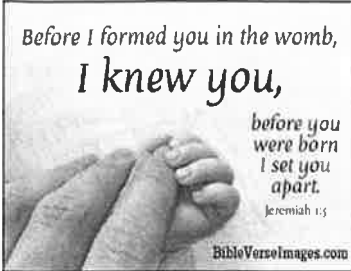


3rd February 2019 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 2

9:00am † *Librado, Isabel, Her-
berto Valenzuela*
4:30pm *Philomen Primacio (bday)*

Sunday, February 3

7:30am † *Florino Jaochico*
9:30am † *Jose Ponciano*
11:00am *Arielle Sanchez (bday)*
12:30pm † *Manuel Escoto*

Monday, February 4

9:00am † *Candelaria Hechanova*

Tuesday, February 5

9:00am † *Diane Jean Shasky &
Family*

Wednesday, February 6

9:00am † *Rodney Cabase Aballe*

Thursday, February 7

9:00am † *Alejandro & Elvira Mey-
er*

Friday, February 8

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

Saturday, February 9

9:00am *YMI Brothers*
4:30pm *Philomen Primacio (bday)*



SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection for the
Parish Reserve Fund

Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

Jan 22nd - Jan 27th, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.	\$ 57.00
Tues. On-line giving	\$ 5.00
Weekend Offering	\$ 3,307.00
Weekend On-line giving.	\$ 265.00
St. Patrick Seminary.....	\$ 1,275.00
St. Patrick Sem On-line \$	0.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

The Book of Jeremiah contains a confession of his personal struggle with coming to terms with tragic realities of life. He stands out as a lonely figure whose mission seemed to have failed utterly. Yet, that apparent 'failure' mysteriously becomes his triumph. Our reading today is an excerpt from the narrative of the call and commission of the prophet.

Jeremiah came from Anathot, a village four miles northeast of Jerusalem. His father Hilkiah was a priest. His prophetic call came in 626 BC (Jer 1:2), while he was still a young man. His mission stretched from the time of King Josiah (640-609 BC) to Zedekiah (597-587 BC) and outlasted the reign of the later. He lived through the days of excitement, filled with hopes and dreams with the young reformer king Josiah, and through the aftermath, the tragic years that led to destruction of the nation.

It is possible to trace the spiritual progress of Jeremiah and to see in him the purifying and strengthening effect of suffering; for the most part the impressive message of the prophet was his own life. He was a man of rare sensitivity with an exceptional capacity for affection; and his mission was to 'pluck up and to pull down, to overthrow and to destroy, to build and to plant' (Jer 1:10).

Jeremiah did not want to be prophet and he continued to discuss the trials of his office with Yaweh. He felt overwhelmed by the sheer burden, the humanly impossible task; and Yet,His prayer is the prayer of Gethsemane.....in surrender to the Will of God.

A model for you and me....

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Fixing God's House

This Campaign Fund money is classified as "Restricted Income" to be used only to pay for the projects mentioned in the "Fixing God's House" brochure.

If you have not yet made your pledge and wish to do so, you may send in your donations, designating in the memo of your check as "Fixing God's House". There are several options available for you to give to this campaign:

- you can drop your check at the Parish Office, or mail it
- you may give "On-Line"
- you may also put in the Sunday collection in an envelope, marked as "Fixing God's House"

Thank you for continuing the legacy of St. John the Evangelist

Fixing God's House Raffle

Our Parish **Hispanic Community (HPC)** has embarked upon a "kick off" campaign for "Fixing God's House". We are invited to join them in this endeavor. The kick off begins with a raffle; tickets will cost \$5.00 with a grand prize of \$500.00. Raffle tickets are available with the HPC members. The drawing of the prize will take place on March 10, 2019. For more information please contact, Gloria & Jose Calero or Sonia & Mario Urquilla. .

Annual "Wedding Anniversary Mass"

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 9 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. All couples who this year will celebrate their wedding anniversaries (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) and all couples married for more than 40 years, are invited to celebrate at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Auxilliary Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P. will be the principal celebrant.

Those who wish to attend, this mass for the renewal of their marriage vows, are called upon to register at www.anniversarymass.info or call (415) 614-5547 for more information as soon as possible.

Continuing from last week's second reading in which Paul describes how God has gifted each member of the Christian community with different gifts for the purpose of uniting the Body of Christ, today's Second Reading is Paul's description of the most important of all the gifts: **Love**. First, Paul remarks that if one had the gift of tongues, or of prophecy, or of miracles, but does not use the gift of love, then the other gifts are nothing. Love must be the virtue which underlies all the gifts. Paul explains what love is. Love (*agape*) is not the same as *philia* (familial love based on duty), nor is it *eros* (pleasurable, physical love). Love is making the choice to do what is best for another, no matter what the personal cost is to the self. True love is reaching out to another and seeking the growth of another in the ways of Christ. Thus, true love is often tough love. It is speaking the Truth of God, but always in a caring way.

To be prophets means we are to be God's spokespersons. The message is that God loves each person and He wants what is truly good for them. To speak such a message is challenging since people do not want to have to change their ways. We must proclaim the good News in a manner which is inviting, while still being challenging. We will meet resistance, but we must keep on speaking the Truth in Love.