



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342**.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670**.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays - 7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.



Regifting Gone Wrong:

Throughout the year, I keep my eyes open for what I believe will be great Christmas gifts for my Mom and sisters. When I

find that great gift or a great deal on something I think they will like, I'll buy five or six of whatever it is with the intent that the extras beyond what I give to my Mom and sisters will go to others that are on my list for Christmas giving. This year, for example, I found a beautiful and unique canvas painting of the Nativity that became THE gift of Christmas 2021! I was so impressed with this canvas painting (and the deal I got for them) that I bought twelve of them! After all the Christmas gifting was done, I had five left that I stashed away for future gifting.

One of my problems with my Christmas gifting methodology and my "storehouse" of future gifts is that I don't always remember who got what in previous years. So, for all I know, some lucky person may have gotten the same Christmas ornament or gift a couple of times because I had extras in my "storehouse." I mentioned Christmas ornaments because I'm also famous for hunting down unique religious-themed Christmas ornaments to give as gifts. I will admit, though, it's become increasingly difficult to find religious-themed Christmas ornaments at some of the major retailers. Sure, you're able to find SOME religious-themed ornaments, but they are now in the minority compared to all the other types of ornaments out there! You name the cause or theme, and there's some Christmas ornament created for it. So, the point here is that when I find something I believe my Mom and sisters will like or when I think I've found the perfect Christmas ornament at a great deal, I'll buy many of them.

Now that the story has been "teed up," I can share a regifting experience gone wrong.

Our family gathered for dinner on Tuesday, January 4th, for my sister Jackie's birthday. After we sang "Happy Birthday" and "May the Dear Lord Bless You," we presented Jackie with her birthday cards and gifts. After Jackie went through the family ceremony of reading her cards and opening her gifts, she handed my sister Cindy a package. In front of all

of us, Jackie proceeded to tell Cindy that she forgot to give her a Christmas gift this year. Jackie told everyone that as she was putting away her Christmas decorations, she saw this item downstairs in what she calls her "Christmas Decoration Area Black Hole." She was confident she intended to give this gift to Cindy this year but forgot. Cindy dutifully unwrapped the gift. It was a Lenox Peanuts figurine set. I thought the set looked vaguely familiar, but I didn't give a second thought to it. Cindy quietly said, "I already have one of these!" I remember thinking to myself, "Cindy, you're supposed to say that with your INSIDE voice!" At this point, Jackie was confused. There was a bunch of bantering going back and forth across the table until our Mom, the Queen of remembering ALL things, piped up, "Don't you remember, Mike gave that same set to each of us a couple of years ago. Each of us got the same set. So that gift was from Mike to you." My Mom then reminded Jackie that it was on one of our summer excursions to Frankenmuth when we spotted the set at the Lenox store at Birch Run. With my Mom's explanation, it was all coming back to me. I saw the set first at the store but found it on Lenox's online site for nearly 75% off. Because of the great deal, I bought four of them; my Mom and sisters were then recipients of this cute little figurine set that following Christmas.

Once the laughter died down as a result of what was happening, Jackie tried, but failed miserably, to explain now why she was (unknowingly) regifting this set to Cindy. What was even more amusing is that until our Mom piped up and reminded us all that I was the one who bought the Peanuts sets and that she and the girls were recipients, we would have had no clue this was a regifting scenario at all! What short memories we have! And, oh, the dangers of regifting ... especially when you regift something to someone in front of the person who gave you the gift in the first place (even though he himself forgot he bought them). So, back to the Christmas Decoration Area Black Hole it went, I'm sure. Let's see if the Peanuts figurine set reappears next year! I guess I better also remember who were the recipients of this year's Nativity canvas painting, just in case someone tries regifting that gift in the future! But, I guess it doesn't matter because, as this experience has shown, I won't remember anyway.

Catholic Schools Week: This week, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week

throughout the United States. This weeklong celebration is an opportunity for us to highlight the great work and ministry being accomplished in our Catholic Schools.

Catholic Schools integrate faith and values into every part of the educational experience. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in Church, Catholic School students learn to think and act according to the mind and heart of Christ. Giving students the resources they need to accomplish the task of thinking and acting according to the mind and heart of Christ is so vital in our complex world.

