

# WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2019

## MONDAY

Heb 11:32-40 \* Ps 31:20-24 \* Mk 5:1-20

## TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Heb 12:1-4 \* Ps 22:26-28,30-32 \* Mk 5:21-43

## WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Heb 12:4-7,11-15 \* Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18 \* Mk 6:1-6

## THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Heb 12:18-19,21-24 \* Ps 48:2-4,9-11 \* Mk 6:7-13

## FRIDAY

Hrb 13:1-8 \* Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 \* Mk 6:14-29

## SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Heb 13:15-17,20-21 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Mk 6:30-34

## SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Is 6:1-8 \* Ps 138:1-5,7-8 \* 1 Cor 15:1-11 \* Lk 5:1-11

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 4	6:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Bible Timeline
Tues., Feb. 5	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	Sacramental Prep
	7:00pm	Bible Study-WC
Wed., Feb. 6	6:30pm	RCIA Make-up
Thurs., Feb. 7	7:00pm	Baptism Prep II
Sun., Feb. 10	10:45am	Religious Education
	6:00pm	Youth Ministry



### NEXT WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 9/10

Coffee & Donuts after each Mass.  
(Food Pantry for February will be collected by AACCS students.)

**New Record!** Last week at the 9:30am Mass, we had 60+ students go aside for the Children's Liturgy of the Word!!

**Baptismal Preparation Session:** Thursday, February 7 at 7pm at the Parish Center, for families who have already had one or more children baptized. Registration is required – please call Sandy at 662-4335.

**Homebound Ministry:** Has God been prompting you to visit the elderly, the sick or the lonely? Our Homebound Ministry goes out once a week and takes Holy Communion to those in our community who are unable to attend Mass. Most of our volunteers are scheduled once every 6-8 weeks, and the visits take 4-6 hours. Scheduling is very flexible, and can be set to work around your schedule. For more information, please call the parish office at 662-6861 and leave a message for Pam Graul-Gwizdala.

**Check Your Pockets, Drawers, Glove Compartments:** If you have borrowed a PYX (container for Eucharist) and are not using it, drop it off at the church or parish office. Remember you are asked to sign out the PYX when you take one and sign it back in when returning.

### LENT 2019 MISSION – Eucharist: A Diamond in our Midst Mark your calendar: March 10, 11 & 12.

Join our parish community for three evenings and a morning hearing about the Eucharist. As a way to prepare for our Parish Mission we began 3-Minute Teachings (written by Larry Mick) before Mass this week. We will be hearing them each week through Lent. We hope you find them to be helpful as we begin to think about the Eucharist and how our liturgy is "the source and summit of our Christian life." There will be copies of each weeks' teaching at the entrances of the Church.

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

When was something so familiar that you disregarded its importance?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Jesus is back in his hometown among friends and family and yet they cannot hear him. All they see is the small boy they knew. Too often we let what we are so sure of get in the way of the reality we face. It is important to be open to seeing people and events in new ways. When we fail to do that, we may miss the presence of God among us.

► **Living the Word:** Ask family members to take turns naming something about each other that they are sure is true. When a statement is made about an individual, that person gets a chance to respond to the perception. Be sure to direct that only positive comments can be made. A child might say, for instance, that they know that their father is careful to call his mother each week. After the exercise, ask family members what it is like to be seen through another's eyes and if they learned more about each other. Finally, ask each person to name something about themselves that they think no one else realizes.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:

The past week was set aside to celebrate our Catholic School. The history of schools in our diocese has been rather dire over the past decade. More schools have closed than have remained open. We are most fortunate to have Auburn Area Catholic School and this school is most fortunate to have this St. Gabriel Parish Community. We follow as an ideal standard that 60% of the school costs will be borne by the parents, via tuition, fundraisers, donations and foundation income; 40% will come from the parish. In my time there were stretches when these amounts were reversed. For the past several years this standard has been in place due to increased and stable enrollments.

The school attracts young families and young families bring life and future to the parish family. Several of the school families have been very involved in the larger parish as liturgical ministers, for example, and that is most appreciated. We should celebrate our school - it is a primary contributor to the life blood of our community.

Fr. Tom

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 \* Offering: \$7,875.35

Children's Good Deeds: My Good Deed was...

...praying for my uncle. ...visiting Bapa.  
...I helped my Mom pack & I shoveled the back porch.

## THE PARISH IN THE COMMUNITY

► **K of C Free Throw Championship:** Feb. 9, 9:30am at St. Brigid Church, Midland. For boys & girls, ages 9-14. For more info call Ed Piotrowski at 859-8504.

"Smile at your wives, at your husbands,  
at your children, at all. Let mutual love for others  
grow each day in all of you." Mother Teresa

## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

When God said, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,” Jeremiah realized that he was hearing from the Creator of the universe, the One who formed humanity in the divine image. That introduction revealed to Jeremiah that God was as close to him as his own mother and loving and powerful enough to fashion him for what he could become. This revelation also informed Jeremiah that everything God had done for him was not simply for himself and not only for his own people but for the sake of all the nations.

Surely, Jeremiah was a role model for Jesus. Jesus’ baptismal experience of God’s call assured him of God’s love and joy in who he was. When it came time for Jesus to delineate the specific aims of his mission, he explained that God had called him to something broader than prophecy. Jesus knew that he was called to be and proclaim good news for everyone labeled as outcast.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus were headed for trouble precisely because God had set their sights on a panorama much wider and a faithfulness much deeper than their contemporaries wanted to consider. Jeremiah would go on to be persecuted by being put in the stocks in the Temple, thrown into a cistern to die of starvation, and exiled to Egypt. Jesus must have been aware of that as he explained to his hometown what he was called to do.

These readings bring us to ask ourselves why we call ourselves Christians. Are we in this to benefit ourselves and our native place? If so, we will eventually be motivated to join with the people of Nazareth who wanted to get rid of Jesus and his inconvenient, seemingly no-win approach to religion. But if we believe we are called to be reflections of the God who created everyone in the divine image, we will follow Jeremiah and Jesus in lives consecrated to the good of the whole world.

### Called as Prophet (Jer 1)

[Celebration](#)

The opening verses of today’s scriptural selection have a two-pronged purpose. First, they portray Jeremiah’s own sense of personal call by God. In his original experience of being called, Jeremiah heard that God’s intimacy with him started when God began the creative work of forming him from the first instant of his existence. Along with that, God let him know that from the moment of his conception he was being prepared and consecrated to be a prophet for the world. That was Jeremiah’s personal revelation. The second purpose of these verses was to establish Jeremiah’s public reputation, to let his listeners know that whether or not they appreciated his message, he was speaking for God; God had chosen and dedicated him for that very purpose.

### Give Your Gift (1 Cor 12 & 13)

[Celebration](#)

If we did a survey about the most beloved or most used passages from Paul’s writings, this selection would win hands down. A frequent choice for weddings and funerals, people often refer to it as Paul’s hymn to love. Despite the way many interpret it today, Paul probably wrote this passage to critique the Corinthians and their cherished spiritual gifts. He was elaborating on the idea that they had turned genuine religiosity inside out and made it a charade by doing what they did without love.

Paul is not criticizing the various gifts people in the community have received. Gifts come from the Spirit: They are good in origin – as is all of creation. But unless the gifts are expressions and extensions of love, they are being perverted, and the people who exercise them are making themselves irrelevant at best or even enemies of the Christian cause.

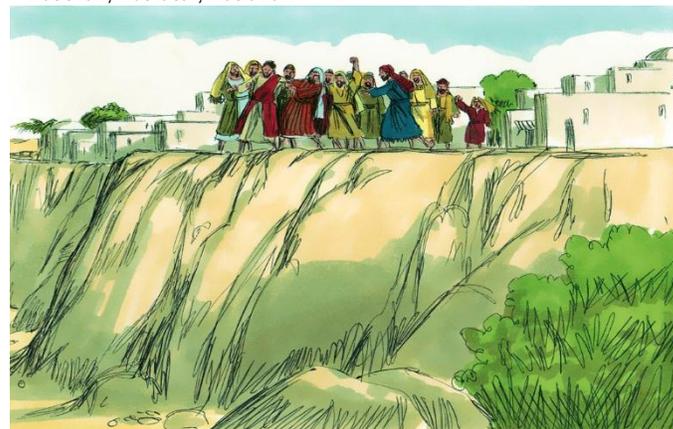
### Acceptance or Rejection? (Luke 4)

[Celebration](#)

Today’s Gospel begins with the last words we heard Jesus speak in last week’s Gospel: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” Last week, we considered that as the way Jesus reintroduced himself to his hometown. We saw that this statement meant that he was about to go into action as God’s anointed one. This week, the Lectionary uses that same statement to introduce the story of how Jesus’ announcement caused division among his own.

Jesus knew them as well as they thought they knew him. So he faced their skepticism head-on and let them know what his announcement meant for them. He told them that if they thought his vocation was to bring them fame and fortune, they hadn’t understood a word he had said. Just as Israel’s vocation was to be a light to the nations, his vocation was to be good news for the poor. The closer they came to God, the more they would be called beyond themselves for the sake of others.

Of course, saying this implied that they were not living as faithfully as they could. With that, they decided that they were through with him. In a conclusion that foreshadowed the rest of the Gospel, Luke shows that Jesus’ invitation to conversion so angered some of his own people that they were ready to get rid of him. But their plan would not succeed – not then, not later, not ever.



Like the people in the synagogue, today we too hear Jesus’ announcement. Now, it is up to us to be amazed, impressed or angry, or to decide to follow him and see what it makes of us.

### On Being a Prophet

Marie B, [Celebration](#)

Being a prophet certainly seems a nearly thankless task, one likely to get you threatened, imprisoned, maybe even killed. So when we reflect on our call to prophecy, we must strive for it to be motivated by love if we want it to be worthwhile at all.

Since it often involves denouncing wrongdoing, calling for change, and telling people what they don’t want to hear, prophecy isn’t the best way to win friends. Whether we are speaking to family, friends or co-workers; posting on social media; writing a letter to the editor; helping with a political campaign or participating in a protest, can we do so in a way that expresses patience, kindness and a willingness to hear others’ perspectives without taking disagreement as a personal slight? Can we forgive those who don’t extend the same courtesy to us? Can we ensure that we are not acting out of self-interest and endure through setbacks and disappointments?

Whatever piece of the truth we possess, whatever prophetic message we have is partial and will eventually pass away. The only thing that will endure is love.

**“LORD, KEEP ME TRUE  
TO YOUR WORD.”**