

# St. Anthony Bulletin

January 30, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

## Offertory

Received week of 1/17/22 to 1/23/22	\$ 1,086
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 2,022
Weekly Over/Under week of 1/17/22 to 1/23/22	\$ (936)
Year to Date Received 7/1/21 to 1/23/22	\$ 71,540
Year to Date Budget Amount	\$ 60,656
Year to Date Over/Under Budget Amount	\$ 10,884

(Amounts include online Giving Donations)

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## Announcements



**First Friday Mass this Friday, February 4, 9:00 am.** Healing Mass, Adoration and Benediction.

**COVID TEST KITS:** The federal government has implemented a new CDC/USPS 1-800 telephone number for those who do not have internet access, limited English proficiency (second language) and/or was unable to order through the on-line

ordering process. See updated info below:

**\*New Order Phone # - 1-800-232-0233** (phone line is open from 8 a.m. to midnight ET seven days a week, and offers assistance in more than 150 languages.)

**\*CDC Information page** - COVIDtests.gov - Free at-home COVID-19 tests

**\*USPS Link to order** - COVID Home Tests | USPS.

**\*Resources:** Lincoln County Public Health COVID and Vaccination webpage - <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/find-covid-19-testing-and-vaccination>

**Bible Study:** We are so sorry to announce that due to COVID, we have suspended Bible Study until further notice. Until then, please join us for ZOOM sessions on Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

**ZOOM LOGIN Information:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84948321016?pwd=ZE5IVHQ5ZGlacm8xK3BSRFg2cVNVZz09>

**Meeting ID: 849 4832 1016**

**Passcode: Bible**

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdGVsSGUf4>

- **Holy Rosary:** 30 minutes before all 9:00am Masses.
- **Wedding Anniversaries:** We will celebrate your anniversary with you. Please email your wedding photos and information to the office.
- **A Special Request: We have received a request from Bob Kearns which follows:** The Sentinel's managing editor Ed Langlois has asked me to write a story about how adults can learn from children. Have you learned a lesson from a child? It might be a young person who has overcome adversity, or impressed someone with their faith, or outlook on life. Or a life lesson, possibly, or even something humorous. This is a busy time of year, I know. But if you are an adult or a child who would be willing to talk about your experience, please give me a call at 503.481.5931 or email me at this address: [bob@kerns.org](mailto:bob@kerns.org) Thanks for your time and God bless you.
- **February Word Among Us and 2022 Calendars** are now available in the new box on the front porch.



# Mass Intentions

**Sat. Jan. 29** Jim Fitzgerald and ✠ Sharon Fitzgerald  
& Therese Tran thi Dung

**Sun. Jan. 30** Knights of Columbus & Kevin and Karen  
Eibner & ✠ Connie Arnold

**Tues. Feb. 1** ✠ EDee and Dave's Uncle Frank Timm

**Wed. Feb. 2** The Unborn

**Thurs. Feb. 3** ✠ John Bunce

**Fri. Feb. 4** Delores Schantin and ✠ Don Schantin

**Sat. Feb. 5** ✠ Barbara and Frank Mosley

**Sun. Feb. 6** ✠ Conde Lick and Pete Quevedo

- **Volunteers:** We are always looking for parishioners to help as Altar Servers, Lectors, and Ushers. Also, our choir would love to have you help them make some joyful noise. No singing expertise required...Tim will quickly get you up to speed. Please consider serving your parish and contact the office by email. For choir in-choir-ies, please call Tim Grady: 541-961-2713. Thank you.



- **Prayer Chain reminder:** If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of our prayer chain, please contact our awesome prayer chain coordinators, Bruce and Cherylann Buckley at [prayin4u@peak.org](mailto:prayin4u@peak.org). Many thanks to all of our prayer chain family.

## Familiarity Breeds Contempt?



A prophet is not without honor, but in his home town. Today we pick up where we left off last week, where Jesus declares the prophet Isaiah's message fulfilled and salvation to be at hand. One might expect that the people of Israel would rejoice at this, but they are blinded by what they *think* they know, and more importantly, who they *think* they know. And as Jesus reminds them, it's not for the first time, either.