SJA's celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins bright and early on Monday morning, January 31st, with the celebration of mass at 8:30 a.m. I encourage you to watch the liturgy online as we thank God for the many wonderful ways St. Joan of Arc School prepares students for the task of thinking and acting according to the mind and heart of Christ. The Catholic Schools Week celebration is also an opportunity for us to thank God for all the wonderful teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents that help make SJA School a place of excellence.

I'd also like to call your attention to the fact that we've scheduled an Open House / WinterFest on Thursday, February 3rd, from 6 – 8 p.m. The event will take place in the parking lot between the Church and school. The gathering will be an opportunity for attendees to meet our school teachers and administrators, enjoy some light refreshments, roast some marshmallows, make s'mores and even light a candle in Church as our regular Holy Hour goes on at the same time. The Open House is a great opportunity for you to see firsthand the great things taking place at our school. The event is also a wonderful opportunity for you to invite a prospective SJA School family to visit the school and see the great family atmosphere in our school community. So, please mark your calendars and consider joining us on Thursday, February 3rd. Please see the flyer elsewhere in the bulletin for more details.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

gmb
gmb@sjascs.org

Thursday, February 3, 6-8 pm

Outdoor fun with school tours for visitors upon request



Visit with teachers, enjoy a hot dog and chips, sip hot cocoa, roast marshmallows and make s'mores, light a candle in the church, and celebrate SJA Catholic school with wonderful family fellowship. Dress warmly!

learn more at stjoan.net



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586-775-8370

Misc. Announcements

SJA Senior Card Club

The Senior Card Club is trying to determine interest in regular monthly play.

The group will start with monthly games the first Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm.

February's date will be Tuesday, February 1st. The Club will meet in the St. Peregrine.

If you have questions please call Denise at #248-431-6406.



8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2022 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Matt at 313-683-1972.

The Class of 2022



St. Joan of Arc

Online Giving



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Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
at

St Basil the Great
Community Room
22851 Lexington Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021

We pray the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed by
a meeting at 7pm.

For those wanting individual prayers please
be there between 6:30 – 6:55 pm

We hope that you can join us!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 30, 2022

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

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LECTIO: MARY: EPISODE 1 THE NEW EVE

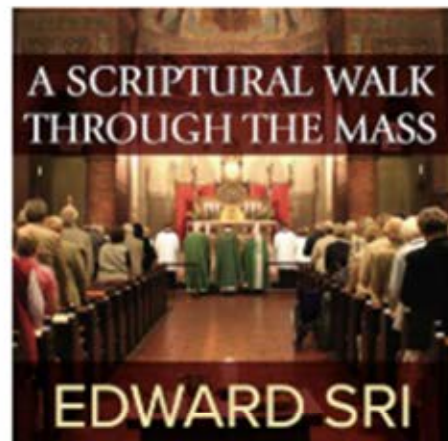
This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

LEARN

LISTEN

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.



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Healing Service

February 4 at 7 pm

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

22412 Overlake Street

St. Clair Shores

Led by students of the
Encounter School of Ministry

For more information sjascs.org/healing-service

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, January 31st

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed**
- 8:30 am All School Mass for Catholic Schools Week - Live Streamed**
- 7:00 pm First Eucharist Focus—Parents Meeting**

Tuesday, February 1st

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed**

Wednesday, February 2nd

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed**

Thursday, February 3rd

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed**
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed**

Friday, February 4th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed**

Saturday, February 5th

- 11:00 am Reconciliation**
- 1:30 pm Baptism of Lucas M. Palermo**
- 2:30 pm Baptism of Kennedy Jane Hintsche**
- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed**
- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed**

Sunday, February 6th

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed**
- 10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed**
- 10:00 am Faith Formation - Gds. K-6**
- 12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed**

Words on the Word

January 30, 2022 – Shelter of Love

A quick grab for publicity, or an act of love?

The *Detroit Free Press* reported a few weeks ago on a generous donation made by one of the automakers to assist a day shelter downtown. Known as the Pope Francis Center, the shelter is run by a local priest, currently out of the TCF Center, formerly known as Cobo Hall.

