February 3, 2019—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury... But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.”

Luke 4:30
Must not be afraid to stand up to people in power, face lots of rejection, be relentless in proclaiming God’s mercy, and offer comfort and consolation in times of trial.” Applicants?

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

It can be difficult to be surprised by the familiar. We experience it regularly; it is customary. We follow routine and habit. Even people we encounter become familiar to the point of predictability. We expect certain reactions from those we know. So when someone familiar does something unexpected or different we can be puzzled. The actions did not follow the script; the person did not meet my expectations. What follows can be problematic. In these cases, it’s usually best for us to reassess our expectations and reexamine our habits.

Something similar happens in today’s gospel when Jesus preaches in his hometown synagogue. The audience thought they knew him: “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” But what he preached, the fulfillment of the Scriptures, was shocking to the point of their attempting to silence him for good. In the face of such objection, Jesus does not change his message. On the contrary, he says that “no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” By this, Jesus refers to himself as a prophet in the manner Elisha and Elijah.

The reference to Elijah going to the widow in Zarephath and Elisha to Naaman the Syrian prefigures Jesus’ own ministry to those who are not Jewish. Luke is foreshadowing the eventual Gentile mission and demonstrating that it, too, is rooted in Scripture. Just as Elijah and Elisha went beyond the bound of the Israelites, Jesus will too.

Luke’s story of Jesus is rooted in the prophets, especially the ministry of Elijah and Elisha who raised the dead, fed multitudes, and ministered to non-Israelites. For Luke more than any other evangelist, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus himself in his ministry, passion, death, and subsequent entrance into glory follow “God’s plan” (Luke is the New Testament author who uses the term “God’s plan” more than any other New Testament author.) Jesus behaves in a way wholly unexpected by those in his hometown who ostensibly knew him best. Rather than seek to silence him for good, they might have reassessed their own preconceptions. But as we know, such a task is difficult. It’s much easier to believe what I already “know” to be true.

On this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time may we be open to the unexpected, for it might simply be the plan of God.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Mark Twain once said, “What gets us into trouble is not what we don’t know. It’s what we know for sure that just ain’t so.” Our brains are wired to be comfortable with the familiar. We don’t need to think about walking; we simply walk. We don’t need to invest much mental energy in routine tasks simply because they are so familiar. The human brain spends minimal mental energy on the routine. And this is a good thing as the brain can then spend its mental energy on other more critical tasks.

But this can also be a problem in that the unexpected, by definition, does not conform to routine. So being open to the unexpected is probably a good habit for us to cultivate. Aware that we are hardwired for routine, it takes extra energy to be open to new things and new experiences, even new information that does not conform to what we already know or even “know for sure that just ain’t so.”

When we take in new information that causes a change in our way of thinking we experience a metanoia, to us a favorite term of Luke. We die to our old preconceived notions and allow something new to rise up. But sometimes our first reaction can be like the townspeople of Nazareth, and we can seek to destroy the messenger. Allowing new information to influence us and ultimately to shape or even change our minds is a difficult process. We let go of the past; we let go of our old ways of thinking. We let go of what “just ain’t so” and embrace something new. This is a kind of paschal mystery.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**February 3, 2019**

02/02 Saturday

*The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)  
(by: Pura Lippi)

5:00 p.m. Val Karels (Special Intention)  
(by: Lola Karels)

02/03 Sunday

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Birthday Blessings)  
(by: Mila Schneider)

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

02/04 Monday

8:00 a.m. Tom Redmon (Spl. Intention)  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

02/05 Tuesday

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan  
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

02/06 Wednesday

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am

(by: )

02/07 Thursday

8:00 a.m.

(by: )

02/08 Friday

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00 a.m. † William “Bill” Luque  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

02/09 Saturday

8:00 a.m. † Bernard “Barney” Dunne  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

5:00 p.m. † Yau Bing Leun  
(by: Mary Tom)

02/10 Sunday

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)  
(by: Pura Lippi)

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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**Let us remember in our Prayers...**

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May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

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**Next Weekend’s Readings—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11


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**Are you planning a spring/summer 2019 wedding?**

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff and reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

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**A Prayer for Vocations**

Loving and generous God,  
you called the prophets  
to bring your word to your chosen people.  
Your Son, Jesus, called the first disciples  
to be bold proclaimers of the good news.  
In the modern world, you continue to call  
your sons and daughters to the priesthood,  
diaconate, and consecrated life.

Calm the chaos and soothe the sounds of our world,  
and allow more to hear your soft voice  
calling them to pick up their cross and follow.  
May the Holy Spirit fall upon your church in a profound way,  
so that we may experience a tremendous harvest of grace.  
May vocations increase ever abundantly  
and may your church stand as a witness to the world  
of the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

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**We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.**

**Jan. 27, 2019-First Collection**

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**Second Collection—St. Vincent de Paul**

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opportunity to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country. We also hope it will encourage conversation on how strong marriages promote and sustain strong societies by curtailing poverty and benefiting children

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass **February 9, 2019, 10:00am**, at the Cathedral. All husband and wives celebrating ‘5 year anniversaries’ (5 years, 10, 15… 35, 40) or over 40 years, in 2019 are invited to attend and be recognized.

Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P. will be the principal celebrant. **Registration required:** www.anniversarymass.net or call:415.614.5680.

