

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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**Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
7 – 8 February 2015**

Dear Catholic Community:

St. Paul states in the second reading from First Corinthians, that “he willingly made himself a slave to all in order to win them over.” In other words, he did what was necessary for the gospel, even when it wore him out. We see that today in the gospel in the person of Jesus. It says that so many sought Him out that He had to seek out a deserted place for prayer and rest. WHEN WE CARE, we’re going to get tired. With the example of Jesus, we’re reminded that the call for His followers is to imitate Him in loving others even when it can sometimes feel overwhelming. We’re reminded too that Jesus had to take breaks. That’s also necessary for us. I notice that really caring people can sometimes become angry and bitter because they give so much, that they’re worn out and may feel like they’re getting nothing in return. That’s why rest is important. We all need to reenergize. We should never feel guilty for seeking some relaxation. The message of today also tells us, that in our relaxation, we need to take time to prayer and connect with God. That connection is what can also give us the strength to do what we need to do and be whom we need to be for others.

Blessings and thanks for your service to family, church, country and community.

Fr. Fred

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

4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic meets Sunday, **15 February**.

In observance of the President’s Day federal holiday, the chapel will be closed on Friday, **13 February** and on Monday, **19 February**.

During Lent, daily Mass on Thursdays will move to 1100. Lenten Recitals, followed by lunch and devotional, begin on Thursday, **26 February**.

The Archdiocese for Military Services is offering a Vocation Discernment Retreat at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, CA on 5-8 March 2015. Travel expenses and room and board at the seminary are paid for by AMS benefactors. Please contact Pam if you’re interested in attending and need further contact information.

Registration is now open for the 2015 Men’s Conference sponsored by the Office for Family Life, Diocese of Arlington. “Victory Over the Common Enemy” is on Saturday, 7 March at Fox Chase Manor, Manassas. Featured speakers are Rev. Larry Richards, Founder and President Reason for our Hope; and, Mr. Neal Lozano, Executive Director Heart of the Father. To register or for more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/men

Offering for 31 January – 1 February

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| 1700 Vigil Mass: | \$1,309.00 |
| 0900 Sunday Mass: | \$3,080.25 |
| Total: | \$4,389.25 |

ATTENDANCE: 431

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, Bill Hubbard

~Please contact Pam to remove names from the prayer lists. ~

The implementation of the new base access measures requiring ID card and CAC registration with the post police department has been put on hold until further notice. Updates and procedure information will be printed in *The Pentagram*, which is also available online at www.dcmilitary.com

Introduction to Today’s Readings

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn’t believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul’s enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.

This Sunday is World Marriage Day which honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family. Commit to making your marriage a priority in your lives and let your marriage relationship give glory to God. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending 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 by phone at 703-378-4150 or via email at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org.

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.

Registration Card/Contact Information Updates: Notify Pam of any changes to contact information or if moving from the area.