

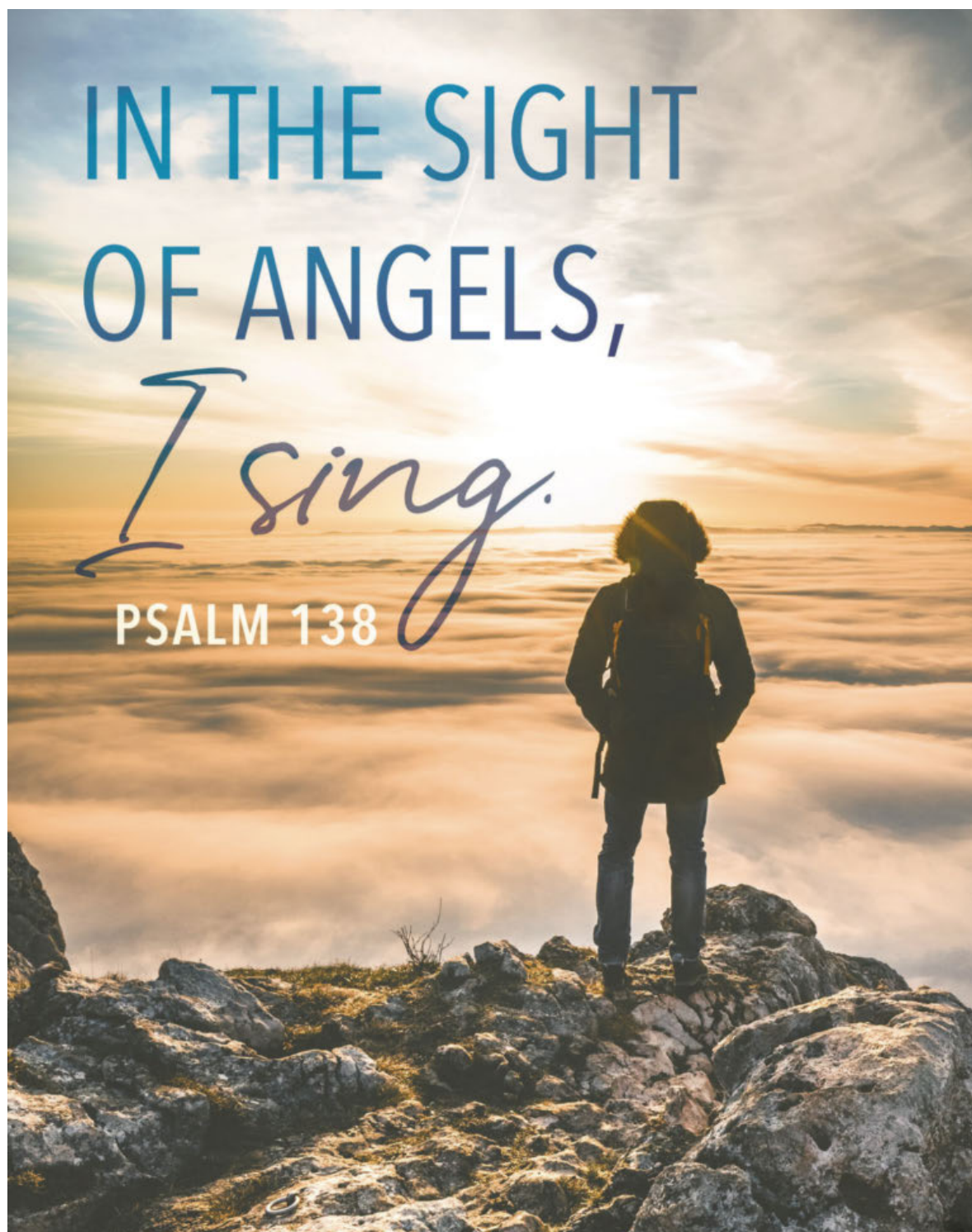


## THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025



## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

**FEBRUARY 9, 2025 / FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Luke 5:1-11*

When they are called by the Lord, both Isaiah and Peter initially insist that they are unworthy. After Isaiah calls himself unclean, an angel touches his mouth with an ember from the altar, purging him of his sin. Jesus doesn't explicitly absolve Peter of his sins, but he responds to Peter's protestations by saying, "Do not be afraid" (Luke 5:10), reassuring him that his sinfulness is not a deal-breaker. He wants Peter to be a fisher of others, despite his being a sinful man. We are sinners as well, but that doesn't mean Jesus wants us to wait until we are perfect before responding to his call. That would be an awfully long wait! "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells us now. Just follow.

**Question of the Week:** When I have felt like I was in deep water, in over my head, when doing some thing I felt called by God to do? Did I overcome my fear or discomfort and how?

