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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

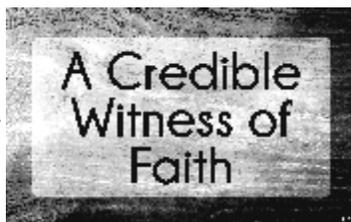
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.



Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021

- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 /Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17
18a/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,
10-11/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc /Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Sunday, January 31

- 8:00am +Resinette Kersaint
- 9:30am +John Le
- 11:30am Elaine Kady
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, February 1

- 8:30am Catherine Barrier

Tuesday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

- 8:30am +Rev. Joseph L. Waters, SSJ

Wednesday, February 3 *St. Blaise*

- 8:30am +Mrs. Justin Kersaint

Thursday, February 4

- 8:30am Ramon Burgos

Friday, February 5 *St. Agatha*

- 8:30am +Theresa Lomonaco

Saturday, February 6 *St. Paul Miki*

- 8:30am +Deceased Mercedarians
- 4:00pm +Deceased of Kersaint Family

Sunday, February 7

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am +Joyce Fries
- 11:30am Mary Finnegan
- 8:00pm Roselyn Burgos



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Our world today has a need for true witnesses of dedicated and committed lives that serve the Church and the local civic communities. We also need the weapons of holiness, the sacraments and prayer. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et exultate*, says: "Holiness is also parrhesia: it is boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world. To allow us to do this, Jesus himself comes and tells us once more, serenely yet firmly, "Do not be afraid" (Mk 6:50). These words enable us to go forth and serve with the same courage that the Holy Spirit stirred up in the Apostles, impelling them to proclaim Jesus Christ. How often we are tempted to keep close to the shore! Yet the Lord calls us to put out into the deep and let down our nets (Lk 5:4). He bids us to spend our lives in his service...to put all our charisms at the service of others."

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH THOSE IN CONSECRATED LIFE

Sunday, February 7, 2021

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS 11:00 A.M.

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA of SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Reception to follow in Drexel Hall

UPCOMING Events

Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday

7:00 and 8:30 am, 12 noon,
6:30 pm (*in Latin*) and 8:00 pm

**Schedule for Thursday, February 11th
*Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes***

Mass at 8:30 am followed by
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm Solemn Sung Vespers
with the Anointing of the Sick and
closing with Benediction

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Margaret Davis, Kaela Davis, Yosan Gabriel, Daisy Gray, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Aileen Regan, Sarah and Michael Regan, Kelly Regan, Scott Stierheim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Carol Howe, Samantha Johnson, Christopher Murrin, Holly, Damon, and Stephen Anthony, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade

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For those who are sick and suffer from illness and COVID-19

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As we draw near to celebrating World Day of Consecrated Life, the Catechism of the Catholic Church gives us a glimpse into its different forms. Here is a brief summary of the various forms

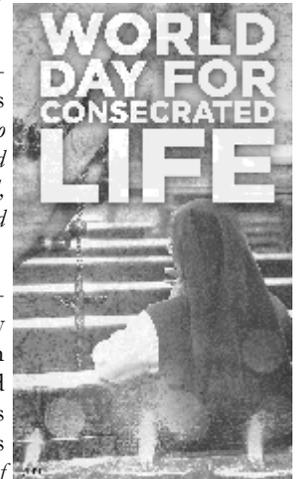
EREMETIC LIFE--Without always professing the three evangelical counsels (*vows*) publicly, hermits "devote their life to the praise of God and salvation of the world through a stricter separation from the world, the silence of solitude and assiduous prayer and penance."

CONSECRATED VIRGINS--From apostolic times Christian virgins, called by the Lord to cling only to him with greater freedom of heart, body, and spirit, have decided with the Church's approval to live in the respective states of virginity "for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven."

RELIGIOUS LIFE--Religious life was born in the East during the first centuries of Christianity. Lived within institutes canonically erected by the Church, it is distinguished from other forms of consecrated life by its liturgical character, public profession of the evangelical counsels, fraternal life led in common, and witness given to the union of Christ with the Church.

SECULAR INSTITUTES--"A secular institute is an institute of consecrated life in which the Christian faithful living in the world strive for the perfection of charity and work for the sanctification of the world especially from within."

SOCIETIES OF APOSTOLIC LIFE--Alongside the different forms of consecrated life are "societies of apostolic life whose members without religious vows pursue the particular apostolic purpose of their society, and lead a life as brothers or sisters in common according to a particular manner of life."





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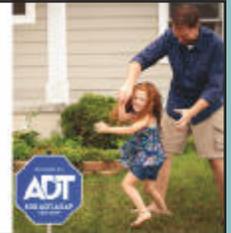
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