

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January  
**30**  
2022

Before I formed you  
in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born  
I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations  
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5



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The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which God's prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God's prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God's prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn't promise a turmoil-free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah's strength.

## 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.

Today's Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17;  
1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

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### Celebration of the Sacraments:

**Mass:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM  
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

### Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:  
45 minutes before Mass

### Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six  
(6) months prior to the  
anticipated date 903-769-3235

# Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us  
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,  
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Kathy Gravatt. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

### Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Aimman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

### Reflection question:

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

### 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).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

### Mass—Intentions

**Sat. 1/29 Mike Fleming+** (K of C)

**Sun 1/30 Rusty Anderson+** (Ruddie)

**Tue 2/01 Geri O'Neil** (K of C)

**Wed 2/02 Rev. Thomas Edelen & Rev. Martin Ahiaba** (Daughters of Divine Hope)

**Thurs 2/03 Jim O'Neil+** (K of C)

**Fri. 2/04 Milissa Kukla** (Ellis Family)

**Sat. 2/05 Fran Fleming** (K of C)

### PARISH SUPPORT

**Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021**

**Expenditures \$ 3,666**

**Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799**

**Attendance: 1/22/22 Saturday: 50 1/23/22 Sunday: 61**

**One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.**

### Pope's Intention for February:



For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

### A FORETASTE

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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.

### 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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ONLY A HAND FULL OF PEOPLE ASKED QUESTIONS WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING:



Looking for a Director of Religious Education (DRE) for our parish If you are interested and have questions, please call the office at 903-769-3235 for more information.



We are still looking for an organist for our parish. If you are interested; you know of someone, or have ideas please call the office at 903-769-3235.

### JANUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 30th: Following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

### FEBRUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Tues., Feb. 1st: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., Feb. 2nd: **9:00am "The Presentation of the Lord" Mass. Blessing of the candles, bring your candles from home to be blessed.**

Thurs., Feb. 3rd: **9:00am Mass "St. Blaise". Blessing of the Throats.**

Sat., Feb. 5th: 9:00am Patriotic Mass followed by Rosary

Sun., Feb. 6th: Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Thurs., Feb. 10th: K of C Meeting

Sat., Feb. 12th: Pre-Valentine Game Day from 10:00am—2:00pm. Tickets \$15.00per person, including sandwich, soup, dessert and beverages. Door prizes & 50/50 drawing. Call Carol Szczepanski for more detailed information and/or tickets 903-638-9974.

Tues., Feb. 15th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm). **Mandatory Lector Workshop from 3:30-4:30pm in the church. Workshop is for current and new lectors. If you are interested in becoming a lector, feel free to join us.**

Sun., Feb. 20th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class in the middle classroom.

Mon., Feb. 21st—Fri., Feb. 25th: Fr. Mike will be attending the priests annual retreat in Dallas. No weekday Mass or adoration.

Sun., Feb. 27th: Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

January Second Collections: 29th & 30th: "Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools."

Genacle of Life: Genacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:00—4:00pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

### SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASS



FEBRUARY 12, 2022

OFFICE OF THE DIOCESAN WEDDING COORDINATOR  
2500 E. FM  
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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th, or 50th+ anniversaries in the year 2022 are cordially invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland on Sat., Feb. 12, 2022, at 2:00 pm. **For more information and to RSVP please visit**  
<https://stphilipinstitute.org/events>

### SAVE THE DATE

*The Roaring 20's*

DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APRIL 30TH

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### Carter BloodCare BLOOD DRIVE

Where: Holy Spirit Parking Lot

When: Sun., Feb. 20th from 9:30am—2:00pm.

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### 2021 Itemized Statements

Emailed a few days ago and for those without an email address mailed on Feb. 27th.

If you are in need of a statement and did not receive one, please notify church office.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of peanut butter; (urgent) canned vegetables; pasta sauce; cereal and pudding cups.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

*Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 26 January 2022 Edition  
(Submission date: 21 January 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz

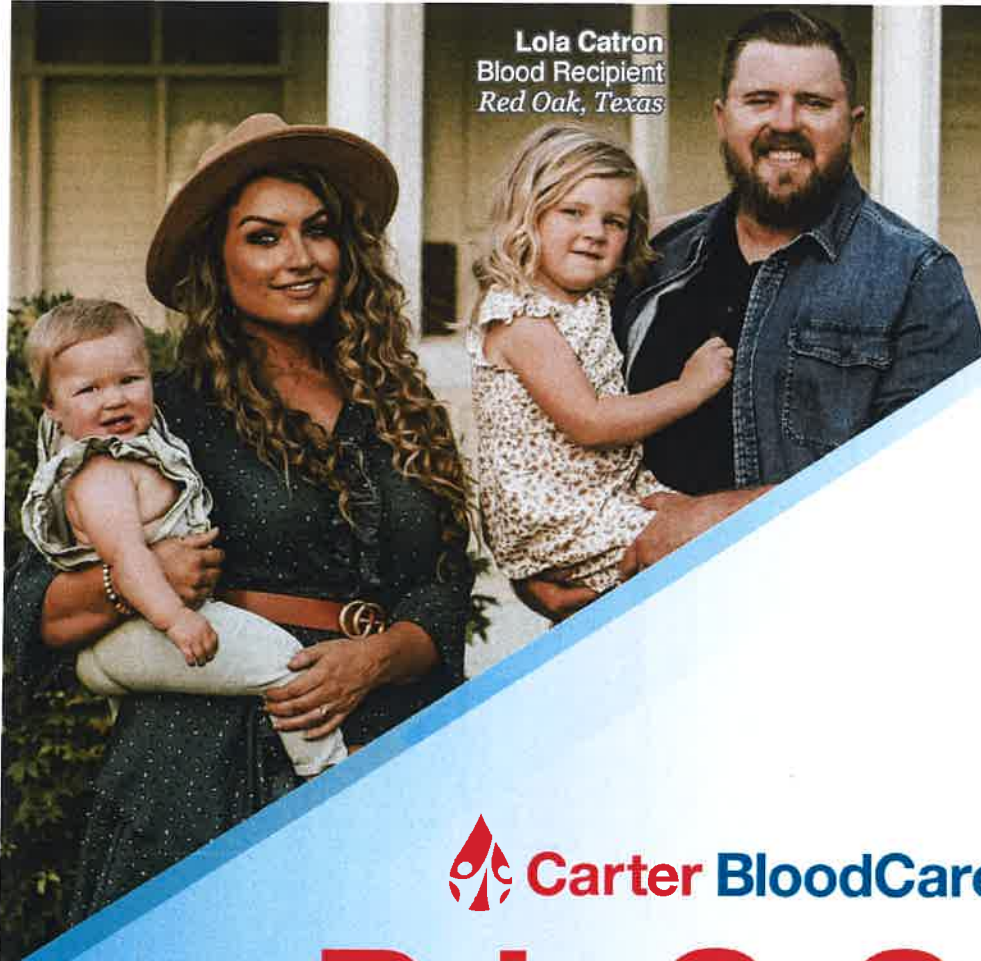
So, Ladies (and Gentlemen) looking for a little non-football gaming action? Holy Spirit will host a **Mid-day Gaming Party on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Different groups/tables will offer various games (Bridge, Spades/Hearts, board games, etc) and there will also be door prizes and a 50/50 split drawing. A \$15 ticket will get you in the door and this ticket entitles the bearer to a soup and sammich lunch. Lots of fun and fellowship. Y'all come on out. For more info and to purchase tickets, contact Carol Szczepanski at 903-638-9974.

**The Holy Spirit Food Ministry** is in need of the following items: peanut butter, canned veggies, pasta sauce, cereal and pudding cups. Please place donations in the bin outside the church and God bless you for your kindness.

**The Holy Spirit Welcoming Committee** is looking for outdoor Christmas decorations (no lights) which you do not plan on using any more. These decorations will be used in next year's walking trail display in Holly Lake Ranch. If you have any outdoor decorations in good working condition (please, no lights) and wish to donate them, please contact Anna Parker at 903-833-7019 or email [parkerbiz52@yahoo.com](mailto:parkerbiz52@yahoo.com). God bless you for your kindness.

Snacking on Scripture – Little Nibbles of the Bible. Series 1, Snack 1 – Abram/Abraham  
Abraham's father was Terah (Gen. 11:27) who was also a direct descendant of Noah. Terah was actually a maker of idols (associated with false gods). Abraham was originally from the land of Ur (Gen. 11:31). When Terah passed on, God called Abraham to move his family out of Ur. Abraham is important not only to Christianity, but also to Judaism and Islam; and he is revered because he was the first of his era to accept monotheism and he rejected the worship of multiple "gods". For Abraham, there was only ONE God. God promised to make Abraham a great nation (Gen. 12:2-3) and He told him that he would be very prosperous and wealthy. Abraham lived in a place called Mesopotamia about 2000 bc. He was most often brave and obedient to God, but on a few occasions, he did succumb to fear (see story in Gen. 12:10-20). He trusted God (Gen. 15:6) but once he tried to take matters into his own hands against God (see Gen. 16). God tested Abraham many times and he pleased God because he was always obedient to God. Abraham passed God's tests (Gen. 22). Abraham's original name was Abram; God changed it to Abraham, which means "Father of a multitude" (Gen. 17:4-5). Abraham attempted to save Sodom, an evil and corrupt city, but the city was too sinful (Gen. 18:22-33). He brought Lot, Abraham's nephew, out of Sodom, which God would destroy (Gen. 19). Abraham had two important sons: Ishmael (Gen. 16:15) and Isaac (Gen. 21:1-7). Ishmael is venerated in Islam by Muslims as a great prophet and Isaac was the Father of Jacob and the grandfather of the 12 tribes of Israel. Abraham died at age 175 (Gen. 25:7)

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