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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

REFLECTION: Lord, we thank you that every once in a way you send us people like Jesus who shock us by showing us that we have been hiding behind the identity of the group we belong to.

They remind us of people who don't belong to our group, whom you have blessed, a humble widow who was visited by a great prophet, the leader of a different religious group whom you healed miraculously while we were left with our diseases. It is a painful lesson, especially when it comes from someone within our own household, and we exclaim, 'This is Joseph's son, surely, what right has he to be teaching us?' But it is a moment of grace; we realise that we must stop looking down on people of other ethnic groups, of lesser education than ourselves; we must join members of other churches, religions and faiths, and unbelievers too, in asking for your mercy and forgiveness. Lord, you know that our first response is to become enraged with those who tell us these home truths, spring to our feet, hustle them out of our town, take them up to the brow of the hill our church is built on, intending to throw them down the cliff. We thank you that the Jesus you sent us slipped out of our grasp and walked away, leaving us to ponder on the truth, experience that the Bible was being fulfilled even as we listened, and we eventually found life from the gracious words that came from his lips.



Gospel reflection: This gospel text begins where we left off last Sunday, with Jesus telling the people in the synagogue in Nazareth that the scriptures are being fulfilled in their hearing. Their initial positive response to him augurs well but change in attitude comes quickly as it becomes apparent that Jesus is not interested in popular acclaim but in repentance. He reminds his hearers of two occasions in the Old Testament when God used the prophets Elijah and Elisha to assist foreigners at a time when his own people were in need. The people of Nazareth were more interested in what Jesus could do for them than in what he might be asking of them. 'Today' the scriptures are again being fulfilled in our hearing. The word of God is alive and active and invites us to ponder where and how God is at work in the daily circumstances of our lives. It is always a word that saves and heals but if we are not ready to be challenged by it then we can either deceive ourselves by pretending it is what we want or we can just reject it. That was the situation of the people in Nazareth, and today, like them, we must ask ourselves if we really want what God wants – that is what repentance is all about.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Church	St Hilary Church
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	none
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.	Tue & Thu - 10:00 a.m. (If is int. Mass)

1st and 3rd Sundays: Beardmore - St. Theresa Church - 1:30 p.m.
MacDiarmid/Rocky Bay - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - 2:30 p.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 12:30 a.m(May- September)
1st & 3rd Saturdays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 6:30 pm

HOLY HOUR: First Friday - 5:00 p. m—7:00 p. m Adoration and Benediction and Holy Mass—ABVM Church.

HOLY ROSARY: The Rosary for the unborn Child - Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.– ABVM
ASSOCIATIONS & COUNCILS: Parish Council, Finance Committee, Building Committee, C.W.L Knights of Columbus, Food Bank.

BAPTISM: Please contact the parish office
CONFESSION: One hour before Mass
MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.
Visiting the Sick: Anytime call to Priest.

Annunciation BVM and St. Hilary Parishes are a community of Catholics under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, service and fellowship, in cooperation with the Bishop of Thunder Bay, in order to bring forth the values of the Kingdom of God.



The incident related in today's gospel story is a precious moment of grace for the people of Nazareth, one that we too experience from time to time – Jesus invites them and us to stop hiding behind their false identity and come to the truth of themselves.

We all need to feel special; the problem is how we go about fulfilling that need. The easy – but false – way is to take the short cut of finding our “specialness” in belonging to a group that considers itself superior to others. We find our “specialness” in our sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, nationality, or from the fact that we are married, are “old boys” or “old girls” of some school, university graduates, have a job, or own our

homes. Today's reading reminds us that the same happens with religious groups. The people of Nazara, like the Jews in general, like members of churches, or of groups within them such as priests, religious and leaders of prayer groups, look on themselves as “the chosen people”. The basic fault in all these situations is to forget that being part of a group says nothing about our personal worth. If we settle for the group-identity we become complacent and stop facing the truth about ourselves. The moment of grace comes when someone from our group sees through the cover up, starts mixing with outsiders, and declares that some of them are every bit as good as we are, perhaps even better. A good Catholic boy marries a girl from a different faith, and comes back to say that his in-laws are just as holy as members of his church. One of our own children, perhaps in a moment of anger, shows up our double standards and compares us unfavourably with our neighbours.