Take Jeremiah, from whose prophesying comes our first reading today. Jeremiah recounts the word of the Lord given to him as the city of Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. He reminds the Judeans that the Lord will remain with them if they stay true to their covenant, but the powers of Jerusalem do not want to hear it. God tells Jeremiah to fortify himself and stand up to "Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people" who authored the disastrous fall of Jerusalem. Jeremiah is abandoned by all but the Lord Himself, but as Jeremiah recounts, that is all that is necessary.

So, it was for prophets before Jeremiah, and after him as well. Jesus reminds the gathered men in the Nazareth synagogue of this unfortunate history of the Israelites scorning the prophets who carried God's word to them, and the consequences of that rejection. The Lord worked His miracles outside of Israel and Judah to show His power and mercy. Jesus knows that the men will demand a test, a proof of what Jesus claims, but Jesus intends to teach them the same lesson God taught the Israelites in the times of Elijah and Elisha — that without faithfulness to the Lord, we have no right to test His faithfulness to us.

At the same time, the final prophet is proving Jesus' point. John the Baptist heralds the coming of Jesus and salvation for Israel, Judah, and the whole world, and some of the people rejoice and prepare for His coming. The powers of the region — specifically Herod Antipas and his allies in Judah — are not nearly as enthusiastic. When John the Baptist warns Herod to repent of his enormous sins, Herod casts him down into prison, and eventually beheads him to satisfy his lust.

Needless to say, those in the synagogue do not take Jesus' prophesying well. They attempt to cast Him off of the ridge on which Nazareth sits to His death, but Jesus eludes them and passes out of Nazareth to fulfill His mission elsewhere — exactly as He warned them.

Let's get back to why this happens. It's a pattern, but why does it arise? Why do people not listen to Hosea, for instance, who lived his life as an example of the rejection of the Lord by an unfaithful spouse? Or Elisha, Elijah, Jeremiah, and so on? Perhaps another pattern can be recognized in the form of another old saying: familiarity breeds contempt. People knew these men or assumed they did, saw the perceived flaws that allowed them to pigeonhole each as unworthy to claim the status of prophet in some fashion. That is why Jesus' observation that prophets are without honor in their hometown rings so true to this day.

Even that comes from a deeper impulse. The prophets called the people to repent of their sins,

mend their ways, and recognize that they lived in sin. Few people want to hear that, and fewer still want to have those sins pointed out specifically and publicly. Herod Antipas is just the clearest and most specific example of this phenomenon. The Israelites throughout their history had to experience destruction and enslavement to recognize their sin and hearken to the call of the prophets in order to return to the path of salvation — usually long after those prophets had died or been killed for their efforts.

However, we can see in this a greater pattern, one that expresses God's love for His children. The prophets who served the Lord in many cases came to bitter ends, but persevered nonetheless to act as instruments of His will. In retrospect, the children of the Lord came to recognize their ministries and understood them to be prophets; we still hear from them to this day in our Scriptures. Death did not keep the people from the promise of salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we see the greatest example of this. He came to call everyone to repentance through Him in a backwater of a sprawling empire, the mightiest the world had seen at that time. His own people betrayed Him and gave Him up to their oppressors to be put to death. Jesus conquered death as the clearest sign of God's love, better expressed in the Latin *caritas* or the Greek *agape*. The Lord wishes to redeem His spouse, the Body of Christ, in the marital covenant promised since the exile from the Garden of Eden — and to which the prophets attest repeatedly.

Consider this in light of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, in a passage most often heard at weddings. Paul writes this as guidance to the church in Corinth, which were undergoing a number of trials, but this best describes the Lord's eternal relationship with us:

***Love is patient, love is kind. 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 but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.***

Love never fails. This is the message of the prophets; it is the message of the Gospels. Even in Nazareth, where repentance and introspection get discarded for anger and retribution, the light of Christ will lead people back to their faithful union with the Lord. God does not brood over injury or rejoice over wrongdoing but eternally hopes in our return to Him through our own free will, for our sake. That is the love, or *caritas* or *agape*, to which we are called, and which brings us closest to God. -Ed Morrissey [hotair.com](http://hotair.com)