The story noted that the priest observed a troubling problem; temperatures had gotten bitterly cold, and people were standing outside shivering as they waited to be tested for Covid 19 before being admitted in for service.

The priest, who has an office at another downtown location, had previously noted kiosks in the hallways that enable quick Covid screening, keeping waiting at a minimum.

He reached out to the automaker, which owns the kiosks, to see if they might have additional quantities anywhere that could be used.

With an expediency almost unheard of anymore, the automaker quickly agreed to help.

Some may say that was simply a no-brainer public relations move by the company, and, to an extent it may be. But it also had to be motivated at some level by love.

“Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude,” we hear in today’s second reading to the Corinthians. “It does not seek its own interests.”

As for the enterprising priest, he truly approached the automaker with faith that God would help him meet the immediate need, hope that the company would act in the best interests of its civic brothers and sisters, and love for the people being served by the shelter.

“So faith, hope, love remain, these three,” the reading concludes, “but the greatest of these is love.”

2022 Words on the Word

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday January 31, 2022 Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder (White)**
7:00 a.m.
- Tuesday February 1, 2022 Weekday (Green)**
7:00 a.m. Daniel Voss and Elmer Gorde
- Wednesday February 2, 2022 The Presentation of the Lord (White)**
7:00 a.m. Michael Ciaramitaro and Brandon Hacias
- Thursday February 3, 2022 Weekday Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop (Green/Red/White)**
7:00 a.m. Theresa Brazier
- Friday February 4, 2022 Weekday (Green)**
7:00 a.m. Marie Terese Tobin and Mildred LeFevre
- Saturday February 5, 2022 Weekday Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (Red)**
4:00 p.m. Sam & Grace Valenti, the deceased members of Walsh Family, Mark Brys, Bonnie Batche, Charles Woods, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, the Cottone Family, the Mordovanakis Family, Peg Shaughnessy and Prayerful appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of SJA.
6:00 p.m. John Spath
- Sunday February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**
8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m. George Petroff
12:00 p.m. Salvatore Ciaravino, Virginia Murphy, John G. Champine

Daily Readings

- Monday, January 31**
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30
Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday, February 1**
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday, February 2**
Malachy 3:1-4
Luke 2:22-40
- Thursday, February 3**
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
Mark 6:7-13
- Friday, February 4**
Sirach 47:2-11
Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday, February 5**
1 Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday, February 6**
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

George Zanotti
Katherine MacMasters
Virginia Murphy (the mother of Sharon Ozark)
Nancy Jane Trombetti

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.



Think Spring? No, Make It Happen!: I feel divided when it comes to January as a month. In some ways it's never

been a favorite. It's cold and, well... cold! There's just no other word that comes to mind. We have a constant battle in the parish center over the temperature. Msgr and I are always freezing and everyone in the back offices is always cold. Those in the front offices by the entrance are always too warm. And in summer, we'll be fine in the back and the front offices will still be too hot.

As I sit here in my office, with a heater under the desk and the snow falling outside, however, I'm grateful that it is now the end of January. Ever since moving to Michigan and learning what winter really felt like, I have embarked annually on a voyage of delusion at this time of year. Yes, it may be still January, but in my mind, y' know what that means?.... Spring!!!

That's right, as the snow falls, I engage in an Olympic-level battle of mental gymnastics, pushing aside all reasoned arguments to the contrary and convince myself that all bar the shouting, Spring is here! The logic goes something like this: It's January. We've already chanced the snow-roulette with November and December (yes, remember we had snow November 1st last year and that was a long time ago now, so this winter is already old in the tooth). And now Christmas is over and it's almost February. And if it's almost February, that means it may as well be March because February is just a flash in the pan, really. Now since I grew-up in England, March was totally Spring there—March means daffodils and Easter bunnies. And okay, we're in Michigan and it often snows in March, but if it's March, well, April is next and that's definitely Spring, without a doubt (... don't raise a doubt...I don't, won't hear it)!!

So, yes, with the snow falling and

temperatures in the teens, welcome to my delusional Spring everyone! Don't you feel better already? I do!

