The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Augustine Educational FDN

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
Religious Education Class at 8:00am
Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Monday, February 8 – *Weekday*
Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani, priest
Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Tuesday, February 9 – *Weekday*
Shrove Tuesday - Mardi Gras
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

Day of Fast & Abstinence
Masses at 6:30am, 12:00 noon & 6:00pm
Imposition of Ashes at Masses only
Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Thursday, February 11
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday, February 12
Friday after Ash Wednesday
Day of Abstinence
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:00pm

Saturday, February 13
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
St. Damien Prayer group at 12:30pm
Bible Study at 3:30pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
Religious Education Class at 8:00am
Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Mutual Loving

A Valentine's retreat for couples in 1-5 years of marriage February 13, 2016 at 9am - 5pm at St. Anthony Retreat Center Email: sarc3351@gmail.com or call at 845-4353. For more information, please call Easter Almuena at 227-7309

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	$	8,363.27
Weekday Collection	$	1,487.65
Holy Day Collection	$	50.00
Coffers	$	453.15
Total	**$**	**10,354.07**

Operation Rice Bowl

Join our parish community in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Also join us today at the Kamiano Center for refreshments, fellowship and pick up your rice bowl. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at 306-7502.

Augustine Educational Foundation

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our schools. Please take a moment today and help make a difference in a student's life – your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships for our parishioners and vicariate. **MAHALO** for helping the Foundation reach its goal of raising $100,000!

Cathedral Catholic Academy

Mahalo for your Prayers

Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts with regard to our school closing announcement. We humbly ask for your continued prayers as we complete the last few months of school. A celebration of 80 years of quality, Catholic education will be announced shortly.

Catholic School Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationwide from February 1st – 5th. Please join us Wednesday, February 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the School Hall for Mass. Students will be celebrating throughout the week with all sorts of fun activities and celebrations! The week will conclude with the Annual Conference for Catholic Educators which is a NO SCHOOL DAY for students. CCA is proud to have nearly all of our teachers giving presentations on how teaching and learning can be experienced in a 21st Century classroom! BRAVO!

Ash Wednesday & Stations of the Cross

All are invited to our Ash Wednesday Prayer Service in the School Hall at 8:30am. Fr. Marvin will be helping us launch our Lenten Season! Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday in Lent at 10:30am in the School Hall. All are welcome!

February 7, 2016 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 | Psalm 138:1-2,2-3, 4-5, 7-8 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11| Luke 5:1-11

Being called to God's service is the central message in today's four Scripture readings. We hear the vivid account of Isaiah's call in the First Reading. When the prophet is convinced he is unworthy of proclaiming the message, God makes it clear that he is called nonetheless and cleanses him of his sin. The response we hear from the psalmist could be Isaiah's response after his encounter with the holy: "In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises" (Psalm 138:1). In this thanksgiving song, the psalmist uses phrases of praise and gratitude to declare the glory of God. He comes to know that dependence on God is the only answer and will give him strength (Psalm 138:3).

Paul responded to a call to preach Good News, showing his attention and care for the Corinthians over and over again. He confidently preached that the grace of God was with him. Simon Peter, too, first cited his sin, but Jesus tells him not to be afraid. He left everything and followed. How will we respond when we hear God's call?

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Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:0-10 | Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 | Romans 10:8-13 | Luke 4:1-13

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Last week in the gospel, Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue. Today, he moves to shore of a lake. He is not content to wait for others to come to him. He goes out to meet them where they are. Christ also comes to us where we are. But, he loves us too much to leave us there. He invites us to "put out into deep water"; to venture out of the shallows of our security and superficiality to a place where we can find God's abundance. Where the water is deep, there the fish are big and plentiful.

Our first response, like Peter, is often to plead fatigue and frustration. We have tried for a long time to do better and to be better, but have failed. We are tempted to give up and, like Peter, to ask the Lord to depart from us because of our sinfulness. The evil one wants us to give up trying to be good and to believe the lie that we are not good.

It is precisely at this moment that we need to try again, as Peter agreed to do, but with a difference. Now, we must allow Jesus to show us where to fish. He can see below the surface of things to help us to find the depths of the richness available to us. If we allow him to lead us and we are willing to follow his directions, we will not be disappointed.

All of us, like the apostles, are called to be fishers of men and women. Christianity is caught before it is taught and we are the catchers. We must help one another come to know Christ. In doing so, we employ the nets of love and truth. We, like fishermen, keep a low profile so that the fish won't be scared away. We humbly entice one another to get into the boat where Christ is so that he can take us to the shore where eternal life and abundant life are found. How much are we willing to leave behind so that we can follow him?

This coming Wednesday, we begin Lent. Once again, we have an opportunity during this time of renewal and repentance to more deeply find our faith. Let us together, "put out into deep water."

In Christ's love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector