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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 9th, 2025.

Food for Thought on Keeping Hope Alive

In a world often overshadowed, and feels fraught with uncertainties and challenges, the importance and significance of hope cannot be overstated.

Hope is not merely an abstract concept; it is a profound powerful catalyst and tool for change. Hope manifests in our daily lives, shaping our perspectives and influencing our decisions. It serves as a guiding light during turbulent times and moments, reminding us that challenges are temporary and that **BETTER** days can lie ahead. In our era marked by chaotic transformations and daunting challenges, nurturing hope can serve as a guiding beacon, illuminating paths forward even in the darkest moments.

Hope is a theological virtue by which, "we trust in Christ's promises, and rely not on our strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (Cf: CCC:1817). Hope keeps us from discouragement, and **SUSTAINS** us during moments of abandonment. God of hope fills us with joy and peace, as we trust in Him. (Romans: 15:13). Hope is intertwined with **Faith**, leading us to **Joy** and **Peace**. It dispels all forms of despair, fear, anxiety and presumption. The sentiment expressed in "*spes non confundit*", that is, "*hope does not disappoint*" (Romans 5:5), reinforces the notion that a hopeful outlook can inspire individuals to overcome obstacles, and strive toward their goals.

Consider the impact of hope on mental health and well-being. Evidence suggests that fostering a hopeful outlook can enhance resilience and reduce stress. Individuals who maintain hope tend to adopt healthier coping mechanisms. Hope is essentially for innovation and perseverance. It encourages optimism, and promotes both personal and collective well-being.

As we navigate the complexities of this year, let us commit to keeping hope alive – not just for ourselves, but for others as well. Let us challenge ourselves to not only hold onto our hopes, but to also disseminate them in order to envision a brighter future.

God is Good, all the time!!

LOVE, Fr. Chrys.

"Jubilee is a time to rediscover God's mercy and renew our commitment to His love."

~ Pope Francis



A **Jubilee Year** is celebrated every 25 years. It is a significant moment in the Catholic faith, a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal. It is a year that invites believers to come together to deepen their spiritual journey and experience God's mercy in a meaningful way. This **Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope** is an initiative that brings together pilgrims from all over the world to celebrate this momentous year in community and faith.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope seeks to unite people through a shared pilgrimage experience, offering opportunities for personal reflection, prayer, and communal support. The journey is not only a physical one, but a spiritual adventure that nurtures hope, peace, and solidarity. Visit www.archsaintboniface.ca for information on local Jubilee initiatives and shrines. You may also wish to subscribe to the Diocesan Weekly News Bulletin which would have the most current events and information.

The "*Jubilee Prayer*" for this 2025 Holy Year, released by the Vatican, is a heartfelt request that thanks God for the gift of faith. It asks Holy Spirit to fill believers' hearts with love and help them share the Gospel. This special Jubilee prayer highlights how God's grace can change people and the world, bringing about a future where evil is defeated and God's glory shines.

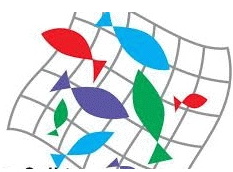
Our Parish of CTK has **Jubilee 2025 prayer-cards** in our pews. Together, after the Prayers of the Faithful/General Intercessions, let us fervently pray, uniting our hearts in great hope along this Jubilee Year pilgrimage, and beyond.

On this Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we recognize that we are all called to be servants in the mission of Christ. We are reminded to always live a lifestyle which reflects the love that God has for each person

FIRST READING (Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8) ~ As the threshold of the Temple quakes, Isaiah is shaken by the experience. He has a vision in which he sees God surrounded by his heavenly court. Isaiah realizes his sinfulness and feelings of unworthiness. The Lord's call demands repentance in the full sense of the Greek word "metanoia". It demands utter transformation and conversion. Isaiah responds, "Here I am! Send me", offering to be the servant and messenger of God.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 15:1-11) ~ Paul insists on the fidelity of his preaching to what he has received. He then gives a brief summary of its content with a special emphasis on the resurrection and the radical way in which Jesus appears and reveals himself to him. It changes his life forever.

GOSPEL (Luke 5:1-11) ~ After a night of fruitless fishing, Jesus bids his disciples to let down their nets once more, and the result is a superabundant catch of fish. Peter's eyes are



opened to his own sinfulness, his feelings of unworthiness, in the presence of the Messiah. In God's deep and unconditional love and faithfulness through Jesus the Son, the disciples answer the call of the Messiah, and leave everything behind to follow him.

How we respond to the Master's call is a daily event. The simple act of prayer can open us to a conversion, or a vocation within the heart of Christ. May we, with Isaiah, Peter, and the disciples have the desire and courage to be healed and open to the spontaneity of the Gospel and cast out courageously into the unknown of the deep waters of life.

We are helpless in the face of sin. Our only sure hope is reliance and dependence on God's loving grace and mercy to transform and heal us.

Pope Francis' Intention for the Month of February ~ Let us unite our hearts together as Pilgrims of Hope: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Our sincere condolences to James & Teresa Graham & their Family & Friends grieving the death of their son, Jon-Thomas Graham. ☩

Our sincere condolences to Joy & Emmanuel Anyiaka & their Family & Friends grieving the death of their son, Philip Obinna Anyiaka. ☩

The Lord God loves and delights in us all, and each of us has been chosen and formed to proclaim the Good News in our own unique way by the power of Holy Spirit. Together, may we be faithful servants as the body of Christ, for we are each called to serve one another, especially those most in need.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2025 **Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of OT**
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Sunday, Feb. 9th **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes.
9am Mass ~ For her Dad, Marc Dureault+. By Rachelle & Family
11am Mass ~ For Simone Dequier+. By Marielle & David Brennan

Catholic School's Week

Enjoy your activities, Students & Staff!

Monday, Feb. 10th **St. Scholastica**
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.

Rosary is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday to Friday, followed by 10am morning Mass. Fr. Chrys is also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) immediately after morning Mass - Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday, Feb. 11th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For Richard Hudson+. By the Moore Family

Wednesday, Feb. 12th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
NOTE EARLIER TIME: 9am Rosary
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(No Confession time today. Fr. Chrys has a meeting at Saint Boniface Archdiocese.)

Thursday, Feb. 13th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For Bradley Urbanski+. By Frances Everett

Friday, Feb. 14th **Saint Cyril & St. Methodius**
Valentine's Day
10am Mass ~ Birthday Blessings & prayers for Brodie Allen.
By Mom Jolene & Dad Alex & sister Mira Allen & Family
6pm R.C.I.A. (Adult Faith Formation) Gathering

Saturday, Feb. 15th **Vigil of Sixth Sunday of OT**
1-3pm Sacramental Prep. Classes.
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of All.

Sunday, Feb. 16th **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For her Dad, Marc Dureault+. By Rachelle & Family
11am Mass ~ For Donald Bourrier+. By Marielle & David Brennan

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:

Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Bonnie Guarino, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet ...for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace and effective communication between all countries... for all government leaders... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity...

Thank you to Blessed Mary, Saint Jude, and all the Saints of God who pray and intercede for us!



Reminder to LITURGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 5pm, downstairs in Lennox Hall. Come to discuss and organize plans for Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5th), our upcoming 6-week Lenten Season, and our Easter Season. Mark your calendars.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.)

The CWL Council of Mary, Mother of the Church extends an invitation to all to attend a presentation on HUMAN TRAFFICKING on Monday, Feb. 24th **AT Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall** beginning at 7:00 p.m. SPEAKER: **Shona Stewart** started a ministry called *Setting the Captives Free Ministry Inc.* in Saskatchewan to help women heal from the abuse of trafficking. She is now doing her work in Winnipeg at *Dignity House Inc.* (<https://dignityhouse.ca/>). Please join us to obtain a greater knowledge on the topic of human trafficking. Refreshments will be served.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

1/ **General Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The next meeting: this Tuesday, Feb. 11th.

2/ **Executive Meetings** are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Next meeting: Feb. 26th.

3/ Thank you to Everyone for supporting and participating in the **50/50 Draw**.

4/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tix for \$10.00.

5/ **Pancake Breakfast** after 9am & 11am Mass times on Sunday, Feb. 23rd; Held in the gym. The Knights have tickets available: \$20.00 per person; children under 8 yrs. old - no charge. They invite everyone to come.

Sign-Up for our PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~ Horizons of Hope: 4-week Palliative Care Program from CCCB ("Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops"). These educational sessions will be offered on end-of-life and palliative care resources. Parishioners & Friends/Guests are all welcome.

> Four Wednesdays ~ Mar. 12th, 19th, 26th, Apr. 2nd.

> 6:30-8:30pm > downstairs in our CTK Lennox Hall

> No charge, however, please **REGISTER by signing-up** on the sheet at the parking lot entrance.

Mark your calendars ! Parish Community Annual Meeting - ("PCAM") ~ Saturday, April 26th, downstairs in Lennox Hall, from 10am to 12:00noon, followed by lunch. The Theme/focus of our **PCAM** is: **The Business of the Church is the Mission of Christ**. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

Holy Spirit is our constant companion, journeying with each person, and guiding us through, with, and in every aspect of our daily lives. Like the Prophet Isaiah, Saint Paul, Saint Peter and the disciples in our scripture passages today, we can all experience the power of the Spirit at work in our lives in very different and amazing ways as we respond faithfully to God's call.

Let us strive to always remember to repent, turning to the Lord, trusting in his love, mercy, inspiration, and guidance. May we humbly give thanks to him for believing in us to help carry on his mission. Be not afraid! Have courage !

The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba Events:

1/ **Youth, Family and Community Dance**, Saturday Mar. 1st, 6:30-10:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) held at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave, Winnipeg. Limited tickets - no tickets sold at the door. Includes snacks, drinks, mid evening lunch, prizes and more! www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/dance

2/ **Caritas Award Dinner**- Apr. 24th, held at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave, Winnipeg. Creating a welcoming community for individuals with diverse abilities. The 2025 Caritas Award dinner honors people who have broken barriers and strive to remove negative stigma about those with developmental disabilities. Award Recipients: Gabriel Langlois (a.k.a. Dancing Gabe - he is a CTK Parishioner) and the Lisowski Family. For tickets, visit www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/caritas

Christ the King School News

>> This coming week is **Catholic School's Week**. Students and Staff will be participating together in some activities: bowling; skating; a Sock Hop Dance; Color Day on Valentine's Day; and then a holiday on Friday. Hope you have a great week, celebrating what it means to be a Catholic, and living and serving faithfully as a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

>> The next **Mass with School** will be on Friday, Feb. 21st at the 10am morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to come to celebrate with them.

>> On Sept. 6th, 2025, Christ the King School will be celebrating **70 years** that the School began in a building, which was the former Municipal Hall at the corner of Lennox and St. Mary's Road. There were 135 students. Today, the School's enrolment is full with 257 students.

2024 Income Tax Receipts are printed & ready for pick-up at the parking lot entrance until Feb. 16th. After this date, all remaining Receipts will be mailed out. Help our Parish save on postage costs by picking your Receipt up this weekend. Thank you for your help !

Sunday Collection Envelope Boxes ~ There are also a few issued boxes of Sunday Collection envelopes at the parking lot entrance for pick up.

Weekend Charitable Offerings

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$3,505.65
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$120.00

Thank you for your faithful generosity & stewardship.

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page >

www.ctkp.ca

CTK School > www.ctkschool.ca

St. Boniface Archdiocese > www.archsaintboniface.ca

Time, Talent & Treasure ~ Everything is a gift from God, and in a spirit of gratitude and humility, we give back to God all that has been given to us by our tender, generous God. As true and faith-filled disciples, our stewardship is a three-fold response which cannot be divided. We cannot offer our time, and neglect offering our treasure and talent. We cannot offer our treasure, and neglect to offer our time and talent. It is an imbalance on our part, to have our God-given talents, and not use them in connection with our time and treasure. We are called to offer our whole selves -- time, talent, and treasure -- cheerfully, willingly, and generously.





Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Jesus helps and inspires us all in active ways to 'catch people' into God's net of love. Let us "Be not afraid" to follow Jesus the Master, by listening attentively to what he wants us to actively DO, in unity with His ministry of teaching and inviting people into God's kingdom.

**ASK AMAZED BOATS BREAK CAST CATCH
CAUGHT COME COURAGE CROWD DEEP FELL
FOLLOWED FULL FISHERS HUGE KNEES
LAKE LEARN LEFT MANY MASTER NETS
NOTHING PARTNERS PEOPLE POWER
SINK WATER**

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Jesus' power and authority extends over all things for all time, just as it did during disciples' experience with the large catch of fish. Jesus' divine Word possesses the same strength and authority as it did in ancient times – it has not diminished. He is the Prophet and Teacher who speaks the Word of God the Father on the breath of Holy Spirit. As Pilgrims of Hope, may we open faithfully our hearts to hear God's voice, to receive and accept God's abundant mercy and love, and go out to share joyfully the Gospel with all those we encounter!

CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.



(Matthew 28:18-20)

VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
Building Relationships
Faith and Worship
Compassion and Generosity

Faith Formation News

- > **Catechism Classes** ~ Sunday mornings, from 9-10:45am. Families are warmly invited to come to the Church right after Catechism to celebrate and praise God at the 11am Mass.
- > **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Feb. 15th & 22nd, 1-3pm.



- > **Youth Group** (12-18 yrs) held every third FRIDAY from 7-9pm downstairs in the Hall. All Youth are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community. Next Meet-Up is Feb. 21st.

Watch the Bulletin for news. Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.



Continued Blessings & Prayers for the Catechumens & Candidates journeying in faith formation through the Rite of Christian Initiation process toward Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist at Easter. We hold you in prayer as you meet each week to grow in your faith, love and relationship with God who loves and delights in you.

Thanks & Blessings, too, to the RCIA Team Members walking with you!

The next Parish MASS with CHILDREN will be celebrated on Sunday, Mar. 23rd at 11am Mass time. All Families with children are especially invited to come celebrate and worship God at this special Mass. (If you're child(ren) are interested, watch for choir practice dates in upcoming Bulletins.)

God calls each and every one of us to discipleship with Christ, to be 'fishers of people' for God's kingdom. When we don't respond to God's invitation, we need to stop to ponder why we choose not to r.s.v.p. and join the mission. Are we simply lazy? Do we feel afraid, or self-conscious? Do we doubt our abilities? Do we feel too sinful and unworthy, like Peter in today's Gospel? Where do we need to confess our sinfulness and inaction, and seek Jesus' mercy and healing...

Jesus has chosen us, and asks us to believe that he has faith in us. He meets and walks with us where we are in our life, whether it is in a 'boat', watching from up in a 'tree', in a classroom, or an office.... He loves each of us as we are, and invites us to follow him, to grow more deeply in maturity, faith, love, and service.

We are not the savior of the world – we are called to be the disciples and servants of the Savior of the world. We don't always need to see the results of our 'fishing excursions'. We are called as disciples to fish by faith, entrusting the miracles and the glory to God. We don't have to fish alone, and as a matter of act, we cannot do it alone. Life, work, and ministry is to be lived in community, as one body of Christ, each person using their time, talent, and treasure. We need one another's help, support and encouragement.

May we hook ourselves to Jesus, and learn from him through his Word, and healed through his Sacraments. May we 'wash and repair our nets' by making time for daily prayer and meditation. May we be grounded on God's shore of truth, and be given the strength and courage to faithfully believe in God's saving love, especially when we experience the sinking boats in life. And may we become effective 'fishers of people', inviting and allowing the power of Holy Spirit's compassion and understanding, gentleness, mercy and joy that already dwells within us to be the bait that catches people's hearts into God's net of love and mercy!