

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

Save us, O Lord our God!



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Saturday, February 2 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, February 3 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, February 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, February 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, February 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, February 9	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

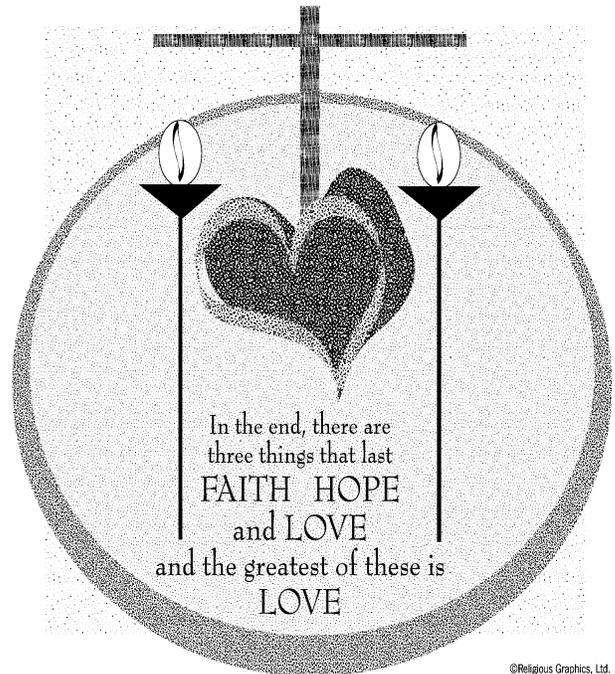
NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:6:1-2a, 3-8: God's dramatic call to Isaiah
1 Cor:15:1-11: Paul was called as the least of the apostles
Lk:5:1-11: Jesus calls disciples from among fishermen

Reflection

Prophets are people who see deeply. Israel's prophets are uniquely possessed of God's vision for the world. The first reading tells of the call of the prophet Jeremiah, who is in many ways like Jesus. Both have a difficult calling or mission; both are treated harshly by their contemporaries; both carry within themselves a firm and abiding sense of God's power and protection. One could easily read the first reading and replace the name "Jeremiah" with "Jesus," keeping in mind that Jesus is a prophet and more than a prophet.

The second reading gives us some insight into the source of the power of God's people. Sandwiched between the two stories of the prophetic vocation, we read a passage that is among the most revered in all the Scriptures. Here, Paul sings of the virtue of love, the kind that Jeremiah and Jesus possessed—or that possessed and anchored Jeremiah and Jesus. Paul is sure that we, too, are capable of this kind of steadfast, inexhaustible love that outlasts prophecy, great talent and skill, even great acts of courage. The God who is author of this love is the same God who is Jeremiah's strength, the same God whom Jesus proclaims as a saving God. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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Receive the LORD JESUS

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CULTURAL/HULA MINISTRY: If you are interested in being a part of the Cultural/Hula Ministry please join us after the 5pm Sunday Mass at 630pm-8pm. Just be open to learning more about Hula and other cultural dances within the context of our Catholic faith. If you have experience, that is also appreciated but no experience necessary. Any questions please call/text Christina Lefu'a at 808-699-1343 or email her at chrilefua@yahoo.com

WORD OF LIFE: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5) NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with Permission.

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 3 Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Feb 4 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:11:32-40; Ps:31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk:5:1-20

Feb 5 Tue: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Heb:12:1-4; Ps:22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; Mk:5:21-43

Feb 6 Wed: Saint Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Heb:12:4-7, 11-15; Ps:103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk:6:1-6

Feb 7 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:12:18-19, 21-24; Ps: 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk:6:7-13

Feb 8 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:13:1-8; Ps 27: 1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk:6:14-29

Feb 9 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:13: 15-17, 20-21; Ps:23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mk:6:30-34

Expectations

We can miss what is right in front of our noses because we expect something else. The real thing, the real person, the real opportunity is transparent. Our expectation blots out or blurs the durable reality. This has been our experience often enough. So we are not surprised by the failure of the people in Jesus' hometown. After all, he was so familiar. We wish they had seen Jesus not just as a neighbor, but as the bearer of salvation. We wish this for ourselves, too. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

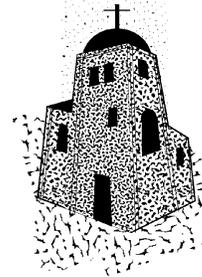
NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Practice gratitude - Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian Steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. **Encounter the Lord each day** - find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst. **Give More** - Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow. (International Catholic Stewardship Council ~e-Bulletin)

The Gospel for this day gives us Jesus' homily, which was drawn from the prophetic reading from Isaiah. You will recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus stood up in his hometown synagogue and read the prophecy of Isaiah, which promised freedom from oppression and announced a time of salvation. The sentence that ended that Gospel is repeated at the beginning of this one: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." If Jesus is the bringer of salvation, the assembly at Nazareth reasoned, why haven't they been favored with their hometown hero's healing powers? After all, this was his third visit home, and so far nothing extraordinary had occurred. Is he not, after all is said and done, just the son of Joseph, a boy they'd known all their lives?

Sensing this doubt and growing resentment, Jesus recalls that the great prophets Elijah and Elisha were also rejected by their own people for healing the outsider. Luke alone tells us this story to remind his first readers that God's saving power includes Israel, but not Israel alone. Salvation has come this day to the whole world. However, little Nazareth was not quite expecting this interpretation. Jesus' expulsion from their midst is chilling. At the brow of the hill, Jesus draws himself to his full height, turns, and walks through the crowd, which parts and allows him to pass from this place to a larger arena.

Be my rock
of refuge,
a stronghold
for me
for you are
my rock,
O God



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