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***Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES***

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

**Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM** - livestreamed from St. Denis church  
– Daniel Tranq (Margaret & family)

**Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – private mass – Justine Dheilley (Roseline Dheilley)**

**Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – Jean deRocquigny (Margaret & family)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **For increased HOPE**

God's Share: Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> - \$360.00 (6) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$175.00 (DD) = **\$535.00**

### Readings for Sunday, February 14, 2021

Leviticus 13. 1-2, 45-46;

Ps. 31 (32A) ;

1 Corinthians 10, 31-11.1;

Mark 1, 40-45



### **Prayer Intention for February, 2021**

*Violence against women* – We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

### **Stewardship February 7, 2021 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...*

*He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.*

*For this purpose have I come.’” - MARK 1:35, 38*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of Stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

*February 7, 2021*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

**\*Sacrament of Reconciliation during the COVID-19 Pandemic: If you want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Fr. Peter for an appointment. He is super happy to make himself available for your spiritual well-being.**

### **\*NEW\* World Day of the Sick Diocesan Mass – February 11, 2021**



The 29th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Join archbishop LeGatt in celebrating two special diocesan Masses, and in prayer as we ask Our Lord and Our Lady of Lourdes to heal, aid and support all those who are struggling with illnesses, most particularly those afflicted, both directly and

indirectly, by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

French Mass will be presided by bishop LeGatt and concelebrated by brother Germain Kpakafi, OFM Cap. at 10 AM from Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish and will be available via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live>

Or on the Diocese's Facebook page [at the https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live](https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live)

English Mass will be celebrated at 9 PM from Holy Cross Parish and will be available on the Diocese's Facebook page [at the https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live](https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live)

To prepare for the World Day of the Sick, we invite you to read Pope Francis' message, “*You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*” (Mt 23:8). Please [click here](#).

For prayers, reflections, elementary and secondary school activities on the theme of the World Day of the Sick, [click here](#), or visit the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba webpage: [www.cham.mb.ca](http://www.cham.mb.ca)

**In our parishes, Fr. Peter will be celebrating the Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Recitation of Rosary to pray for all the sick at 3PM Thursday February 11, 2021. This Holy Hour will be live streamed on parish Facebook page.**

### **\*NEW\* Bishop LeGatt Video Message: Ordinary Time... Far from Ordinary!**



We are now in Ordinary time, according to the liturgical calendar. But this period of time - the longest period of the liturgical year, stretching for a total of 32 Sundays - is far from ordinary or boring: rather, it is ordained. This is time to bring Christ into our everyday lives, into our everyday joys and toils, for us to daily come to know Christ, to be with Him, and He with us. With Him, through this pandemic, not only will we get through it, but we will bring the Truth of what we

**live, as Christians, into the world: not only in the hilltop moments that punctuate our lives (as the liturgical calendar), but in the beauty of everyday life.**

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at:

[www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

## PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

*They cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
And he saved them from their distress.  
He sent out his word and healed them,  
And delivered them from destruction.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
For his wonderful works to humankind.  
(Psalm 107:19-21)*

Lord God, I pray for all who have become sick or died  
by the coronavirus that has been spreading throughout the world.  
In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease,  
In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak,  
In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have fallen sick,  
Welcome into your arms the ones that died,  
Comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith, I place my trust in you.  
In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.  
In love, I give glory to your name.  
In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray. Amen.

**Please keep Denise Danais in your prayers as she is hospitalized. May she get well soon and experience the joys of being healthy again!**

*Brothers and sisters, I am sharing with you this funny picture from the internet. As for me, I like this wolf, haha! Smile and stay positive, stay safe and healthy! I keep you all in my daily prayers!  
Fr. Peter Le*



February 7, 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

## Life is not always easy ...

Some days, as described in the first reading, we feel the weight of the world on our shoulders. The Bible never dismissed the words of someone who cried out to the Lord. How many men and women could echo Job's words as they face their trials and tribulations? For many people life is a chore. Others hope for better times which may or not happen. Life is not always easy ...



Jesus experienced a marathon session on the day spent in the Capernaum synagogue. He healed Peter's mother-in-law and all the sick people who came to see Him, including those who were possessed. The whole city of Capernaum had come to see Him. The next day, well before dawn, Christ retired to a secluded spot to pray. When Simon and his companions found him they said: "Everyone is looking for you!" It could have been a great temptation to stay in Capernaum, as the city warmly welcomed Him and He could stay with Simon who was very hospitable. Yet there were always other hands reaching out for His attention. People echoed Job's long complaint about a life of misery and loneliness.

In today's world, many people find that life is very difficult. We should not be surprised to read that Christ moved on to the neighboring towns and villages to proclaim the Word of God. Then, as now, Christ reaches out to those who are neglected, experiencing illness, suffering and the inequalities of our world.

But though we cry out, is there an answer?

There is an answer, but it is not an easy one. Neither is it to be found in the final verses of the Book of Job. Christ suffered and died for us. He protested against every evil that damaged people, everything that sought to degrade and destroy them. God's response to evil and suffering can be seen in the cross which stands not as a sign of failure or worse, even resignation, but as one of protest, a sign of victory! Life is not always easy ... and Jesus remains with us to the end.

Christ did not come only for the citizens of Capernaum. When Peter and his companions searched for him because other sick people had just arrived, Christ said: We must go on to the other villages round here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came (Mark 1:38).

Life is not always easy. But Christ is here and He reaches out to us.

Jacques Houle, c.s.v. Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli