

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

We give thanks for you Holy
Name, O Lord!

Saturday, January 29	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 30	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, January 31	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, February 1	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 2	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 3	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, February 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, February 5	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:6:1-2a, 3-8: When the Lord asked for a messenger, Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

1 Cor:15:1-11: Paul urged everyone to remain faithful to the gospel he preached.

Lk:5:1-11: Jesus invites Simon and his friends to become fishers of men.

(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Mask)

We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Prophets tend not to be very popular. They get thrown in jail, ridiculed, beaten up, or killed. The leaders of Jerusalem once had Jeremiah thrown in a cistern, where he would have died if someone had not interceded for him with the king. Today we hear how the people of Nazareth would have killed Jesus if he had not given them the slip.

In both cases, people did not want a message that God was sending them through the prophets. Jeremiah had to tell the leaders that their time had run out because of their infidelity to the covenant. God was leaving them to their own devices, allowing Jerusalem to be destroyed by the Babylonians. Jesus confronts his own townspeople by admonishing them that they should be like that woman whom Elijah helped and that leper Elisha sent to wash in the Jordan. Both of these Gentiles had faith they should imitate. But the villagers only wanted a God who would wreak vengeance on the Gentiles, a God who only worked wonders for them and who was confined within the boundaries of Israel.

Sometimes we may want to keep God in a little box of our own making, limiting God to the boundaries of the church building or maybe even just the tabernacle. That way we go and visit God when we have time or need something, but we hope that God will not bother us too much with any burdensome demands. The God of Israel was never satisfied with confinement, even in something the size of the temple. And Jesus would not allow himself to be constricted in his own day concerning whom he associated or ate with or even touched. Tight quarters wouldn't do, not then but especially once he was raised from the tomb!

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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WORD OF LIFE: "Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trails we face, we are not alone. He is with us. "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20) NABRE © 2010 ccd. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (www.respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 30 Sun: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer:1:4-5, 17-19; Ps:71: 1 Cor: 12:31- 13:13; Lk:4:21-30

Jan 31 Mon: Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sam:15:13-14, 30;16:5-13; Ps:3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk:5: 1-20

Feb 1 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sam:18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps: 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mk:5:21-43

Feb 2 Wed: Presentation of the Lord

Mal:3:1-4; Ps:24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb:2:14- 18; Lk:2:22-40

Feb 3 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr:29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk:6:7-13

Feb 4 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:47:2-11; Ps:18:31, 47 & 50, 51; Mk:6:14-29

Feb 5 Sat: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs:3:4-13; Ps:119:9, 10, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

God's Gift

When you discover what you are good at, you cannot let go. You may have a gift for parenting, teaching, listening, or playing a hand of bridge. Or golf. Once in a while we find out something else about the gifts God gave us. We may not know why we have them, but events may call us to use our gifts in a way that reveals God's will.

You may have given advice that somebody needed. You may have helped a child overcome an obstacle. You may have lifted someone's spirits. You may have saved someone's life. You did all this because you had a gift, and when the moment arrived, you used the gift God gave you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God's words to Jeremiah ring deep within our souls. Think about this: God knew you before you were born. God had you in mind before you were conceived. God designed gifts for you from the very beginning. God had a plan.

We are born without knowledge of God's plan. We are not sure how we fit. We may never know. God may be using us in ways beyond our awareness. The gifts we have are not ours. They belong to God.

When we use God's gifts, they bring us satisfaction. We cannot let go of what God meant us to be and do. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

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LOVE is patient, LOVE is kind,
LOVE is not jealous. It does not
seek its own interests. LOVE never fails.

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passage in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth of its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love God and others? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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The Challenge of Love

One of the most popular readings at weddings is this passage from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous. It bears all things. Love never fails." It is a beautiful hymn to love, and it captures the emotions that many couples feel as they celebrate their wedding day.

But Paul did not have marriage in mind. He was writing about the early Christian community in Corinth, the equivalent of a parish today. The members had many gifts. They were not using them well. They were divided in their sentiments. They said they believed in Jesus, but they were not acting the way he taught. Jesus wanted everyone to love God and to love their neighbor. That was not happening in Corinth.

So Paul reminded them what love is — and what it is not. "It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing." The Corinthians were guilty of all these things.

Paul would probably be surprised to know that this passage is used so often at weddings today. He would probably remark, "OK — but just remember. If this describes the love of a newly married couple, that is the kind of love you should have for everyone in your parish. Not just for one person."

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sing
of your
salvation



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