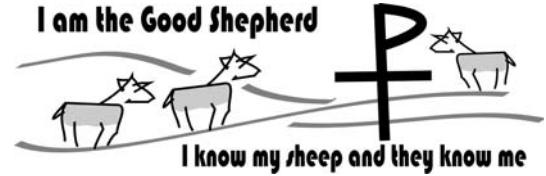
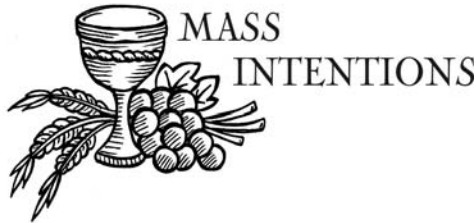




# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ JANUARY 29, 2012



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### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

### Second Reading: I Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	<b>8:30 am 10:30 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday, January 30</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Intention of John Marino</b> Req. by the Ladies of St. Clare (LOSC)
<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 1</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Robert Dash</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dash
<b>Thursday, February 2</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Friday, February 3</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Intention of Lauren Long</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Saturday, February 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>In Memory of Mary Lemieux</b> Req. by the Della Santina Family



## St. Clare's Youth Mass

We are planning a **Youth Mass for the 10:30 Mass on February 19**. If your son or daughter would like to participate as a choir member, reader, or bell ringer, please send a message to Mary Dash at [tesera25@cox.net](mailto:tesera25@cox.net) or Tina Bonhivert at [tgdwnt@aol.com](mailto:tgdwnt@aol.com). Please join us for the only two rehearsals on February 5 at 1:15 and February 12 at 1:15.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

#### Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

#### First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



**This Week's Parish Schedule**

Friday, February 3, 2012

First Friday Mass, followed by devotion 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

First Saturday Devotion, after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Legion of Mary meeting, 5 p.m. church basement

**Next Week's Parish Schedule**

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

LOSC meeting, 7:00 p.m. church basement

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Knights of Columbus: Rosary 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 p.m. church basement

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Legion of Mary, 5:00 p.m. church basement

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**St. Clare's Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Are you interested in helping in Church? Would you like to help distribute the Holy Eucharist at the weekend Masses? Extraordinary Ministers serve a term as decided by the Bishop, who appoints them after a nomination by the Pastor. This ministry requires specific training provided by the Diocese during the spring. For information please contact Fr. Lehning.

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**\*\*OTHER NEWS IN OUR DIOCESE\*\***

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***The Diocesan Science Fair – Judges Needed***



*The Diocesan Science Fair needs individuals with a science background to help judge seventh and eighth grade students' research projects for the 2012 Science Fair. These projects encompass such botany, health, chemistry, zoology, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and other areas of life and physical science. If your calendar allows you to spend the morning (8 a.m. - noon) on Saturday, April 21, at Paul VI High School to judge projects, please call Janet Vetrano at the Office of Catholic Schools (703-841-2560).*

***Women's Vocation Discernment Retreat – Friday, February 10 to Sunday, February 12*** - Are you listening for God's call?

Consider attending this retreat for women (ages 17-40) at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post which runs from 7 p.m. Friday to 2 p.m. Sunday. Sisters from at least five orders will be present to offer guidance. Registration is \$40. Space is limited, so please sign up with the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) by Monday, February 6.

***Become a Partner in Stewardship-*** Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have; from substance rather than abundance. A gift in any amount given through estate can be a testament to your faith, bringing the message of Christ to future generations. For more information call the diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-3819. [www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org)

**2012 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!**

In mid-January, many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2012 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2012 BLA is Love One Another with the Heart of Christ! After reflecting upon the importance of the vital initiatives funded by the BLA, please prayerfully consider Bishop Loverde's request for support and give generously to assist the many programs and ministries that serve the people in need in our diocese.



***Let us welcome the newest member of the Church who was recently baptized at St. Clare's. Sophia Marie Rudy was baptized on January 21, 2012. May the Lord bless you now and always!***

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**Annual Auto Raffle**



Soon you will receive in the mail a letter from the Knights of Columbus Council announcing the start of this year's annual auto raffle. Included with the letter are ten tickets each of which could win you a brand new 2012 automobile or cash prizes. 60% of the ticket price is returned to St. Clare's Knights of Columbus to support their charitable work. So, don't delay; send in your tickets stubs and check payable to the Knights of Columbus in the return envelope provided and sit back and wait for your name to be drawn. Good luck! Many thanks for your support. Questions please contact Art Luna at 703-830-5257 or [ailman@aol.com](mailto:ailman@aol.com).

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***Help Catholic Charities' Shoebox Project*** - Catholic Charities is collecting small personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc), books, note cards, mini sewing kits, small articles of clothing—socks, cap or tee shirt, washcloths, and grooming items to assemble into shoebox gifts for those in need. Empty shoe boxes are also appreciated. Contact Sally O'Dwyer ([sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net)) with your contributions or bring them to the Catholic Charities Administration office at 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 506 or to Christ House at 131 South West Street, located in Old Town Alexandria marked "The CCDA Shoebox Project."

***2012 Women's Conference on Holiness and Interior Healing Ladies***, steal some time away with the Lord this Lent at the Annual Diocesan Women's Conference on Saturday, March 10. Dr. Ralph Martin, President of Renewal Ministry, who was recently appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Council on Evangelization, will lead each of the talks centering on "Holiness and Interior Healing." The conference will be held at St. Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more details on how to register go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women).

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**“And the Lord said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen, and will put my words in his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command them. If any man will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.’... ‘What does this mean? A completely new teaching in a spirit of authority.’”**

Do we realize that from the first days of biblical history, God chose people to lead and guide the chosen people. We are able to name names, such as Moses today, the four great prophets of the first testament and the minor ones as well. Their role was to call the attention of the people, and call His people back to the way of the Lord.

Throughout history, prophetic voices continue to speak. The letters and speeches of the Holy See continue to reflect the teaching of the Lord. Great individuals speak by the witness of their lives. Today, through word and example, lessons are offered for us all. We find these voices in the church, and outside our own Christian communities. Spiritual writers and teachers open the way for us to hear the Lord in our own time, in our own tongues, in our own need.

Names of persons as Oscar Romero, Ita Ford, Dom Helder Camara, Ghandi, Blessed Mother Teresa and John XXIII are easily recognizable, and they too are prophetic voices. What names would you add to your list? And now, the bigger question: Are you listening to that voice?



### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS