

Holy Rosary Church

January 28, 2007

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer. 1:4-19; 1 Cor 13:4-13; Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, the prophet



Today's Gospel continues the narrative from last Sunday when Jesus has read passages from the prophet Isaiah concerning the "anointed prophet of God" and declared that "today" this passage is being fulfilled in him. I am that prophet.

The reception given to Jesus by the people of his home area turns from initial curiosity and mild enthusiasm to hostility and violence. The problem may well have been the people's feeling that Jesus was not doing enough healings and other miracles in Nazareth as they knew he did elsewhere. They may have wanted to keep Jesus for themselves and benefit more from his powers.

Jesus is not surprised at the people's negative reaction. He told them this is the way they have treated the prophets Elijah and Elisha and others who ministered to non-Jews.

The first reading from Jeremiah shows that prophets are seldom popular. Prophets tell hard truths and make people confront unpleasant realities. Their power and authority come from God, not from popular opinion, and promised that He will be with them to protect them and to prove them right in due time.

Paul's celebration of love is one of the most beautiful and inspiring passages in the Bible. Paul's instruction is given to a young Christian community divided within itself and bickering about spiritual gifts. He insists that love is the most important spiritual gift, and genuine love seeks the good of others. All God's gifts are given to be used to build the body of Christ, the Christian community and not as a personal possession or a source of pride. How do we use our gifts? Are we helping the good functioning of the body of Christ?

St Luke

During the 2007 liturgical year the gospel of St. Luke will be read on most Sunday. Luke was a well educated gentile doctor, an expert writer. He studied and examined all the writings about Jesus done before him and interviewed eye witnesses of Jesus' teachings and miracle, including Jesus' mother and he wrote the gospel Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

The gospel of Luke has a special flavor; it is subtitled by bible experts:

- The gospel of the Holy Spirit
- The gospel of women
- The gospel of universal salvation
- The gospel of the poor and marginalized
- The gospel of forgiveness and great pardons
- The gospel of prayer
- The gospel of messianic joy.



APPRECIATION DINNER

Monday, February 5

6:30 pm

Argosy Buffet Restaurant

All people who offered their service to the parish throughout the year are invited. No personal invitations will be made. Please call the rectory by January 31st if you will be attending. We will need a head count so the Argosy can arrange the seating area. If any parishioner needs a ride please let us know when you call the rectory, as transportation will be available.

Tabernacle Returns

The tabernacle is back on the altar and it looks beautiful. It took a few months to polish it, to gold plate it and to repair its lock due to the company change of personnel. During its absence I thought of the bible story of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was a precious box that contained the two tablets of the Ten Commandments and other religious items. It was the most sacred possession for the Israelites because it was the sign of God's presence among his people. One time during a battle with Israel's enemies, the Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant and took it to their country and kept it for seven months. After experiencing various punishments from God the Philistines decided to return it to the Israelite with some money for sacrifices for their offenses. When the Ark returned home, there was a great celebration among the Israelites. I am very happy to see the tabernacle back on the altar and many of you expressed joy and appreciation for the return of God's house to our church all bright and shining. The gold plating was done in memory of Mary Fasone and it was paid by her family with the donations received in her memory. I am very grateful to the Fasone family for their contribution in memory of their mother. The newly gold plated tabernacle will be a lasting sign of Mary Fasone's love and dedication to Holy Rosary parish.



You can read the story of the capture of Ark of the Covenant in the book of 1 Samuel chapters 4 & 5.

CHÚA NHẬT THỨ TƯ THƯỜNG NIÊN

Jer.1:4-9; 1 Cor.13:4-13; Luke 4:21-30

“Chúa Giêsu, Đấng làm phép lạ”



Dân chúng ở Nadarét ngạc nhiên về những lời giảng dạy của Chúa Giêsu, nhưng họ nghi ngờ về quyền lực của Người. Nếu Chúa làm nhiều phép lạ ở các nơi, tại sao Người không làm tại quê quán của Người? Chúa Giêsu so sánh công cuộc của Người với các tiên tri Elia và Elisêô, những người đã bị dân đồng hương của họ đuổi khỏi thành phố, nên các vị này đã chữa lành bệnh và đem niềm hy vọng cho những người không phải là Do thái. Nói cách khác, Chúa Giêsu bảo họ vì họ thiếu đức tin nên Chúa không làm phép lạ cho họ, và một thực tế nữa là các “ tiên tri không bao giờ được đón tiếp tại quê hương mình”. Dân chúng tức giận khi nghe những lời đó. Họ trục xuất Người ra khỏi thành và định xô người xuống vực thẳm, nhưng Người rẽ qua giữa họ mà đi như một phép lạ.

Chúng ta có biết tạ ơn Chúa Giêsu về các phép lạ Người đã ban cho chúng ta hàng ngày không?

Bữa ăn cám ơn: giáo xứ sẽ mời các anh chị em đã đóng góp công sức và tài chính cho giáo xứ đến dùng bữa tối tại nhà hàng Argosy lúc 6:30 chiều thứ hai 5/2. Xin cho cha Joe hoặc văn phòng biết tên trước ngày 31/1 để tiện việc sắp xếp.

Các cha dòng Scalabrini đang được xét duyệt để chọn làm Tổng Quản thành phố La mã trong vài tuần sắp tới. Xin chúng ta hãy cùng nhau cầu cho các ngài.

The Deanery III Quarterly Meeting will be held Monday, January 29 at 12 noon; Our Lady of Peach Church Hall, 1029 Bennington (weather permitting). Please remember new gifts for Mothers' Refuge.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 27**
4PM Clara Lombardo by Jo Marie Guastello
- Sunday, January 28**
8AM Special Intentions
11AM Charles Morreale by wife Pat
- Monday, January 22**
8AM All faithful departed
- Tuesday, January 23**
8AM Special Intentions
- Wednesday, January 24**
8AM Junior Nigro by Dona & John Picone
- Thursday, January 25**
8AM Vincent Marrone by Roseann Mazzuca
- Friday, January 26**
8AM For all the sick and convalescent of the church
- Saturday, January 27**
4PM Clara Lombardo by Jo Marie Guastello
- Sunday, January 28**
8AM Special Intentions
11AM Charles Morreale by wife Pat

WEEKLY COLLECTION
January 21, 2007

Collection: \$1507.00
Other Income: \$ 91.00
TOTAL: \$1598 00
2nd
Collection: \$ 439.00

“Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.” —

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 3 & 4

LECTORS

4PM: Pat Hempstead
8AM:
11AM: Maria Valenti

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM: Mui Bui
8AM: Qua Tran
11AM: Mitchell Danna

ALTAR SERVERS

4PM: Brian & Stephanie Bui
8AM: Yen & Lang Bui
11AM: Triston & Fantasia Ta



Rest in Peace... In your prayers please remember

Angeline Trombino

Our condolences to the family.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Dominick and Shelley Armato were named Volunteers of the year at the City Union Mission. This honor was bestowed to them for their service, commitment and dedication to the needy. Holy Rosary's St. Vincent DePaul Society has helped to provide the food that feeds homeless. Please join Holy Rosary in congratulating Dominick and Shelley for their service to the community. God bless you!