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## Sunday, February 3, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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#### **READING I - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19**

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: 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.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 R. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

#### R. I will sing of your salvation.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

#### R. I will sing of your salvation.

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth;

from my mother's womb you are my strength.

#### R. I will sing of your salvation.

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

#### READING 2 - 1 Cor 13:4-13 (short version)

Brothers and sisters: 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. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### **GOSPEL - Luke** 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "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?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum." And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, 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 the midst of them and went away. This is the Gospel of the Lord. R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Oh, Lord, I Am Not Worthy"
COMMUNION HYMN - "Here I Am, Lord"
RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

### St. Francis Weekly "faith Renewed"

#### **PRESENTATION OF JESUS, February 2**

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luke reports the event; When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words;

"Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

'This feast, celebrated by the Christian Churches of East and West at an early date, has also been called "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE JOY OF BEING LIKE OTHERS

At first sight, joy seems to be connected with being different. When you receive a compliment or win an award, you experience the joy of not being the same as others, You are faster, smarter, or more beautiful, and it is that difference that brings you joy. But such joy is very temporary. 'True joy is hidden where we are the same as other people: fragile and mortal. It is the joy of belonging to the human race. It is the joy of being with others as a friend, a companion, a fellow traveler.

This is the joy of Jesus, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us!

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice LOOK FOR THE BEST

If you desire to be happy and get rid of the misery of dread, just give up supposin' the worst things and look for the best things instead.

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding." —Proverbs 3:13

Today look for the good in people, places, and happenings!

#### ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

**THANK YOU** to Fr. Andrew and Monika, Debbie Scillia and John Hanft for removing our Christmas decorations, last weekend. **AND THANK YOU** to Debbie and John for securing a great price from P.C. Richard's so the church could buy a new microwave oven. AND thanks also for all those delicious bagels you got donated last week. God's blessing to you all!

**GROUNDHOG DAY, February 2,** on this date according to legend, the groundhog comes out of hibernation; if it sees its shadow, it supposedly returns to its hole for six more weeks of winter weather. I didn't hear if he did or not.

### Be A Friend and Bring A Friend...

to Mass or extend an invitation to attend any of our events! Upcoming: Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross after Sunday Mass during Lent, and, of course, as Easter approaches, Blessing of Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday.

Take a moment out and pray...

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.
 Health Needs of: Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Linda Frysztacki, Lorri Russo,
 Rich Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile,
 Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis,
 Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni,
 Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmark, Emma Zaradich, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis,
 Toni Panico, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, Jenna Ipplito,
 Theresa Daquino, Nick Daquino, Ottavia Daquino & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.