



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ FEBRUARY 10, 2019



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First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe, and therefore was very grateful to be called an apostle and preach in the name of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.



Sunday, February 10	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Intention of Michael Creegan Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Monday, February 11	8:00 am	Special Intention Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Tuesday, February 5	8:00 am	In Memory of Teresa Le T. Lan Req. by the Nguyen Family
Wednesday, February 12	8:00 am	In Memory of Aggi Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Jones
Thursday, February 13	8:00 am	Intention of Cynthia Blumenthal Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Friday, February 14	8:00 am	Intention of Jenn May Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril May
Saturday, February 15	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Intention of Family & Good Health Req. by Mrs. Josephine Genovese



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Upcoming Second Collections

Today: Arlington Herald

2019 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!



At the end of January many of us received a mailing regarding the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2019 BLA is "Together in the Light of Christ." After reflecting

upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.

*** Parish Schedule ***



Thursday, February 14
Choir Practice, 7pm
Knights of Columbus: No Meeting

Saturday, February 16
Knights of Columbus: Rosary before 5:30pm Mass

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, February 17
Knights of Columbus: Rosary before all Masses

Monday, February 18
Presidents' Day – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, February 21
Choir Practice, 7pm



*** Religious Education News ***

Regular classes today, February 10th
No classes Sunday, February 17th
Regular classes February 24th

The students in St. Clare's Religious Education (RE) program will once again have the opportunity to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl campaign. Rice bowls will be provided to the students during RE classes on Sunday, March 3. As has been done in past years, each Rice Bowl will include a calendar of suggested events families can use to make their Lenten journey more prayerful and meaningful. Along with the calendar of event, there are recipes from the countries/regions being spotlighted in this year's campaign: Guatemala, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, and Gaza.

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Stewardship Reflection -- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Whom will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"
(ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Art for the Heart



Bring your Valentine and join in a festive evening of viewing and bidding on a variety of Fine Art, memorabilia, and collectibles while enjoying complementary wine and fantastic specialty hors d'oeuvres prepared by *A Bit More Catering*.

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Sikora Council 7992 is holding their **Annual Art Auction on Saturday, February 16, 7:00–10:30 pm in the Church of the Nativity Parish Hall. 2400 Nativity Ln., Burke, VA.** Tickets are only \$15 per person for this wonderful evening. For tickets please call Tom Savage at 512 983-5641 or email him at tomkc7992@gmail.com. Thank you for your help with our charitable ministries.



A Valentine's Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord God above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of holy love.

I asked Him for sincere and selfless love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the clean and generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord Jesus to give you
His same love that knows no end.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!



**** AROUND THE DIOCESE ****

Intelligent Lives - Film Screening Bishop O'Connell High School is happy to host a FREE viewing of Dan Habib's new film, INTELLIGENT LIVES on **Wednesday, February 20, at 7 p.m.** This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. INTELLIGENT LIVES challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70-minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public. For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Bishop O'Connell High School at Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org.

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA – SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

Be a Job Coach for a Catholic Charities Client Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer job coaches to assist job seekers requesting assistance in finding meaningful employment. This opportunity supports the Catholic Charities new Employment Services Program in assisting clients on a one-on-one basis to further develop job skills. We are looking for **volunteers with a professional** background to share your knowledge of the job seeking process (e.g., resume preparation, effective interviewing, job searching, networking). Sustaining meaningful employment provides an essential feeling of self-worth leading to a more fulfilled life for our clients. For more information, please contact Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccdca.net.

Dear Father Lehning, Deacon Mochel and St. Clare parishioners:

Happy New Year! Thank you for the generosity shown to Mary's Shelter this past Christmas. The generous donation of gift cards, diapers, microwaves, toasters and many other household needs will go a long way in assisting with the many residents and families we serve. The amount of donations brought to our office was overwhelming, in the very best way possible. What a blessing!!

Mary's Shelter are homes in Fredericksburg, VA for women who find themselves in crisis during a pregnancy. We are long term housing, offering not only safe shelter to women, and any additional children she may have, but also time to seek employment, complete educational goals and move on into secure, independent living. Many of the women we serve are scared and might not have felt they could make the choice of life, if not for a home her child can be brought to. The babies born into our homes receive so much more in stability and opportunity because of the peace their moms experience in simply having this safe place, as well as the programs offered to instill positive life skills for our families. Without the support we receive from good folks like you, we simply could not do what we have been able to do for so many.

To date, we have had over 300 women come through our doors, many with additional children in tow and, of course, have been blessed to welcome home many beautiful infants. In addition to the women we serve in our homes, we are a resource to families who are not in our program but require assistance with housing resources, financial needs, clothing, diapers and more. We thank you for supporting this ministry, making it possible for us to assist so many right here in OUR community.

Our Mary's Shelter moms and children had a beautiful Christmas. We are thankful for all you and your parishioners did to show our families true examples of love, care and generosity. We welcome you to visit our homes anytime! On behalf of our Board of Directors and Staff, we pray for a very Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year for all at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church.

God Bless.

Kathleen Wilson, Director, Mary's Shelter
Board of Directors and Staff

