

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
31 January – 1 February
2015

Dear Catholic Community:

First of all, I had a great leave. It was an awesome cruise. I really like the island of Bonaire. I'd like to go back there sometime. Reminded me of Southwest Wyoming with all the cactus!!! The water was really nice. My thanks to the priests who covered for me while I was on leave. I really appreciate their help.

Today, we're reminded that Jesus wasn't all talk. He really was action. His authority was the honesty of his words and actions and that really touched people's lives. We see His power over evil. Interesting isn't it that God permits evil, but God has the power to overcome evil, and so do we, through God's grace. Reflect on the response to our Responsorial Psalm today from Psalm 95- "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. In other words, stay open to the Lord and don't block God's opportunities to work through your life.

While I was on the cruise, in which there were lots of people, I'd be sitting around in different areas. I'd hear, not by choice, people's conversations. I was surprised at the number of people who were always complaining about something. I thought that was pretty sad. Some seemed really bitter about life. Here they were on a beautiful ship and they were stuck in some issue of their life. I hope that we don't get stuck. God can do some pretty amazing things when we're open to Him and, with our free will, really cooperate with His grace. Stay open!

Blessings,

Fr. Fred

The Pastoral Council meets this Sunday, **1 February**. Please contact Fr. Fred or Pat Trahan if you have concerns or suggestions you'd like to have brought before the council.

Designated Offering: **14-15 February** for the Archdiocese of Military Services

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

Offering for 24-25 January

1700 Vigil Mass:	\$1,086.00
0900 Sunday Mass:	\$2,556.75
Total:	\$3,642.75

ATTENDANCE: 434

Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

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, 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

Beginning **16 February**, new base access measures will go into effect for entering JBM-HH. During this implementation, traffic delays are anticipated for the Hatfield Gate (2nd Street). Military ID card and CAC holders will need to register at the police department. Congregants who do not possess a military ID card, please contact Fr. Fred.

Introduction to Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses is near death and is giving final instructions. He promises that after his death, God will still be with them through another prophet. Both Jewish and Christian readers have seen this as referring to the future Messiah.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is responding to their question about whether it is better to remain single or become married. Paul's belief was that when you become Christian, you shouldn't take on a new state in life since he expected Jesus would return in glory very soon.

In today's second reading St. Paul talks about the fact that married couples have to deal with the anxieties of the world. Sometimes those stresses can really have a negative impact on our marriages. Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on God and each other by making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The upcoming weekends are **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.

Catholic Community Contact Information

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

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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.