

The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue
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February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Luke 5:11

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Luke 5:1-11

After Jesus had taught the crowds from Peter's boat, he asked Peter to do two things — “Put out into deep water and lower your nets” — neither of which Peter would normally do (Luke 5:4). He must have been quite impressed by this stranger's teaching to do either one. The Lake of Gennesaret (more commonly known as the Sea of Galilee) is eight miles wide and up to one hundred fifty feet deep. During the day fishing boats stayed close to shore, for sea squalls could easily capsize these boats. Moreover, during the day the fish swam as deep as they could to avoid the bright sunlight. Knowledgeable fishermen fished at night. So Peter was faced with doing something both potentially dangerous and visibly foolish. But after hearing Jesus' teachings, he did. We may feel that sometimes God is leading us out to deep waters and making us look foolish. May his words of reassurance and comfort and the fact that he has shared his very body with us give us confidence to trust him.

Questions of the Week:

When have I felt frightened or foolish by doing something I felt called to do? How has God reassured me and given me confidence?

Connect! Sunday Reflection

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Today's Gospel passage gets me thinking about the elements that truly determine the success of an endeavor. Have you done a thing successfully because you have finished it? Because it has made you money? Because people are talking about it? Does real success demand one or all of these criteria be fulfilled?

Mozart never finished his Requiem, and Chaucer left a few of The Canterbury Tales unpenned. You can raise children well without making any money from it (in fact, the successful parents I know are a good deal poorer because of their kids). So, is it notoriety that spells success? Hardly, a CIA mission probably isn't going to get any tongues wagging unless it all goes wrong.

“Master, we have worked hard all night and caught nothing.”

Peter felt he had failed. You can hear it in his voice. But consider this: the Gospel passage simply doesn't work without his wasted hours. If he had not spent a whole night pulling empty nets onto his boat, doubting himself, growing ever more tired and ever more discouraged, the whole impact of the next day's catch would have been lost.

Praise God for Peter's unsuccessful night. Praise God for his empty nets. Praise God that he had enough trust in something other than his own ability to try one more time.



I have done all this writing only to say this: I can't tell you how success is defined. I can only tell you that I think the question doesn't need to be asked. Not by us, at least, and not now. That's a question for the last day, when all of our actions and undertakings, and the morass of intentions which teem beneath them, will be laid bare by the only One who knows everything.

“Did you succeed?” He will ask me.

It is my prayer that I will be able to answer honestly: “I don't know. But I did as You asked.”

For the Sake of Others

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’”

(ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

PRAYER

Grant me, oh Lord my God, the grace not to faint either in prosperity or adversity, that I not be unduly lifted up by the one, nor unduly cast down by the other.

— excerpt from “A prayer to obtain the grace of a devout life,” *The Raccolta*

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 2	6:30 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
Feb 5	4:00 pm	Louis Arruda , 17th Anniversary, by his great-grandchildren
Feb 6	8:00 am	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
	10:30 am	Robert Fager , by his family
Feb 19	4:00 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
Feb 20	8:00 am	Gerene Maloney , 1st Anniversary, by her family
Feb 24	8:00 am	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
Feb 27	10:30 am	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
Mar 5	4:00 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
Mar 9	6:30 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. If you wish to schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please call, email or visit the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

SAINT BONIFACE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM • Women in the New Testament

As Fr. Charles shared in his homily on Word of God Sunday, St. Jerome famously said "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Dedicate some time this Lent to getting to know Christ through the study of Scripture!

Aligned with St. Boniface's Lenten focus on women in the Church, we will be following the Bible study program "Women in the New Testament." This 8-week journey through Scripture will focus on how being a woman in the holy land during the time of Jesus shaped many of the challenges they faced in responding to Jesus. Look forward to discussion and prayer about expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus, and the meaning of discipleship through the lives of the New Testament women who lived the first generation of Christianity. We'll gather for Scripture and prayer weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the church hall starting February 17 and ending April 7, 2022. Please contact Mike and Stephanie Hausladen at (315)256-3069 or michael.hausladen@live.com if you'd like to participate.

STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 30

• Sunday Offering	\$ 756
• Maintenance/Fuel	10
• Other	0

Total \$ 766

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Word of Life

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Holy Hour of Adoration: every Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm

Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Peter Bak (978-403-5119) or Deputy Grand Knight Claude Poirier (978-660-3202), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

A Christmas Thank You

Christmas 2021 has come and gone and once again you have given us a tremendous amount of support. We had bags and bags of gifts, filled to the brim, all lined up and waiting to be picked up by moms and dads who hoped that Santa Claus does exist. And he does, very simply because you are him!

This year we helped 806 families. That equals 1,744, thirty-seven fewer children than last year and approximately 10,000 gifts, a decrease from last year due to a number of reasons. We have seen a decrease in family size over the last 40 years and a lot more people are working and/or receiving federal benefits. Any of these benefits can raise a family's income above the 150% poverty level. Plus we now have anti-fraud criteria in place.

The reason I am telling you this story rather than the usual Christmas story that makes everyone feel warm and fuzzy is because we want you to know that we take the responsibility of using your donation, be it a gift, time spent helping out, or that cash donation you made, very seriously. We understand that you work hard for what you have and that you have made a conscious decision to give freely to someone who is in need. And we have the responsibility to make sure that this happens as best we can.

And now to you, for your donations, WE THANK YOU! It would be a much smaller Christmas for 1,744 children if you hadn't responded.

To the volunteers who came in on December 20 - 23 to do emergency bagging, I just want you to know that because of you we were able to get gifts out to an additional 190 children. Well done, very well done!

From all of the Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope, our employees, and volunteers we wish you and yours a very Happy New Year!

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Saints of the Week

February 7.

SAINT COLETTE

Saint Colette is known as a reformer of the Order of Saint Clare. Known as the Colettine Poor Clares, these nuns follow a more primitive rule of Saint Clare and are known for their austerity.



February 8.

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Kidnapped at the age of nine and being too terrified to remember her name, Josephine acquired the name "Bakhit" which means "fortunate one." Her most "fortunate blessing" came when she was bought by an Italian consul which led eventually to her conversion and freedom. She joined the Canossian Sisters and ministered in Italy.



February 9.

SAINT JEROME EMILIANI

An orphan at the age of 15, Saint Jerome Emiliani ran away from home and ran into some trouble. He ended up in prison where he had time to think. After a conversion, Saint Jerome studied for the priesthood and, after his ordination, he worked for abandoned children. He founded the Clerks Regular of Somasca to continue that work.



February 10.

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

Family ties and religious obligations may affect one another, but they are not necessarily opposed. Saint Scholastica's relationship with her brother Saint Benedict, is a good example. Close to one another as brother and sister, they also respected the Rule of Life of their respective communities.

Saint Scholastica is a Patron Saint of Cloistered Nuns.



February 11.

OUR LADY of LOURDES

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes runs deep in the hearts of the faithful as a sign of God's care and healing.

Our Lady of Lourdes is the Patron Saint of Relief from Physical Ills.



February 12.

SAINT APOLLONIA

Saint Apollonia is the patron saint of dentists because her teeth were knocked out by an angry mob. Hardly the way we would wish a dentist to extract our teeth, but Saint Apollonia certainly evidenced great courage in her defiance of those who were attacking Christians. Saint Apollonia is a Patron Saint of Dentists and Relief from *Toothache*.





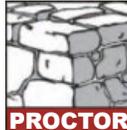
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