

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 31, 2010



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

“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.... They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you says the Lord... ‘At these words the whole audience in the synagogue was filled with indignation. They rose up and expelled him from the town... but he went straight through their midst and walked away.’”

Prophets are spokespersons for God. We are familiar with the major ones – Isaiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, and today this passage from Jeremiah. Many others are found in the first testament, and surely John the Baptist was the bridge praised in his role by His cousin. They had a special role, to point out people’s weakness and deficiencies and call them back to the Lord. Most did not want the job, but the Lord prevailed. It was not an easy or popular vocation.

Prophetic voices speak out today, addressing the wrongs of our society and challenging us once again to be faithful to the gospel. In our own country, many Catholics would prefer that the church not get involved in controversial issues like stem cell research, the pro choice debate, or questions dealing with euthanasia or nuclear war. We are being called today to speak out for what is moral, right and just. We are to proclaim the gospel of life and be sure we have a ‘consistent ethic of life’ in the words of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

The words addressed to the prophet are also applied to us all as we read this message. God knew us from all eternity; He showered us with the gift of life and appoints us to be a prophetic voice as well as to listen to His prophets speaking out in our world today. For a moment reflect upon this question: What person or persons do I believe is truly prophet in our own time? Do I listen to their message?

From: HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

2010 Archbishop’s Appeal
Commitment Weekend – February 6/7
Theme: I will give you thanks, O Lord (Ps 138:1)
 Everyone is encouraged to pray for the success of this annual appeal.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord
 Wed., Feb. 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar
Fri., Feb. 5 St. Agatha
Sat., Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Feb. 1	9:00 AM	Laura Chimiak
Tues., Feb. 2	9:00 AM	Gary Thompson
Thur., Feb. 4	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Ervin
Fri., Feb. 5	9:00 AM	Zee Kerwin
Sat., Feb. 6	5:00 PM	Leroy Adams
Sun., Feb. 7	8:30 AM	Anna Sprague
Sun., Feb. 7	11:00 AM	Thomasine Thompson and Randolph Saxon

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory January 24, 2010

General Collection	\$3,747.36
Vestibule Fund	216.00
Relief for Haiti	4,201.59
Poor Box	29.05
Identifiable Gifts	130
4 th Sunday of January, 2009	\$3,441.25

***Tithing--Sacrificial Giving-- Joyfully giving thanks to God.
 Gratitude for your faithful parish support.***

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick of our parish:

especially Franklin Adams, Louise Adams, Ellen Andrews, Thomas Barnes, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Kristin Hibbs, Gail Holden, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Mary Nellie Lawrence, Frances Morgan, John Mundie, Gloria Robinson, Marian Slade, infant Christian Joshua Taylor, Arianna Tiger.




Others in need of our prayers (requested by parishioners):

All members of our military and their families. Victims and survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. Charles Andrews, Kyle Bennett (in Iraq), Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Byrn, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countess, Arielle Davis, Phyllis Davis, Ronald Dews, Fran Dicus, Ray Dicus, Julie Marable Donaldson, Diane Dorsey, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, John Gateau, Mary Gavarinski, Paul Greenwell, James Gross, Judy Guffie, Jack Gumtow, Margaret Hankla, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Barbara Hunter, Wendy Jackson, Cathleen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, William Kelmickis, Lois Krzeski, Cathy LaBelle, Lee Lancaster, Ann Lancot, Dr. Claude Lancot, Lovetta Lawrence, Danny Mahoney, Joseph Martin, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, J. P. McCord, Barbara McDonnell, Maria McGuigan, Beverly McKay, Beth Meister, Vicki Moak, Margaret Murray, David Peixeira, John Pierce, Donna Poudrier, Tom Puckett, Eleanor Raley, Sharon Redman, Tony Reeves, Carol Rice, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Hunter Scott, Ami Shah, Evaon Schroeder, Palma Sileo, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Matthew Thomas, Dewayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Elizabeth Weatherly, Gracie Webb, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebol.

PARISH CALENDAR

Jan. 30/31 Blessing of Throats for Feast of St. Blaise, following weekend masses.
Sun., Jan. 31 C.C.D. and R.C.I.A., 9:30AM
Mon., Feb. 1 Meeting for Lectors, 6:30 PM, in Church. All lectors expected to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a new reader is also welcome to attend.
Wed., Feb. 3 Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
Sat., Feb. 6 Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in Church
Sun., Feb. 7 Children's Liturgy, 11 AM Mass

C.C.D. NEWS

Sun., Jan. 31 "Teen Timeline" for high school teens, 6-7:30 PM, Community Center. Bring a friend and come to smile, laugh and learn!!