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**Marriage Encounter: Couples, Start the Year off Right**

*Ed Hopfner, Office of Marriage and Family Life 415-614-5547 hopfnerj@sfarch.org*

*Ken & Claranne applications@sanJosewwme.org 408-782-1413 sanJosewwme.org*

Married couples: Are you looking for a new year’s resolution? Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage, such as attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? **The next Marriage Encounter Weekends in the Bay Area are: February 15-17** (in San Jose) and **May 17-19** (in San Jose).

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit the website (above) or contact Ken and Claranne (above). The Worldwide Marriage Encounter motto is: A weekend of discovery, a lifetime of love.

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**Project Rachel “Hope after Abortion” Retreats in 2019**

*Human Life and Dignity Office, Archdiocese of San Francisco Leslie Low 415-614-5567 projectrachel@sfarch.org*

In 2019 the Archdiocese of San Francisco is offering three “Hope after Abortion” healing retreats.

The schedule:

**March 9 –10:** Retreat in English; led by the Contemplatives of St. Joseph

**September 7 – 8:** Retreat in Spanish; led by Fr. Armando Gutierrez

**September 14 –15:** Retreat in English; led by the Contemplatives of St. Joseph

If interested, please contact Leslie Low, above. All inquiries are confidential. Sponsored by Project Rachel of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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**Daily Prayer This Week**

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become “my” sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don’t ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can “come away with him” for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.

*Creighton U Online Ministries http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with permission.*
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If you would like to help in this ministry, please call the parish office at 415.282.0141.

The 2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) is underway. As we begin, we again thank you for your support of the 2018 AAA – your generosity continues to make a real difference in the lives of people who need and depend on the programs and services of the Archdiocese.

The Annual Appeal is vital to our mission and ministry, and it provides the unique opportunity for all parishes and parishioners throughout the Archdiocese to come together. This year’s theme is James 2:18: ‘I will show you my faith by my works.’

In the words of Archbishop Cordileone, “As Catholics, we unite in using our gifts and talents to serve others. Together, we are able to demonstrate our faith through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal by advancing important programs for youth and young adults, social ministries, school students, our retired priests, ecumenical efforts, the greater Church, and central office activities such as faith formation, human resources, and communications. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this year’s Appeal. Your generosity makes a tangible difference in people’s lives, and I thank you for your demonstrations of faith that continue to inspire me.”

Please visit the AAA webpage (sfarchdiocese.org/AAA). You’ll find a 6-minute campaign video that highlights the beneficiaries of AAA support, with a special focus on two – the Restorative Justice Ministry and Catholic school tuition assistance programs. You’ll also find some frequently asked questions and related information.

Archdiocese 2019 GOAL - $6,865,000

Universal Church & Communications: 26%
Parish Ministry & Schools: 20%
Clergy Support: 30%
Social Ministry: 24%

Our Goal this year is: $38,971.64

Bernard Aloysius Dunne
June 21, 1929 - January 21, 2019

Bernard Aloysius “Barney” Dunne, 89, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, January 21, 2019. Born on the first day of summer in 1929 to John Patrick and Marie Theresa (Dempsey) Dunne, Barney was a third generation San Franciscan who entered life on Divisadero Street and exited our lives on Castro Street. A veteran of the Korean War, Barney spent his entire life in the city he loved, graduating from St. Ignatius high school in 1947, marrying Margaret Mary “Peggy” (Byrne) at Most Holy Redeemer in 1958, and raising two children in Noe Valley. For 35 years he worked at Bank of America. Hired first as a branch teller, Barney helped usher the bank’s transition into the computer age. After retiring in 1990 he began traveling, culminating in a trip to The Netherlands and New Jersey to meet his grandchildren after their births in 2008. Barney was a longtime 49ers fan, infamous bingo caller, annual Santa Claus, former cigar aficionado, and beloved volunteer at St. Philip’s. He will be remembered for his gentle kindness, corny jokes, generous spirit and stubborn will.

Barney was the loving husband of Peggy Dunne who passed away in 2004. He is survived by his daughter Anne “Nancy” Dunne of New York, son John Dunne of New Jersey, sister Peggy Walker, and grandchildren Owen and Clara Dunne, and Sophie Pels. He was predeceased by his siblings Claire Ghiselli, Jack Dunne, Jeanne Byrne, Geraldine McKeown, Daniel Dunne, and Barbara Silveira.

A memorial mass for Barney will be held at St. Philips the Apostle Church on Monday, February 18th at 11am followed by a reception. 725 Diamond St, SF CA 94114. Memorial donations can be made to St Philips the Apostle Church.

Download the Pope Francis ClickToPray App
clicktopray.org

During last Sunday’s Angelus prayer in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Francis unveiled his own user profile in ClickToPray, the official app of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

ClickToPray is a platform that invites people around the world to accompany the Pope in a mission of compassion. It has a website and a mobile app, and is available in six languages (Spanish, English, Italian, French, Portuguese, and German). The pope invites everyone, and especially youth, to download the app. Visit the website above for complete details.

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Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Registered in the Parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes or online platform supporting the Parish according to the best of one’s ability.
- Volunteers and/or participates in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Trying to live the Catholic Faith as best they can with God’s help and the support of family and friends at home and in the Parish.

PARISH REGISTRATION
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

We welcome all new families and individuals. If you are interested in joining the Saint Philip’s parish community, feel free to call our office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org to complete the form online.

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

Next Sessions will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 to make your reservation.

Saint Blaise’s Feast Day—February 3rd

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise’s feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise’s cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.
PARISH SERVICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

BAPTISM
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. As of January, 2019, these sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION
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MARRIAGE
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RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
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Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men's) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
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