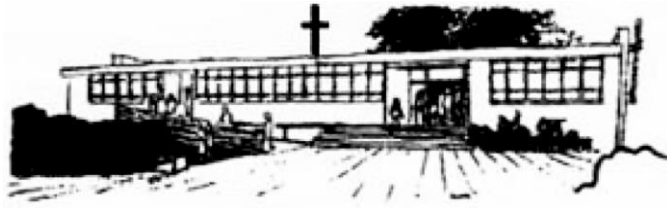


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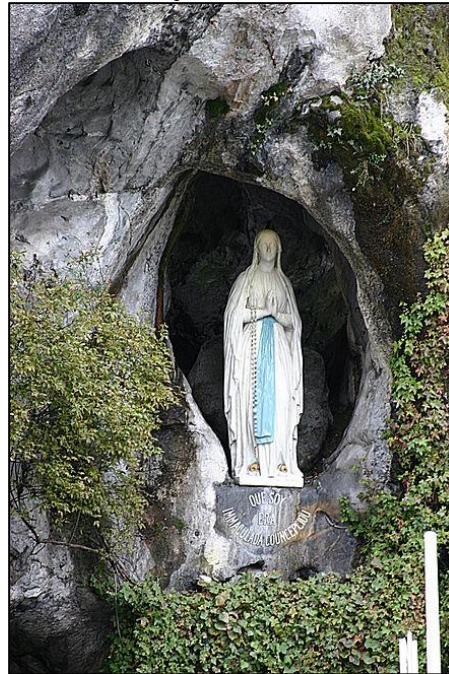
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th February 2017, Year A/1



Our Lady of Lourdes - Grotto of Lourdes 2014

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am
Saturday: 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: after 8:30am Mass

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Riley - Principal

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Luke Portelli (Birthday)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Dec. Mem. of the Dresler Family
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Paul Miki & Companions	Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families
Tuesday:	8:00am	Ordinary Time	Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families
Wednesday	8:00am	Ordinary Time	Elizabeth Holmes (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8:00am	Ordinary Time	Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families
Friday	8:00am	St Scholastica	Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families
Saturday	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Dec. Mem. of the Strand Family

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 540 Offertory: 593
Communion: 549 Reflection: Screen
Recessional: 498

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gianni Panozzo

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Elizabeth Holmes;
Deceased Members of the Dresler Family;
Dec. Mem. of the Fricot & Bertrand Families;
Deceased Members of the Strand Family

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time. The Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary. Our Priests will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

ANOINTING MASS

On the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, Saturday 11th February there will be Anointing of the Sick at the 8.30am Mass. All who are sick are most welcome to be anointed at this Mass. If you need transport please ring the Office. Confession from 7:30am.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy & Kathleen Angoves

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the past catecheses we began our course on the theme of hope by rereading in this perspective some pages of the Old Testament. Now we want to put in light the extraordinary scope that this virtue assumes in the New Testament, when it meets the novelty represented by Jesus Christ and the paschal event: Christian hope. We, Christians, are women and men of hope.

It is what emerges clearly from the first text that was written, namely, the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians. Perceived in the passage we heard, is all the freshness and beauty of the first Christian proclamation. The Thessalonian community is a young community, recently founded, yet despite the difficulties and many trials, it is rooted in the faith and celebrates enthusiastically and joyfully the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. So the Apostle heartily rejoices with all, in a much as those that are reborn at Easter truly become "sons of light and sons of the day" (5:5), in virtue of their full communion with Christ.

When Paul writes to them, the community of Thessalonika had just been founded, and only a few years separate it from Christ's Pasch. Therefore, the Apostle tries to make them understand all the effects and consequences that this unique and decisive event, namely, the Lord's Resurrection, implies for history and for the life of each one. In particular, the difficulty for the community was not so much to acknowledge Jesus' Resurrection, all believed in it, but to believe in the resurrection of the dead. Yes, Jesus is risen, but the difficulty was to believe that the dead will rise again. In this connection, this Letter is revealed all the more timely. Every time we find ourselves in face of our death, or that of a loved one, we feel our faith is put to the test. All our doubts arise, all our frailty, and we wonder: "But will there truly be life after death ...? Will I be able to see again and embrace again the persons I loved ...? A lady asked me this question a few days ago in an audience, manifesting a doubt: "Will I meet my own?" In the present context, we are also in need of returning to the root and foundation of our faith, so as to become aware of all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus and what our death means. We all are somewhat afraid of this uncertainty of death. I remember a little old man, and elderly good man, who said: "I'm not afraid of death. I'm a bit afraid to see it coming." He was afraid of this.

In face of the fears and perplexities of the community, Paul invites to have firmly on the head as a helmet, especially in trials and in the most difficult moments of our life, "the hope of salvation." It is a helmet. See what

Christian hope is. When there is talk of hope, we can be led to understand it according to the ordinary meaning of the term, namely, in reference to something good that we desire, but which can or cannot be realized. We hope it will happen; it is like a desire. One says, for example: "I hope the weather will be good tomorrow!" ; but we know that, instead, the weather could be bad the next day ... Christian hope is not like this. Christian hope is the expectation of something that has already been accomplished; the door is there, and I hope to arrive at the door. What must I do? I must walk to the door! I am certain I will arrive at the door. Christian hope is like this: to have the certainty that I am on the way to something that is, not that I wish it to be.

This is Christian hope. Christian hope is the expectation of something that has already been accomplished and which certainly can be realized for each one of us. Therefore, our resurrection also, and that of our dear deceased, is not something that might or might not happen, but it is a certain reality, in as much as it is rooted in the event of Christ's Resurrection. To hope, therefore, means to learn to live in expectation; to learn to live in expectation and to find life. When a woman realizes she is pregnant, she learns to live every day in the expectation of seeing the gaze of that child that will come. So we must also live and learn from these human expectations and live in the expectation of seeing the Lord, of encountering the Lord. This is not easy, but it can be learned: to live in expectation. To hope means and implies a humble heart, a poor heart. Only a poor one knows how to wait. One who is already full of himself and of his possessions does not put his trust in anything other than himself.

Again, Saint Paul writes: "He [Jesus] died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him" (1 *Thessalonians* 5:10). These words are always a motive of great consolation and peace. Therefore, we are also called to pray for loved ones who have left us, so that they will live in Christ and be in full communion with us. Something that touches my heart very much is an expression of Saint Paul, again addressed to the Thessalonians. It fills me with the certainty of hope. He says thus: "and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 *Thessalonians* 4:17). Something beautiful: everything passes but, after death, we will always be with the Lord. It is the total certainty of hope. The same that, much earlier made Job exclaim: "For I know that my Redeemer lives [...] whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold Him" (*Job* 19:25.27). And so we shall always be with the Lord. Do you believe this? I ask you, do you believe this? To have some force, I invite you to say it three times with me: "And so we shall always be with the Lord." And we will meet there with the Lord.