

GOOD NEWS!

JANUARY 31, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God’s voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: “The one with authority.” But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses’ position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, “Who died and left you boss?” comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one’s life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? “By their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn’t this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we’re sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when we’ve been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

Scripture Readings for the week of Feb 1—7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Heb 11:32-40	Mal 3:1-4	Heb 12:4-7,	Heb 12:18-19,	Heb 13:1-8	Heb 13:15-17,	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Mk 5:1-20	Heb 2:14-18	11-15	21-24	Mk 6:14-29	20-21	1 Cor 9:16-19,
	Lk 2:22-40 or	Mk 6:1-6	Mk 6:7-13		Mk 6:30-34	22-23
	2:22-32					Mk 1:29-39





FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 31 JANUARY 2021


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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The unclean spirit in the Gospel this Sunday asks: “What do you have to do with Jesus of Nazareth?” (Mk 1:21-28) It is the sort of nonchalant attitude of our own age – “What does God have to do with me? I do what I want and I’m a good person. What more is there?”

All of us have a hunger and a thirst for more – in our secular and materialistic world this drives people to scratch and crawl to have more and more “stuff”. But the reality we often do not think about is that in the end when we die what difference does all that “stuff” make? Not one iota.

The question for us then is: What – or who – can fulfill the longing in our hearts? In the last two Sundays we heard the call of Jesus to the apostles – “Come and See”.

This Wednesday we will begin the pre-Lent and Lenten time of formation which we are calling “The Search”. We will be exploring those deep existential questions of God’s existence, science vs. faith, the revelation of Jesus Christ, and the role of the Church. Please plan on joining us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine. The information and link to follow virtually will be posted to our website and sent out via Evangelus on Wednesday evening. All children in formation for First Reconciliation will also be meeting at the same time. Just show up, even if your child is not registered yet.

On Tuesday, February 2nd we celebrate an important feast day – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Hopefully you will be able to join us in prayer that evening.

God bless,

Rev. Tj. A. Bischoff



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

- Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
John Dumont
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Craig Rolston
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Charlie & Jan Dettling
- Monday, February 1,
9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Kathy Stone
- Tuesday, February 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
5:30-6:30 pm Adoration & Confession St. Anne
6:30 pm Mass, St. Anne
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
- Wednesday, February 3, St. Blaise & St. Ansgar
9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel
Fr. Robert Bissot
9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel
5-6:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Catherine
6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine Hall
6:30 pm Children’s Sacramental Preparation Class St. Catherine Hall
- Thursday, February 4,
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
John Dumont
9:30-10:30 am Adoration St. Catherine
- Friday, February 5, St. Agatha
NO MASS
- Saturday, February 6, St. Paul Miki
3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael
- Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Those persecuted for faith
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Don Zielinski
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Courage to proclaim the Gospel

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$64,326.90	\$77,818.50	\$16,653.00	\$22,211.40
Actual year-to-date	\$65,018.42	\$77,647.29	\$15,869.52	\$23,760.02
Jan. 24	\$995.00	\$1,638.00	\$420.00	\$983.00
Other Collections:	\$30.00	\$120.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

- Sunday—Rev. Eyob Merin
Monday—Rev. Ruben Munoz
Tuesday— Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz
Wednesday— Rev. Robert Nalley
Thursday—Rev. Bradley Nursey
Friday—Rev. Gerald Okoli
Saturday—Pope Francis

New Parish Website

We are excited to announce to you the launch of our new parish website. Go to www.resurrectionacgr.org to check it out. The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, and much more. You can find an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find posted all of the latest news and events. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

Eileen Oposnow’s review: 30 minute documentary of Paul of Taurus, (Asia Minor, present day Turkey) whose Letters preceded the written gospels. Did you know that in the earliest institution of the Eucharist and one of our Eucharistic Prayers can be found in Paul’s 1st Letter to the Corinthians? Paul was responsible for bringing Christianity to Jews, Gentiles, men and women. Learn more about Paul on FORMED.

Word of Life

“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life ActivitiesRespect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid(respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)

St. Raphael Sodality Meeting: Monday, February 8 at 4:15 pm.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Please join us for the celebration of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm at St. Anne church. This Mass is traditionally called Candlemas and is the 40th day after Christmas. The Mass begins with a special candle lit procession and a blessing of the candles for the new year. This feast celebrates the mystery of Jesus' presentation in the temple by Mary on the 40th day after his birth as per the Jewish tradition.

Laps for Life

Sunday • January 31 • 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
On Sunday, January 31st, All Saints Parish will host “Laps for Life”. We will kick off the event with the celebration of Mass at 9:00 am. Following Mass, at approximately 10:30 am, the walking will begin and will continue through 5:00 pm. All are welcome.
Participants are asked to walk around the city block that St. Anne’s Church is located on. Each lap around the block will represent one baby who has lost their life due to abortion. On average, each day in the United States roughly 2,300 babies will die because of an abortion. Let us walk together to represent these children who will be aborted today.

Anyone who participates is encouraged to wear something blue, carry an image of Mary, and bring your Rosary. After all, Mary was faced with an unexpected pregnancy, too. By her saying yes to life, she had a part in changing the world.
While walking, please be sure to keep 6 ft social distance from people not in your bubble, and wear a mask.

If you are unable to walk, the church will be open to spend time in prayer. The bathrooms will be open for use during this time as well.