

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 1, 2015



Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

- 5:00 Mass of Thanksgiving
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez
11:30 + Robert Stanton
1:00 (Sp) + Francisca Martinez, Belarmino
Morel, Jose Polanco and
Evangelista Flores

Monday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

9:00 + Rocco Vuoso

12:15 + The DeRosa Family

Tuesday, February 3, Weekday

9:00 + Rae Palmiere

12:15 + Pina Longobardo

7:00 (Sp.) + Miguel Guzman

Wednesday, February 4, Weekday

9:00 + Rafiluccia Mastrangelo

12:15 + Agueda Degante, Marciel & Felipe
Huerta and Selsa Nava

Thursday, February 5, St. Agatha

9:00 + Angie Falco

12:15 Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, February 6, St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

9:00 + Yolanda Prisco

12:15 + Patrick Joe Kennedy

7:00 (Sp) + William Rosario

Saturday, February 7, Weekday

12:15 + Robert Stanton

5:00 + Ritchie Gonzalez

Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish

10:00 + Enrique Garcia

11:30 + Robert Stanton

1:00 (Sp) + Catalina and Candelaria Javier

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S
DONATIONS**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church
for the week of February 1-7 for:

SPECIAL INTENTION of

FR. MICHAEL P. KERRIGAN

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for
the week of February 1-7 in memory of:

FR. EDWARD J. FAGAN, OAR and

FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

**Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Lindsey Guzman,
Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen Liddane,
Timothy Mahoney.**

*We ask that you please notify the rectory when to remove
a name from the list.*

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

November 30, 2014-February 2, 2016

*O God, throughout the ages
You have called women and men
to pursue lives of perfect charity
through the evangelical counsels
of poverty, chastity, and obedience.
During this Year of Consecrated Life,
we give thanks for these courageous witnesses
of Faith and models of inspiration.
Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us
to make a more perfect offering
our ourselves to you.
Continue to enrich Your Church
by calling forth sons and daughters,
who, having found the pearl of great price,
treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen*

The Presentation of the Lord

According to Mosaic law, a new mother was
considered ritually "unclean" for forty days after giving

birth to her first born son. On the fortieth day following the birth, she would enter the temple with her son and bring an offering (depending on the family's socioeconomic status) of either a lamb and a dove or pigeon or two doves or pigeons as part of a prayer ritual for purification and thanksgiving.

The universal Roman Catholic Church recalls this event annually on February 2nd as *The Presentation of the Lord*, forty days after Christmas. It is based on the biblical account from the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40 and may be described as another "epiphany" in which the Christ child is revealed as the Messiah through the words and canticle of Simeon along with the testimony of the prophetess Anna in recognizing Jesus as the true light revealed to all nations.

In some parts of the world, most notably the square outside of St. Peter's Basilica and other Churches in Rome, the nativity scene and Christmas decorations remain displayed until February 2nd. The Presentation of the Lord concludes the Christmas season with the Virgin Mary's offering and ritual purification whereas Simeon's words anticipate the saving events of Holy Week and Easter this Spring.

Papal Words Worth Considering

In one of his recent social media "tweets", Pope Francis remarked: "*Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let us find time to be with Him.*"

These direct words serve as an important reminder about keeping and observing the biblical understanding of the weekend sabbath especially in the busyness of 21st century contemporary life. They are certainly worth pondering and sharing with others.

Given the pope's present popularity, they may also be helpful to consider using in conversations with relatives, friends, and colleagues who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass. Ordinary conversations offer fine opportunities for evangelization, conversion, and teachable moments.

2015 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal

If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with

some material that illustrates the importance of the *Cardinal's Appeal*.

Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and being responsible for tending of that which God has entrusted to us.

Cardinal Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative that will:

- support offices, ministries, and programs throughout the archdiocese that nurture and encourage our journey in faith
- help educate our children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs
- provide for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement care they deserve after decades of service
- help to educate our future clergy and prepare them for a life of service
- assist funding Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our Archdiocese

Finally, it is through the *Cardinal's Appeal* that we receive a myriad of services and guidance from the Archdiocese. Whether it involves building, finance, questions of law or questions of faith, the Archdiocese of New York has at our service professionals of the highest quality. It is with their help that we are able to go about our role of caring for the faithful of St. John's Parish

The goal for the *2015 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal* is \$20,000,000 and our parish goal is \$50,000.

Please consider making your gift to support the various Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, and social services assisted by the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Moses spoke to all the people saying, ‘A prophet like me will the Lord your God, raise up to you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.’... ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words in their mouth; he shall tell them all that I command them.’”

The books of the law of Moses, clearly describe the unique relationship of the lawgiver with God. Ascending and descending the mountain with the tablets of the law in his hand, he led God’s people then, making the covenant between the Lord and His people.

Prophets were called to speak in behalf of God, reminding them of their unique relationship with the Lord and chastising them for their infidelity in observing it. They, like Jesus, spoke with authority.

Our world today needs to listen to prophetic voices, calling us from complacency to renewal and greater awareness of our covenant relationship with God. Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, and other witnesses fill that role for us. Called by the Lord, inspired by the Spirit, their words and witness bring us back to oneness with God. Writings like the ‘Light of Faith’ and ‘Joy of the Gospel’ are texts directed to all believers.

“To them you shall listen.” Take some time to read.

Blessing of Throats

Each year on February 3rd, the Church remembers the life and example of the fourth century bishop and martyr, St. Blaise. A story long associated with him was a desperate mother whose young son had a fish bone lodged in his throat and came to St. Blaise. At his command, the child was able to cough up the bone.

The individual blessing of throats with crossed candles will conclude the final blessing at the Tuesday February 3rd 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm Masses.

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

**Cuarto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario
1 de febrero de 2015**

“Moisés habló a todo el pueblo y dijo: ‘El Señor, tu Dios, te suscitará un profeta como yo; lo hará surgir

de entre ustedes, de entre tus hermanos, y es a él a quien escucharán...’ ‘Lo que acaban de decir está muy bien. Por eso, suscitaré entre sus hermanos un profeta semejante a ti, pondré mis palabras en su boca, y él dirá todo lo que yo le ordene.’”

Los libros de la ley de Moisés claramente describen la relación única del que entrega la ley con Dios. Ascendiendo y descendiendo la montaña con las tablas de la ley en sus manos, él guió al pueblo de Dios, haciendo una alianza entre el Señor y Su pueblo.

Los profetas fueron llamados a hablar por Dios, recordándole al pueblo su especial relación con el Señor y reprendiéndolos por su infidelidad. Los profetas, al igual que Jesús, hablaron con autoridad.

Nuestro mundo hoy necesita escuchar voces proféticas, sacándonos de la autocomplacencia al renovamiento y mayor conciencia de nuestra relación de alianza con Dios. El Papa Francisco, el Papa Benedicto y otros testigos llenan ese papel por nosotros. Llamados por el Señor, inspirados por el Espíritu, sus palabras y testigos nos traen de vuelta a la unión con Dios. Obras como ‘Luz de Fe’ y ‘Júbilo del Evangelio’ están dirigidas a todos los creyentes.

‘Es a él a quien escucharán.’ Haga tiempo para leer.

Feeding Our Neighbors

Donations of canned and dry good products may be dropped off in the specially marked *Feeding Our Neighbors* boxes in the church until Sunday February 8th

Food pantries and soup kitchens are in need of items such as canned goods (vegetables, fruits, meat, fish, beans, soups), grains (rice, pasta/noodles, dry and hot cereal, crackers) peanut butter, dry milk products, nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast), spices, coffee and tea. Whatever assistance you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated.