

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On this fourth Sunday of Ordinary time, the church reminds us that we are privileged to be called by God to be his prophets. Through our baptism as Christians, God called each one of us to take His word and proclaim it to the world. However, we cannot succeed in this call without love for God, the Word, and the people of God. Hence, in spite of all the difficulties associated with this call, love must motivate us to continue.

The focus of today's first reading is principally on a call to action, and to proclaim the good news to all the nations. This call is both an imperative and a privilege given to us by God. This mission is very important to God. Hence, He warns us: Do not be afraid or in their presence, I will make you dismayed. On the other hand, He promises to provide the strength and protection we require to accomplish our call: "I for my own part today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all these lands.

These simply show that the call to this prophetic ministry is not solely our business. Rather, it is a collaborative ministry between God and us. We make ourselves available, while God provides the strength and protection. He is the owner of the message and the mission. He will also provide all that it takes to succeed in his mission.

Hence, God calls us by our personal names and reminds us: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as the prophet of the nations. This means that we are not strangers to God and His call. He does not call strangers to his mission, but those He knows personally. Saint Augustine of Hippo once said: "Love and do whatever you want to do." This simply means that love is the greatest and most important of these virtues. If love is not at the base of our mission, all our efforts might be in vain. A prophet who lacks love for God, the good news, and for the people he is called to prophesy is a clashing cymbal.

In today's gospel, Christ demonstrated prophetic love. Therefore, it was not difficult for him to win the approval of the people: "...He won the approval of all and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. Without these gracious words motivated by love for the salvation of the people, all his efforts would have been in vain. It is also important to point out that life is not always easy for a true prophet. He faces oppositions, persecutions, criticisms, rejections, and even threats to his life. In spite of all these, Christ did not relent. Instead, He continued to cherish God's call. Like Christ, we must continue to love and cherish the people while remaining faithful to God who called us. As those called to be prophets and missionaries we must be committed to the good news. (Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

### THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS



is an early episode in the life of Jesus Christ, describing his presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem. It is celebrated 40 days after Christmas on Candlemas, or the "Feast of the Presentation of Jesus".

## Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, Feb. 3** **9:00 a.m.**

### Blessing of the throat

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| For the soul of John W. MacDonald | req Peter MacDonald    |
| Isabel Ravi                       | req John and Charlotte |
| Birthday Blessings for Cal Taylor | req Flo and family     |

**Tuesday, Feb. 4** **9:00 a.m.**

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| Repose of the soul of Fr. Trzupsek | req Anne McInnis  |
| Repose of the soul of Helen Romero | req Jolly Parsons |

**Wednesday, Feb. 5** **9:00 a.m.**

*This Jubilee year our Parish family prays for the intentions of The Martin family*

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| All souls in purgatory     | req Benilda Fajardo |
| For the souls in purgatory | req Lorena Roy      |

**Thursday, Feb. 6** **9:00 a.m.**

*This Jubilee year our Parish family prays for the intentions of The Tan Family.*

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| In memory of Thresia Vayalumkal | req Suja Mathew |
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**Friday, Feb. 7** **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

### DAY OF PRAYER FIRST FRIDAY

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| Leo Didero | req Ruby Benitez |
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**Saturday, Feb. 8** **5:00 p.m.**

*This Jubilee year our Parish family prays for the intentions of The Rosal family*

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| Leo Didero              | req Caravaggio family |
| Marifa Arellano Basilla | req Menchie Almeyda   |

**Sunday, Feb. 9** **10:00 a.m.**

**For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community**

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

#### THIS WEEK THE LAMP BURNS:

**For GERALINE SIM**

**Req. Marian Evangelista**

*"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it." (John 1:5)*



**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Jan 25/26, 2025**

**Sunday Offering**  
**Loose Collection**

**\$1,657.00**

**391.00**



**Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish**



### **ST. CHARLES JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

There will be a number of programs throughout the coming year to celebrate the Jubilee Year. One program will begin in January. Each day, except Sundays, the Mass will be offered for one family from the parish. By the end of the year, each family will have been included. You may choose the day you would like the Mass intention for your family. There will be sign-up sheets available at the back of the church. We are blessed to receive this gift of a Mass intention for our family and to receive these prayers. We hope each family will attend the Mass that is offered for them.

### **BIBLE SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, Feb. 2 (4th Sunday in ordinary time)**  
**This week Bible Verse: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5**

### **DAY OF PRAYER FIRST FRIDAY**

**February 7, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Mass**  
**9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adoration**  
**4:30 p.m. Fish & Chips dinner**  
**6:00 p.m. Confession**  
**7:00 p.m. Holy Mass**

**(Note: Fish and Chips Dinner following the 4:00 Benediction**  
**Tickets are \$20.00 per person and must be purchased by**  
**Sunday February 2nd. Order forms available after all**  
**Masses.)**



### **HEALING MASS** **Wednesday, February 12th 2025**

**6:00 p.m. Adoration**  
**7:00 p.m. Healing Mass**  
**with Anointing with Holy Oil**

"Lord my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me." (Psalm 30:2)

**Please Invite families and friends**

### **2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. (If there are questions, please see Flo in the office)



### **BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM**



#### **"Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"**

Jesus is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do

we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what He means for us as Catholics today. At Saint Charles Garnier Parish we will begin the study on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 o'clock in the morning (soon after the Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.) and in the evening, for those who cannot participate in the morning, at 6:00 p.m. This Jubilee Year, ("Pilgrims of Hope") please consider joining us for this wonderful spiritual pilgrimage with Jesus to know and love.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

Please Register Your Name for the Study with \$50 for the Textbook and the workbook. For more information about the study contact, Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, Donna Marcaccio, Anne McInnis or call the parish office at 905-528-0074 or email us: [saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com](mailto:saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com)

We hope you can join us!

### **PARISH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT**

#### **"COME TO THE STABLE"**



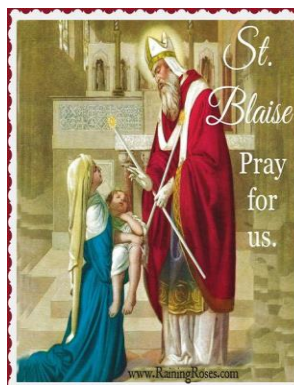
**Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025**

following the 5:00 pm Holy Mass  
Lasagna dinner & movie

Cost: \$15.00 per person

St. Charles Parish Hall

(Tickets available after every Holy Mass)



**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE,**  
**BISHOP, MARTYR**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

***May God deliver you from every diseases of the throat and from every other illness.***