! MERCI

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Dust Angels	- February 10 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
RCIA	- February 11 th , Tuesday 7:00 pm	- Rectory Downstairs
Parish Council Meeting	- February 12 th , Wednesday 6:00 pm	- Rectory Boardroom
Finance Committee meeting	- February 12 th , Wednesday 7:00pm	- Rectory Boardroom

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! “We each need the maturity to recognize that the things that we share are far more important than the disagreements we have.”
Have a blessed week!



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT