

February 9, 2025: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title “master.” He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus “Lord”—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the “successor of Peter.” We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex* First Friday of each month - 2 pm
***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.
Bible Study: To be determined at a later date.
Holy Hour of Adoration: Postponed until further notice.
Reconciliation: By request.
Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
Family Connections: At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
January 25 & 26, 2025

Regular Sunday	1530.00
Loose Offering	29.45
Parish Dues	140.00
Building Fund	175.00
Votive Candles	45.00
Sunday Missals	63.00
Mass Stipends	160.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 11-16

Feb. 12	The Late Jackie & Brian Griffin
Feb. 13	The Late Assumpta Roche
Feb. 14	The Late Michael Carroll
Feb. 15	The Byrne Family The Late Joseph & Annetta Hackett
Feb. 16	Mass for the Intentions of the People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 15	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Art Hall	Don Gallant
February 16	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Victoria Murphy	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

SACRED HEART BINGO:

Our next bingo will be held Sunday February 23rd, at Sacred Heart Elementary. The doors open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm. Hope to see you there.

GIFT CARD TREE:

This year our **Easter fundraiser** will be a **Gift Card Tree** with the proceeds going to the replacement of our oil tanks. We have already received some gift cards and ask for your help in achieving our goals. We can **accept gift cards, gift certificates or money**. Don't forget to ask relatives, friends, and the many businesses to donate also. Tickets (which will be \$5 each) are not yet available, but we will **need volunteers** to sell these tickets at various locations during March/April. Please contact the office (709-785-5025) and leave your name and phone number if you want to volunteer your time. Thank you.



Is a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ. It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna, BC**. For more information you can email: griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403). Diocese of Nelson, Kelowna, BC

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:

If you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church in 2025, you are required to do the marriage course. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Saturday, April 5th 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$50.00. Please call the Holy Redeemer Office at 634-5161 or info.hrp@nl.rogers.com to register.

PLENARY INDULGENCE:

Among the conditions required to receive a plenary indulgence is prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a gesture of deep communion with the Successor of Peter and with the universal mission of the Church. This act is not merely a formal requirement but a privileged opportunity for the faithful to spiritually partake in the great challenges and hopes that the Pope carries in his heart for the good of humanity. To foster and encourage this dimension of prayer, **we have put a poster in the church with a QR code on it**. It is your one step way to access this spiritual tool and use it at any time of the day.

SSVP JANUARY ACTIVITY REPORT:

Mary's Kitchen:

During the month of January, we served 82 clients. The volunteer hours totalled 119. Thanks to the Knights Of Columbus for their participation during the month.

Furniture:

In January, we made 24 furniture deliveries and picked up 23 furniture donations. 12 mattresses, 6 boxsprings, 5 dressers, 7 sofa chairs and 3 kitchen tables were distributed, among many other items. 13 households of New Canadians from India, Nigeria, South Sudan and Vietnam were among the many families who were assisted last month. We also finished up with storage cleanup, furniture repair, bagging of bedding and other tasks. Total volunteer hours amounted to 79. Appreciation goes out to all SSVP members and non-members who gave of their time.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.
Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis

Reflections:

Let your Light Shine

Our deepest fear is not that
we are inadequate,
but that we are powerful
beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness,
that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves,
“Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,
talented and fabulous?”
Actually, you are a child of God.
Your playing small
doesn't serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about
shrinking so that other people
won't feel insecure around you.
We are born to make manifest
the Glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us;
it's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine,
we unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear,
our presence automatically liberates others.
(From the inaugural speech of Nelson Mandela).

*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.196-197*