



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ FEBRUARY 3, 2019



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First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

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

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

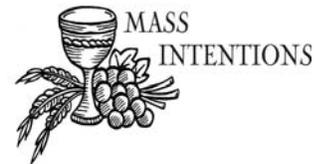
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34



Sunday, February 3	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Intention of Art Blades Req. by Elsa Blades
Monday, February 4	8:00 am	Special Intention Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Tuesday, February 5	8:00 am	In Memory of Mavis May Ludwig Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril May
Wednesday, February 6	8:00 am	In Memory of Monica Pham T. Chien Req. by the Nguyen Family
Thursday, February 7	8:00 am	In Memory of Severino & Margarida Magalhaes Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Felisberto Magalhaes
Friday, February 8	8:00 am	In Memory of Mr. Richard D'Arcy Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Saturday, February 9	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	In Memory of Patricia C. Baker Req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Lengyel

Upcoming Second Collections

Today: *Building Fund*
February 10: *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 7
Choir Practice, 7pm

Next Week's Parish Schedule

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

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

**** AROUND THE DIOCESE ****

Mass for World Marriage Sunday

Join us for the Mass for World Marriage Sunday and reception. All married couples and their families are invited to attend the **Mass for World Marriage Sunday at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** The principal celebrant and homilist will be Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. A dinner reception will follow in the parish hall. Please RSVP at www.arlingtondiocese.org/wms19. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Respect Life at (703) 841-2550.

Monthly Intercessory Prayer Holy Hour Local Musicians Lead Praise & Worship to Pray for Conversion and Healing. Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the **second Tuesday of each month at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** The holy hours will feature popular musical artists including **The Miller Daughters on February 12 and Kenny Kohlhaas on March 12.** Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Bring a friend. To learn more please contact the Office of Family, Marriage and Respect Life by calling 703-841-2550, emailing info@helpafterabortion.org or visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion.

Save the Date for the Catholic Charities Ball

His Excellency Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge and the Catholic Charities Ball Committee cordially invite you to the Catholic Charities Ball Friday, **February 22, 2019**, at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons. Come enjoy a night of delicious food, dancing and learning about the great works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese! Reserve tickets at www.ccca.net/ball

Mass and Healing Service with Healer, Sr. Briege McKenna

Bring to Jesus your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments at a Mass and Eucharistic healing service with Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC, who is gifted with the charism of healing. The event is on **Friday, March 1, 2019, at All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas from 7-9 p.m.**

To learn more visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healing

Men, Stir Up the Power Within!

All men in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2019 Men's Conference on **March 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon, VA.** The conference is an annual gathering of more than 700 men in the diocese for a day of faith talks, Holy Mass and panel discussion with speakers and Bishop Michael Burbidge. This year's theme is **Power Within: The Secret Strength of a Deeper Interior Life.** Speakers include Matt Birk, former football player for the Baltimore Ravens and an outspoken Catholic and pro-life advocate; and Fr. Donald Haggerty, former spiritual director of St. Mother Teresa's nuns and author of best-selling books on the interior life.

To REGISTER, please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Consider Judging the 2019 Diocesan Science Fair

The Diocesan Science Fair needs individuals with a science background to help judge 7th and 8th grade students' projects for the 2019 Diocesan Science Fair from **8 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at St. Paul VI High School.** Interested? Call Hilary Mildrew at the Office of Catholic Schools (703-841-2519) or email h.mildrew@arlingtondiocese.org

*** Religious Education News ***

Regular classes today, February 3rd
Regular classes Sunday, 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. There will be some extra Rice Bowls available in the church vestibule for those who don't have children in our program but would like to participate in the campaign.

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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.



Stewardship Reflection -- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous."
(1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

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“When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were filled with fury. They rose up and drove him out of the town and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through their midst...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

The call of the prophet Jeremiah and the prophetic voice of Jesus can be the source of comfort, as well as concern. A prophet is sometimes described as one who comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. Surely the mission of the Old Testament prophet and the challenge of Jesus can arouse anxiety or produce a calm, as He with us to deliver us.

The word of God is designed to help us discern how we can grow in our Christian lives, to know the Lord better, to love Him in the most trying circumstance, and to serve Him in the most vulnerable and marginalized.

We do not have to look far to discover where this challenge can be put into action. We so admire those who seemingly give of themselves for the good of others. Remember when a wealthy admirer told a Missionary of Charity that he wouldn't dress the wound of a suffering leper for a million dollars. The Sister replied, 'I wouldn't either.'



HIS WORD TODAY
BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS