

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
24-25 January 2015

Dear Catholic Community:

Repent, believe, turn away from sin. That's the message of today. Jonah, in the Old Testament reading, didn't want the Ninevites to repent. He wants them to suffer for their wrongdoing. He's angry when they did repent. On the other hand, Jesus rejoices in those who believe and turn their lives around whether in big or small ways. In moral theology I learned that we all have a Fundamental Option. Either we're going towards the Lord or we're not. But even when we're going towards the Lord, we can stumble and fall. God doesn't get us when we're down. He picks us up and rejoices when we continue on "the WAY". Now, that's GOOD NEWS. Lent's coming. It's a great time to reflect on how we're all going to keep going TOWARD THE LORD!

Blessings,
Fr. Fred

As of **22 January**, there is now a 1200 Daily Mass each Thursday at National Defense University on Fort McNair; Fr. Fred will then spend the afternoon at Fort McNair. Fr. Majka, our contract priest, will celebrate 1200 Daily Mass on both Mondays and Thursdays at JBM-HH Memorial Chapel.

4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic class meets this Sunday, **25 January** at 1030.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Sunday, **1 February**.

Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 1100 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Responsorial Psalm today says, "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **20-22 February 2015** in Herndon or **17-19 April 2015** in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-378-4150. This weekend, we welcome Worldwide Marriage Encounter guest speakers John and Christa Owens (1700 Mass) and Wayne and Sam Miller (0900 Mass).

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps; Kevin Voelker, USA

Deceased: Joseph E. Nestro, Charles Daknis (brother of Bill Daknis)

Healing: Buddy Craven, Sue Higgins, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Margaret Asten, Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro

The next GROUP Baptismal Instruction Class will take place on Sunday, **22 March** at 1030. Please meet at Fr. Fred's office. There will be NO Baptisms during the Lenten Season. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, 18 February and continues through Holy Week. This year Easter Sunday will be on 5 April. Baptisms will either be before Lent begins or from Easter Sunday into the Easter Season.

Lent is a Penitential Season in which we focus on growing in Christ. Easter is the time of celebrating Resurrection and new Life. I welcome families who would like to have babies baptized on Easter Sunday or any of the weekends of the Easter Season. The Easter Season begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, 4 April 2015 and will continue for 50 days through the celebration of Pentecost on the 24th of May. Obviously, baptisms will be celebrated other times of the Liturgical Year also, but Easter Season is the most special of all times.



Catholic Community Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil

Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel

Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz pamortiz85@gmail.com

Parish Registration: See usher for form.

Advance E-bulletin: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

Sacraments and sponsor letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

Offering for 17-18 January

1700 Vigil Mass: \$ 835.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$2,695.45

Total: \$3,530.45

ATTENDANCE: 355

Please make checks payable to "CTOF"