'The Table of the Word': They will comment anyway... The following is a summary of the comments made about the parish priest in a typical parish: If his homily is longer than usual, 'He sends us to sleep.' If it's short 'He hasn't bothered. 'If he raises his voice, 'He is shouting. 'If he speaks normally, 'You can't hear a thing. 'If he's away, 'He's always on the road.' If he's at home, 'He's a stick-in-the-mud.' If he's out visiting, 'He's never at home.' If he's in the presbytery, 'He never visits his people. 'If he talks finances, 'He's too fond of money.' If he doesn't, 'The parish is dead.' If he takes his time with people, 'He wears everybody out. 'If he is brief, 'He never listens.' If he starts Mass on time, 'His watch must be fast.' If he starts a minute late, 'He holds everybody up.' If he is young, 'He lacks experience. 'If he is old, 'He ought to retire.' And if he dies? Well, of course, 'No one could ever take his place.' Jack McArdle in 'And that's the Gospel Truth

Income for the Last Week ABVM Parish Sun. Jan. 27,2019— \$575.15 plus donation the KofC - \$1,500.00 Please, be aware of your parish needs! Thank you for your commitments!



VISIT TO THE SICK: If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion at home please call the office at 887- 3153 or 889-0482. REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS .



THERE IS NOTHING MORE COMFORTING THAN TO HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY REQUEST THAT THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS BE SAID IN THEIR NAME OR FOR “THE REPOSE OF THEIR SOUL”

- Sat. Feb. 02,19 - 5:00 pm - Int. of the Brad Penner Family
- Sun. Feb. 03,19 - 9:30 am - Int. of the Lloyd Pichette Family
- Tue. Feb. 05,19 - 7:00 pm - Int. of the Peter Prete Family
- Wed. Feb. 06,19 - 7:00 pm - Int. of the Ray Clarence Family
- Thurs. Feb. 07.19 - 7:00 pm - Int. of the Ray Clifford Family
- Fri. Feb. 08,19 - 7:00 pm - +Zinajda Smutylo
- Sat. Feb. 09,19 - 5:00 pm - Int. of the Ray Douglas Family
- Sun. Feb. 10,19 - 9:30 am - Int. of the Ray Mike Family

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE INTENTION. Or write the info on a paper —1 mass =\$10.00, and put in the collection basket, thank you for your time. When a loved one dies or a friend is ill or alone, there is nothing more comforting than to have friends and family request that the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass be said in their name or for the repose of their soul.”



ST. HILARY PARISH:

Ladies of St. Hilary Sunday February 10 after Mass, pasta, salad, garlic toast and desserts please join us after mass. Ladies meeting February 11, 7PM in parish hall



- Feb.03,19 - 11:00 a.m. - Int. of the Maureen Scott Family
 - Feb.05,19 - 10:00 a.m. - Int. of the Grant Scot-Marciski Family
 - Feb. 07,19 - 10:00 a.m. - Int. of the Bob Snow Family
 - Feb. 10,19.- 11:00 a.m. - +Darryl Leshko - Eugene & Shelly Pillipow
- Income for the Last Week - Regular Sun. Jan. 27, - \$ 370.00; plus a donation of \$1500.00 from the Knights of Columbus.



Don Bosco had the courage to look at reality with human eyes and with the eyes of God. May every priest imitate him by seeing reality with human eyes and with the eyes of God.

The secret to navigating life well is to invite Jesus on board. The helm of life should be given to Him, so that He can direct the route.

Meekness and tenderness: these human virtues seem small, but they can overcome the most difficult conflicts.

I thank God for having given us the opportunity to share these days together and to experience once more this World.

Go forth and bear witness to what you have seen and heard, not with lots of words but with simple, daily actions. I don't know if I'll be present at the next WYD, but Peter will certainly be there, and he will confirm you in the faith.

Bible Study will be every Monday at Roma Dupuis house at 4 Riverview St. from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. tel. 887-4472. Come out for some great discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!