Mon., Feb. 1 Teacher Meeting for Religious Education, 6:30 PM, Community Center
Sun., Feb. 7 Meeting for parents of 2nd grade students preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:45 AM, Comm. Center
Sun., Feb. 7 Children's Liturgy, 11 AM Mass
Sat., Feb. 13 Reconciliation Retreat, 9AM-12 Noon.
Sun., Feb. 28 Confirmation Assessment, 9:45 AM



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY announces the study of **The Gospel of Luke**, beginning **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10 AM** and **Thursday, March 4 at 7 PM**. New people wishing to join us, please call Carol Fugate, 301-994-3659 before **February 8** for adequate supplies to be ordered. Enjoy fun and fellowship. No bible knowledge necessary to benefit!

Offer a "Testimony of Charity" at Catholic Lobby Night February 15, 2010

Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day – **Monday, February 15** – for the 26th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year's theme of "Testimony of Charity" is drawn from Pope Benedict's recent encyclical, Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Visit www.mdcathcon.org or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155/301-261-1979.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Fundraising for Little Flower School:
EZ Money Raffle: \$2,500 Grand Prize. \$1,250 in other prizes. \$25.00 per ticket. Drawing at LFS **Italian Night, February 12, 2010**. Info: N. Szewczyk, 301-863-2840
Annual Benefit Auction, Sat., Feb. 27 Tickets are \$30 per person or \$45 per couple (includes a fully catered dinner by Catering Plus and Chef Al Porter.) Auction tickets only are available for \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Doors open at 5:30 PM for dinner, followed by the 7 PM silent auction and 8 PM live auction. Items up for bid may be viewed at www.lfsauction.webs.com. For more info, contact Little Flower School, 301-994-0404.
"500 Club" memberships are currently being sold. This is a monthly raffle with prizes each month totaling \$950. Your chances of winning each month are 1 in 8. Cost: \$100/year, payable quarterly or annually. Info: C. Damon, 240-398-0157
Mulch Sale Annual Spring Mulch Sale, March 20, 2010. 3 cubic foot bag of hardwood mulch, \$3.85. Delivery of orders of 20 bags or more to St. Mary's County, North of St. Mary's City and South of Route 234. Pick up or orders outside this area, 7 AM-2 PM. All orders must be received by **March 5**. For more info or to order, call Susan Hammel, 301-862-4861 or kachmannj@verizon.net.

AREA NEWS

Sat., Feb. 6 Casino Night to benefit Mother Catherine Spalding School. Held at Bowles Farm, Clements, MD, 6 PM-Midnight. Info: Tammy Pilkerton, 301-904-4020.
Fri., Feb. 12 Middle School Catholic Teens Dance and Social, hosted by St. John's School, 7-10 PM, at Msgr. Harris Center. All middle school CCD and Catholic School students are invited to attend. For more info: Carolyn Selby, 301-373-3163 or Debbie Dugan, 301-373-5212.
Sun., Feb. 14 All You Can Eat Breakfast, by Valley Lee 2nd Dist. F.D. & RS Auxiliary. 8-11 AM. Adults \$8; \$4 child 5-12; 5 and under, free. Delicious food.
Mon., Feb. 15 Red Cross Blood Drive, Valley Lee F.D. & R.S., 2 – 7:30 PM. Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment or needing information may call 1-800-Give Life; however, walk-ins are welcome.
Tues., Feb. 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-7 PM. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, assorted juices, milk, coffee. \$6 adults; \$3 kids 6-12 years. Under 6 Free.

SCHEDULES:	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Feb. 6 5:00 PM	E. Carpenter E. Carpenter	B. Carpenter	P. Browne A. Fenwick	J. Carpenter	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
Sun., Feb. 7 8:30 AM	D. Walter K. Walter R. Walter	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	H. Britton D. Orwig	M. A. Goddard	T. Goddard B. Thompson	Second: 1 Cor 15:1-11
Sun., Feb. 7 11:00 AM	J. Lynch J. Shotwell N. Shotwell	B. Carpenter 5 th Graders	5 th Grade CCD 5 th Grade CCD	C. Tomaszewski	5 th Graders J. Robison	Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 1, 2, 4, 5: M. Goldsmith, N. Neel, D. Adams, D. Orwig
Meals on Wheels, Feb. 2, 3, 4: P. Keen, K. & J. Owens, M. A. Rymer
Altar Preparation, Feb. 6: K. Britton
New Ministry Schedules are in the basket at the main entrance of the church. Please take your copy today.

