

February 3, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Rev. Fr. Anthony C. Ekanem, MSP:

At various times I have reviewed and written job descriptions. Jesus identifies himself with Elijah and Elisha, prophets who challenged people to discover that God is more inclusive than we tend to be. The widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian were Gentiles for whom God cared. By so doing, they proclaimed that God is not limited by our expectations. That challenged their hearers and Jesus' hearers, but part of a prophet's job description is to announce God's word to the people, even when it is challenging. When Jesus challenged the understanding of his own people they tried to stop him, but he walked through their midst, Jeremiah was also rejected. No wonder he tried to refuse God's call to be a prophet. But God was with him to deliver him.

It seems that the prophetic skill requires the ability to handle rejection and continue prophesying no matter what. Like the love that Paul describes, a prophet needs to bear, endure, and hope for all things. A prophet needs to love as God loves us. A prophet needs patience, kindness, truthfulness, to be without guile, jealousy, rudeness or quick temper. A prophet needs the same kind of love that God shows each of us and calls us to show one another. Because we were formed in God's image and likeness in our mothers' wombs, we are called to love. We may not be a prophet, but part of all our job descriptions is to announce God's word by how we live. Open to that word, some will be open to us. Resisting that word some will resist us. Remember, God is with us and will help us do our job. Resistance is futile!

Marriages: In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Collection: Last Sunday, January 27, 2019 our weekly collection was \$3,309.00

2nd Collection: The 2nd collection last Sunday January 27th for our monthly Church Property Insurance was \$1,066.00 the 2nd collection this Sunday will be for the Heat; this collection helps the church with the cost of heating the church building in the winter.

Food Collection: This Sunday February 3rd we will have our monthly food collection for the needy in our community –and as always thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Anyone that needs their donation statement for Tax purpose are to stop by the Rectory Office and leave your name and envelope number and we will mail it out to you.

Pope Francis: “ Saying “yes” to God's love is the first step to being happy, and to making many other people happy! ”

Parish Membership: Every family or single adult to be considered active members of St. Mary's must be properly registered in the parish, receiving and regularly using the weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. Also if you have moved and still want to continue as a parishioner of St. Mary's please stop by the office with your new address so that we may make the appropriate changes. Thank You

February 2019:

9th Religious Education Classes ~ [Baptism 2:30 pm~ in the Church](#)

16th Religious Education Classes

23rd **No** Religious Education Classes

March 2019:

2nd Religious Education Classes ~[2nd Meeting for First Holy Communion 11:30 am School Cafeteria ~ ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND!](#)

9th Religious Education Classes~ [Reconciliation for 2nd Grade 10:00 am in the Church](#)

16th Religious Education Classes~ [Communion Rehearsal 10:00 am](#)

23rd Religious Education Classes ~[Confirmation Rehearsal 10:00 am](#)

30th Religious Education Classes

Mass Schedule for the week of

February 3, 2019 to February 10, 2019

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday, February 3, 2019:

7:30 am– For the Parishioners

9:00 am– Joaquim Neto

Rita Lopez

11:00 am– Julio P. Rodriguez

Julius Rodriguez & Family

Monday, February 4, 2019:

12:05 pm– Lilla Perez (L)

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Tuesday, February 5, 2019:

12:05 pm– Margaret Cruz

Daughter Angelina

Wednesday, February 6, 2019:

12:05 pm– Joseph Kunny

The Kunny Family

Thursday, February 7, 2019:

12:05 pm–Lysander Declaro

The Arcadio Family

Saturday, February 9, 2019:

5:00 pm– Vincenzo Tricoli

Anthony Felicisimo

Sunday, February 10, 2019:

7:30 am- Sacred Heart of Jesus

Abby Figueroa

9:00 am– For the actions of the Holy Spirit

Ana Leñares

11:00 am– Domingos M. Rodrigues

Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues

“ We would like to take this opportunity to apologize to

Our parishioners that attend the 7:30 am Mass last Sunday For the lateness of the Priest that was Scheduled for that Mass. He was delayed at his Parish.