This morning as the students were coming into school and I was thanking them for spending their much-hoped-for-but-was-never-going-to-happen snow-day with us at school. I made sure one or two of them knew how unsympathetic I was since I only had one snow-day in my entire school career. One day! One lousy snow-day and it wasn't called until 11am that day, after we had already been at school for a couple of hours. And really, it was an "unreliable-boiler-day" since it didn't even snow that day. Judging from their expressions, I don't think I garnered any more sympathy than I offered in recounting this tale of woe.

This year, as Christmas receded into the shadows, I was determined to get on with my Spring. Usually my tree will stay up a while, not because I'm doing the "wait until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord" thing, but because I just didn't get around to taking it down yet. But this time around, Epiphany came and went and so did the tree. But that left a dilemma.... What to do about the empty corner of my living room where my tree and all its 12 (yes, twelve) ornaments had shone in all its glory? Yes, I could put back the table I had moved out to make way for the Christmas tree, but it doesn't really need to be there. So I thought maybe I'd experiment. I took a photo of the empty corner and started digital doodling in my best Bob-Ross-all-up-to-date-iPhone style.



A mention of this on social media raised the question "Who is Bob Ross?" Bob Ross, you may recall, was the man with the big hair behind the "Happy Little Trees" in the PBS series, "Joy of Painting" in the 80s and 90s. I also had a seminary professor who was obsessed with drawing on the white-board and using Bob Ross as an analogy.

I've never painted, other than walls and fences, but I think I'd enjoy it. But painting is a lot of mess and you need to have somewhere to paint or not mind inadvertently re-decorating your dining room every other week (and I'd rather not do that). But digitally, I thought this was a good idea. How would a tree look in the corner of my room, in the absence of a Christmas tree? Would this help to reinforce my conviction that it's actually Spring now? So I drew my own happy little tree into the photo on my phone.

I was pretty happy with the result, so much so that I didn't get a tree for the corner. Huh?! How does that make sense? Well, I'm considering just framing the photo and hanging it on the wall in the corner. It'll be kind of ironic, I think! Next, I think I'll add some Astro-turf and maybe a lawn chair from which to enjoy my delusional Spring.

Additional Digital Delusions:

Speaking of delusional, my sister told me this week that my mom and dad now both own cell phones and that they text. :o Technology is not "their thing," so I was more than a little surprised and slightly skeptical to hear this news. So I put it to the test. Keep in mind that just about 4 months ago, I received an email from my mom responding to an email I sent to her my first night in Israel... in 2014. So I texted my parents to test this new development... and I set a stopwatch. Mom? 25 minutes. I was impressed. Dad? That digital tree will have taken root in my living room by the time my dad stops that stopwatch with a text.

You are in my prayers this Spring!

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org



Evening Prayer *and* Dinner

with Archbishop
Allen H. Vigneron



Wednesday, March 23, 2022 | Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Men (16-55 years old) from the Archdiocese of Detroit, contact your pastor or associate pastor if interested in attending. For more info, refer to the link below.

detroitpriestlyvocations.com/evening-prayer-and-dinner/

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 6 C

Reading One – Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

Responsorial Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: "Great is the glory of the LORD."

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 15:1-11

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in

which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel – Lk 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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IN THE SYNAGOGUE.

January 30, 2022

Written by
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DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Wait, what? One moment the people of Nazareth embrace Jesus, but as soon as he challenges them the crowd turns on a dime, and moves toward throwing him off a cliff. The Son of God, also the son of a carpenter, goes from hometown hero to *persona non grata* just like that, prefiguring his death on the cross and giving credence to his admonition that “no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” From the earliest moments of his public ministry as recorded in Luke, Jesus’ love for us is prominent. He never faltered. He never wavered. He moved forward to continue his mission of fulfilling God’s will for him, and be a sacrifice once and for all for our sins. Perhaps we have had a similar experience of being the “hero” for someone, only to somehow end up the goat. It is not easy to remain steadfast in our daily mission to love as Jesus loved. Today’s readings assure us that God will give us the grace to do so.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be challenging to square Paul’s eulogy of love with the reality of day-to-day living with a spouse, family members, and friends. Love is patient ... *except when I’m late getting out to the car for church again.* Love is kind ... *except between crabby siblings who want to watch different shows on Netflix.* It is not quick-tempered ... *unless you thoughtlessly back into my car in the driveway.* It occurs to me that perhaps Paul’s words aren’t entirely about us, but about the perfect love of God. It’s pretty amazing to think that God loves us in all the ways Paul describes. As we open our hearts to God’s love and deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, we may find that love spilling over into our daily interactions. For when we are kind, we love; when we are patient, we love; when we are not quick-tempered, we love.

PRAY Although our love for one another is imperfect, we must strive to love as Jesus loved each day, and there is no better place to start than prayer. Ask a friend or family member this week if they have any concerns you can include in your prayers. Or request a Mass for someone who is going through a tough time or who has recently died.

Dear Padre,

There are so many preachers urging us to “reform our lives.” Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn’t there more involved?

Consider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus’ followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class, nationality, or any other distinction is fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled, the mentally challenged, the poor, and the elderly. Every



human is a creation of God, created in God’s image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly a key conviction of the Second Vatican Council: “With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whether social

or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God’s intent” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [*Gaudium et Spes*], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcome discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country’s division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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Priest

2 Sm 15:13–14, 30;
16:5–13

Mk 5:1–20

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FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

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FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation
of the Lord

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Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40 or
2:22–32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12

Mk 6:7–13

Friday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Sir 47:2–11

Mk 6:14–29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4–13

Mk 6:30–34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 6

Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1–2a, 3–8

1 Cor 15:1–11

or 15:3–8, 11

Lk 5:1–11



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

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JOURNEY TO THE PHILIPPINES, JANUARY 16, 2015

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Bringing Home the Word +

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
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Developing the Strength of a Prophet

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was the knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and

resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them. +

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to preach the truths
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this isn't popular.*

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

**1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13 or
1 Corinthians 13:4–13**

Love is patient, love is kind....It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Luke 4:21–30

And [Jesus] said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

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—Journey to the Philippines,
January 16, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS ONE2ION2 REFLECTION

- Do I have the courage to share the gospel truth?
- Do I show my faith in charitable thoughts, actions, and words?

We Need a Real Open-Door Policy

By Kathleen M. Basi

Several years ago, my hometown of Columbia, MO, was rocked by racial protests. We even made the national news. It was hard for me to judge who was “right” and who was “wrong.” The issues seemed too complex and nuanced.

So, I found it very disturbing when some people dismissed the protesters out of hand. I had never really thought through what “white privilege” meant. Nor had I, until then, ever examined my conscience for unintended bias in my worldview.

Guess what? I found it—a lot of it.

We tend to view the world through the lens of our own experiences. We assume that the realities that define our worldview are the same ones that define everyone else’s, even though a look at the news every night tells us that isn’t the reality. Most of us surround ourselves with people who look and think like us, and gradually we forget to empathize with those whose experiences are much different.

Christians have historically been separated not only by denomination but by skin color and, later, by style of worship. This isn’t as big a problem among Catholics because in smaller towns there’s often only one parish. We have no option but to worship together.

Still, the issues that get the most attention in Catholic liturgical circles focus on white European concerns: How much Latin is enough? How much



is too much? Is the organ really more conducive to communal song than piano and guitar? Are hymns better than styles influenced by popular music?

The American Church is beautifully diverse: Latino, African American, African immigrant, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean. Frequently, though, our worship doesn’t reflect that richness. How often do we include the languages, voices, and music of nonwhite cultures in our liturgies?

In the civic sphere, it’s common to hear people argue that those who come to America should assimilate, but that view has no place in the Church. We are called to be a neighbor. To do so means to honor and accept, to welcome and

support. Isn’t it possible that if races and cultures were more open to each other inside the church doors, it might spill out onto the streets as well?

I often ponder this: Despite a largely Eurocentric worship, the power of what we celebrate attracts people from many races and cultures. If we open our hearts and our worship to the beauty that they have to offer us, how many more might enter into the faith? +

*Worshiping together
means more than just
being with each other
in the same church
at the same time.*



*Lord, your love never fails. Help
me to embrace life with gratitude
and love and joyfully welcome all
people into my heart.*

—From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day
in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

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