

## **Father Jim's Weekly Bulletin Article for January 28 2018**

**Presentation of the Lord:** This coming Friday is both a 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. This celebrates Jesus being brought to the temple 40 days after his birth. The candles blessed on this day are used throughout the year both at church and in homes. Both Queen of Peace and St. Aloysius will have the celebration of the Mass at the usual times, with Exposition and Benediction following at Queen of Peace. Celebrate this special day.

**Readings for next week:** Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

**Reflection:** Jesus could have had a great career as a healer. Imagine being able to heal with nothing more than a word or a touch. Imagine the adulation of those so touched. Ultimately to be a healer was not Jesus' calling. It was even more important that he proclaim the good news of God's love and mercy to all people. Paul could have been a powerful magistrate, a man renowned for his understanding of the law and the justice he dispensed. It wasn't his calling. It was more important that he become a servant of the Word, doing and becoming whatever was necessary to win the hearts of many. Each of us lives in the tension between two callings, one that promises self-importance, and one that recognizes our dependence on God. Paradoxically, those who choose the former find the promise unfulfilled, while those who choose the latter discover a true and powerful sense of self.

1. Name sources of strength in your life.

2. While standing on a street corner, consider the possibilities inherent in either direction.

**Prayer:** Jesus, we seek always to follow you and make choices consistent with Our Father's will. Enlighten us with your wisdom and guidance. Call us by name into your service. Help us to find the fulfillment of God's life and love in the work that we do.