

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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FORT MYER, VIRGINIA 22211**

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**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
14 – 15 February 2015**

Dear Catholic Community:

The gospel we have for this weekend is so appropriate as we begin Lent on Wednesday the 18th. The leper says to Jesus: "If you wish, you can make me clean." That's how I see Lent. It's our opportunity, with God's grace, to "clean up our act." In all our lives there are things we need to straighten out. Perhaps it's something we need to BEGIN or something we need to END. These days of Lent are once again the challenge to grow spiritually. You're receiving the "Little Black Books" this weekend. Use them well as prayer reflections throughout the season of Lent. Don't let the time go by. God desires to make us clean BECAUSE that's what God WANTS to do for each of us.

Blessings,
Fr. Fred

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

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

In observance of the President's Day federal holiday, the chapel will be closed on Friday, **13 February** and on Monday, **16 February**.

Ash Wednesday is **18 February**. Masses are at noon and 1800, Memorial Chapel.

Stations of the Cross: Friday, **20 February** followed by Penitential Supper at 1830 in Fellowship Hall.

The first *Lenten Recital* is on Thursday, **26 February**, at 1130 in Memorial Chapel. The recital is followed by lunch and devotional in Fellowship Hall.

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 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.

Moral Leadership Luncheon, Tuesday, **3 March 2015**, 1130 to 1300 Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker: SgtMaj Bryan Battaglia, USMC, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. This is an opportunity to listen, learn, ask and reflect on leadership; lunch is complementary. Please RSVP by **2 March** to Fr Fred. Open to all Active Duty Servicemembers and DoD Civilians/Contractors

Offering for 7-8 February

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| 1700 Vigil Mass: | \$1,671.62 |
| 0900 Sunday Mass: | \$2,629.00 |
| Total: | \$4,300.62 |

ATTENDANCE: 446

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. ~

Updated information on JBM-HH gate assessment measures can be found on the U.S. Army's website [JBM-HH to Enhance Visitor Access Requirements](#) and in the 5 February 2015 issue of the *Pentagram* [JBM-HH to Enhance Visitor Access Requirements](#)

Introduction to Today's Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish laws. Old Testament people believe that being clean or unclean (that is, kosher or non-kosher) was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal. For example, because a snake slithered on the ground rather than walked, it was considered abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular case addressed in this reading.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Communities and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. Paul now makes a general observation that while we may *in principle* be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt harmony and peace.

The second reading Paul says "do everything for the glory of God". Does your marriage witness the glory of God? The upcoming World Wide Marriage Encounter weekends are **20-22 Feb 2015** in Herndon or **17-19 Apr 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

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.