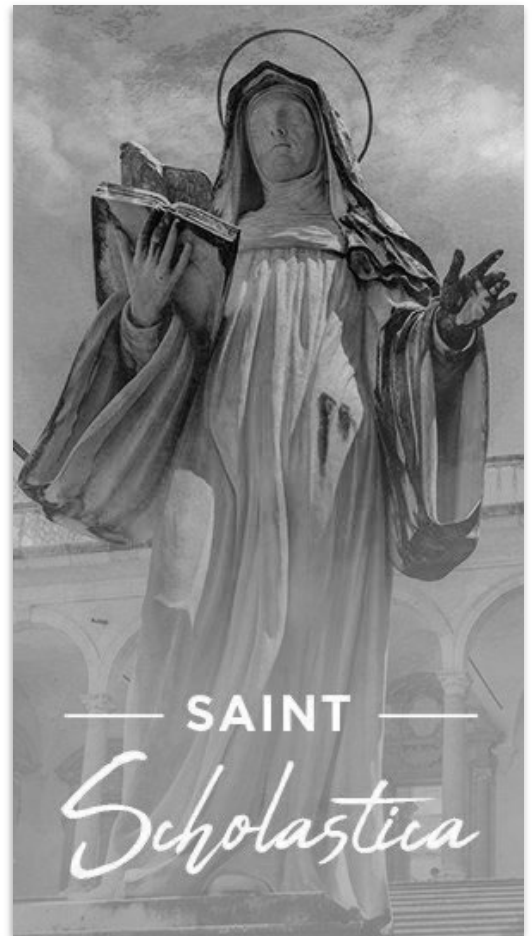
### Gospel Meditation

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away – he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

– Father John Muir  
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### Prayer when Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,  
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me.  
When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength. Help me to leave everything and follow you.  
Amen.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

FEB 14	8:00 AM	WAYNE DUFOUR
FEB 15	4:00 PM	LOUIS ARRUDA
FEB 15	4:00 PM	LOUISE GIROUARD
FEB 22	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
MAR 5	6:30 PM	JOANNE RICARDI
MAR 9	10:30 AM	MICHELLE (GIROUARD) HENDERSON
MAR 15	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
MAR 22	4:00 PM	DAN FEATHERSTONE
APR 19	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
APR 26	4:00 PM	DAN FEATHERSTONE
APR 27	8:00 AM	HOWARD & ELLA MAY CRANE

### **Prayer of the Rosary**

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

**Food Donations** for the months of January and February will go to the Lunenburg Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **Special Collection**

This week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### **Jubilee Year**

For the Jubilee Year there will be Jubilee Year Weekly Adoration and Holy Hour from 12pm to 6pm followed by Mass at 6:30 every Wednesday. We need some volunteers each week to volunteer one hour of Adoration. If interested please see the sign up sheet after masses. Look forward to seeing you there!

### **Ladies Guild Tea**

The Ladies Guild will be having a tea on February 16th after the 10:30 AM mass. All ladies are invited. Looking forward to seeing those who can attend.

### **Prayer Line**

Marie Martin would like to start a prayer line by emails. Her email is [reereangel@comcast.net](mailto:reereangel@comcast.net). If you are interested in joining the prayer line please email Marie for more details.

## STEWARDSHIP

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 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](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or contact Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto: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 Thomas St. George at [tjstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:tjstgeorge@gmail.com) or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at [tbodkin@bodkinmason.com](mailto:tbodkin@bodkinmason.com) or (508-363-3422), or email [kofc16480@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



## Have you ever Heard of the Viking Bishop?

Among the rugged fjords and icy mountains of Norway, a very different kind of Viking emerged: St. Eystein Erlendsson.

St. Eystein served as Archbishop of Nidaros (modern-day Trondheim) during the 12th century, a turbulent period in Norwegian history. The Church was still finding its place in a land where old pagan traditions lingered, and political rivalries were common and dangerous.

One day, Eystein received news that a church in his diocese had been robbed. The thieves had taken valuable items, including a large bronze bell. In those days, church bells were more than tools for calling people to prayer; they were symbols of the community's faith and a reminder of God's presence in a place.

The loss of the bell was a disheartening blow.

Eystein suspected that the thieves had hidden it to melt down the bronze for profit—so he devised a plan.

Along with a small convoy, he made the treacherous journey to the region where the theft had occurred.

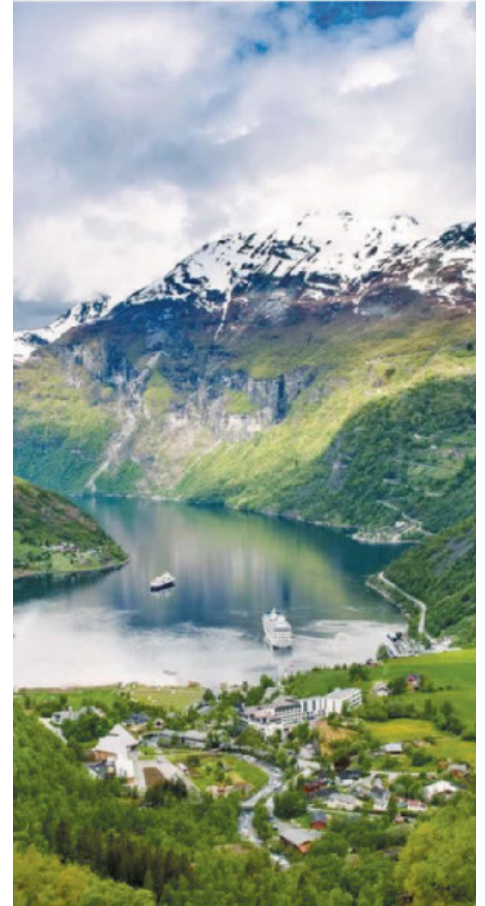
During a gathering of local leaders, he spoke about the importance of justice and the sanctity of church property. Eystein announced that he would consecrate the entire area, calling on God to reveal the location of the stolen bell.

The crowd, including the thieves, became uneasy.

The bell was returned that same night.

When the bell was found, Eystein addressed the thieves with mercy and a funny thing began to happen: the community's faith began to grow!

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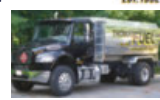
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