Luke 4:24 **Amen,** I say to you, **no prophet is accepted in his own native place.**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

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St. Boniface Catholic Church

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

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Saint Boniface Catholic Church
Mission Statement

Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 29—5:30 PM
Francis Quick † Req. by Chris Hays
Marie Woods † Req. by Parishioners
Sunday, January 30—9:00 AM
Mass of Thanksgiving Req. by Parishioner
Jimmy Zerante † Req. by Barbara Mitchell
Monday, January 31—8:30 AM
Peace in the Ukraine
Wednesday, February 2—8:30 AM
Intentions for compassionate ministers
Req. by a grateful parishioner
Friday, February 4—8:30 AM
Lee Deutsche † Req. by St. Boniface
Saturday, February 5—5:30 PM
Mary Ann Mills † Req. by Joe Mills
Special Intention Mass Req. by G. Patti
Sunday, February 6—9:00 AM
Eleanore Ebert †
Req. by Sisters of St. Casimer Auxiliary
Gloria Mendoza † Req. by Mary Pierce

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors:

January 30	February 6
5:30 PM	**5:30 PM**
James Lehnerer	Camille Dancer
9:00 AM	**9:00 AM**
Barbara Mitchell	Kathy Short

Eucharistic Ministers:

January 30	February 6
5:30 PM	**5:30 PM**
Christine Semanovich	John Blazevich
Camille Dancer	Rene Jurack
Rene Jurack	Paul Przybyla
David Schmidt	Christine Semanovich
9:00 AM	**9:00 AM**
Erwin Bogs	Mark Otten
Therese Bogs-Haser	Donald Domke
Terry Kwiatkowski	Colleen Domke
Cindy Marden	Anita Otten

COLLECTION SUMMARY
Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday Offertory:
$ 1992.00
Latin America Collection:
$ 481.00

We sincerely thank everyone for your generous donations to our parish. You are welcome to mail your contribution envelopes, place them in the offering baskets in the church, or call the office to arrange a day and time to drop off your donations.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:
For private appointment please contact office
Baptism:
You must be a registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment
Religious Ed:
All classes meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30
Marriage:
By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance

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Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

From the Pastor

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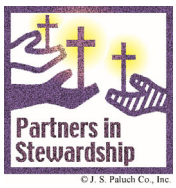
Every one of us, I believe, sometimes come to reflect on overall outcome of our life spent on earth so far. Well, at least, it must have started in certain age. I often associate these reflections with celebrating my birthday, which is this Sunday. How much have I accomplished? Did another year of my life get me closer to my desired destiny? Can I call myself successful, despite some failures and setback in the past?

Of course, Christ is my model here. He shows me that there are no easy answers to such questions because everyone measures success in many different ways. I consider, naturally, the saints being the most successful human beings of all times. They have done the most for God, the most for their neighbors, and they have learned the secret of being joyful in the midst of tribulation. And the saints never led what you could call "comfortable" lives. They, like Christ, were constantly on the verge of being thrown over a cliff.

Take St Paul, for example. Listen to how he describes his career as a disciple of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:23-33): "... I have been sent to prison more often, and whipped so many times more, often almost to death. "Five times I had the thirty-nine lashes from the Jews; three times I have been beaten with sticks; once I was stoned; three times I have been shipwrecked and once adrift in the open sea for a night and a day. "Constantly traveling, I have been in danger from rivers and in danger from brigands, in danger from my own people and in danger from pagans; in danger in the towns, in danger in the open country, danger at sea and danger from so-called brothers. "I have worked and labored, often without sleep; I have been hungry, thirsty, and often starving; I have been in the cold without clothes... "When I was in Damascus, the ethnarch of King Aretas put guards round the city to catch me, and I had to be let down over the wall in a hamper, through a window, in order to escape." St Paul, like Christ, was faithful to his mission. And that faithfulness made his life uncomfortable.

So, I am thinking that my success, or I can say - peace of mind- depends largely on whether I am willing to let Jesus make my life uncomfortable. I know, it sounds like paradox, maybe foolish for some, but it's the way to follow God, and I plan to continue my journey this way. Thanks for your prayers.

+ Father Roger



Stewardship Thought

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Monday:	St. John Bosco
Tuesday:	Lunar New Year 4720
Wednesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day
Thursday:	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Agatha; First Saturday

TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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Reflection question:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

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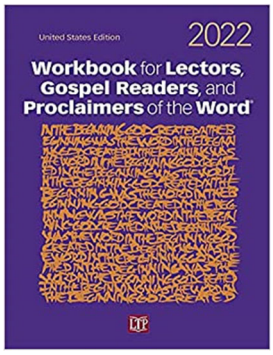

Lectors:

Workbooks are here and available. If you have not received one yet, they are available in the office on Erwin's desk.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
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Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Joy Baker, Ruth Langland, Larry Bahnaman, Sharon Blazevich, James Sobczak, Elia Zamora, Joane Males, Elaine Charmin, Maria Rakocy, Anson Bishop, Carol Nabzdyk, Bernie DeMent, Peggy Kase, Debra Guarascio, Evie Botta, Louise Kopaczewski, RW, Vicki Schmidt, Ken Zohlfeld, the continued safety and well-being of our parishioners, all those sick, and those that go unnamed.

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.
—St. Thomas Aquinas

Glorious St Blaise

O Glorious Saint Blaise,
who by thy martyrdom
has left to the Church
a precious witness to the
faith, obtain for us the grace
to preserve within ourselves
this divine gift, and to defend, without
human respect, both by word and example,
the truth of that same faith,
which is so wickedly attacked and
slandered in these our times.

You who miraculously cured
a little child when it was at the point of death
by reason of an affliction of the throat,
grant us your powerful protection
in like misfortunes; and, above all,
obtain for us the grace of repentance,
together with a faithful observance of our
Church, and avoidance from offending
Almighty God. Amen.

JESUS, SON OF JEREMIAH

In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit's anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he's a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and "local boy" pivots to "who does he think he is?" You couldn't blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob's midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we've been warned. But we've also been assured of God's care.

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve!
Surprise! Surprise!
It was an Apple.
But with extremely limited memory.
Just one byte.
Then everything crashed.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected $481.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they, in turn, can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." ***Your gift makes a difference!***

Happy Birthday
Father Roger

May you have many more years of celebrating!

Dear God,
My mom tells me a story about you every night. Last night she told me about how you always remember your mother on her birthday. And you give her divine gifts. I think she was kidding me and herself. Love, Holden Age 7

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