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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 9am-2pm;

**Wednesday:** 12pm-5pm

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

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**January 31, 2021**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Saturday, January 30

Mass OLW (confession before).....4:30pm

### Sunday, January 31

Mass OLW.....9:00am

Mass SPC (Confession after).....12:00pm

### Monday, February 1

Office is closed.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help.....11:00am

### Tuesday, February 2

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Mass OLW.....12:00pm

### Wednesday, February 3

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Mass OLW (confession before).....6:00pm

### Thursday, February 4

Mass OLW.....12:00pm

Holy Hour.....6:00pm

Youth Group.....6:30pm

### Friday, February 5

Opening the Word.....11:00-11:50am

Mass OLW.....12:00pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &

Divine Mercy Chaplet.....After Mass

### Saturday, February 6

Mass OLW (Confession before).....4:30pm

### Sunday, February 7

Mass OLW.....9:00am

Family of Faith.....10:30am

St. Martin's Food Pantry.....10:30am-12:00pm

Mass SPC (Confession after).....12:00pm

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

# RESPONDING to the Call

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### Embracing Change in Christ

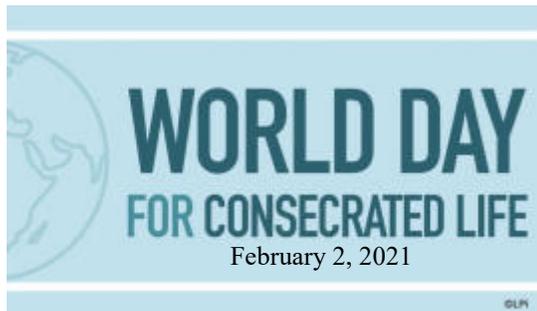
It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.



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# What's HAPPENING?

## Parish Faith Formation Schedule:

- ◆ Youth Group will meet Thurs., February 4 at 6:30 pm
- ◆ Family of Faith will meet Sun., February 7 at 10:30 am
- ◆ Confirmation Prep will meet Thurs., February 11 at 6:30 pm

## World Day of the Sick

The Order of Malta invites you to join us for the 2021 World Day of the Sick Healing Mass, to be celebrated by Bishop Michael Sheridan. Two Masses are being offered in order to give the faithful different opportunities to receive the Anointing this year:

- ◆ St. Peter, Monument - Saturday February 6, 2021 at 9 am. There will be confessions at 8:00 am followed by a Rosary at 8:40 am.
- ◆ St. Mary's Cathedral - Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 12:10 pm Mass with the anointing of the Sick.

## Holy Hour for Marriage

The Dioceses will be holding a Holy Hour for the vocation of Marriage on February 8, 2021. It will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 6:00 pm. You must sign up online to attend at [www.stmaryscathedral.org](http://www.stmaryscathedral.org) to attend and masks will be required. Please come join Bishop Sheridan in lifting up the vocation of marriage in prayer.

## Returning God's Gifts 2021 Annual Appeal

The Returning God's Gifts Annual Appeal is the one diocesan-wide appeal that provides support to diocesan ministries and services to include seminarian formation and education, lay ministry training and formation, evangelization, outreach to youth and college students, parish and school grants, and assists those in need. Once a year, each of us is called to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan family and work beyond the boundary of any one parish. Please take some time to prayerfully discern your gift to Returning God's Gifts Annual Appeal, which will take place in the coming week.

## Tax Statements

Please contact Nicole in the office to get a copy of your 2020 taxable contributions to the parish. Nicole can be emailed directly at [nhartjeolw@gmail.com](mailto:nhartjeolw@gmail.com), or you can call the front desk at (719) 687-9345. Make sure to note whether you want the tax statement emailed or mailed and confirm that your contact information is correct.

## Newman Catholic Student Center

When praying about giving, please remember the Bishop's capital campaign to complete the student center in Colorado Springs. Let's show the Diocese that our Parish cares. Please consider giving even \$1 to show your support. A link to the Bishop's campaign is on our website: [tellercatholic.org](http://tellercatholic.org).

## Knights of Columbus Council 625 Family of The Year:

The Legarski family is the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year, for their participation and support in the Teller County Catholic Community for 2020. The family participates in the ministries of readers for the Masses, altar servers, participate in the wood yard splitting wood for those in need and support the Knights of Columbus with Waffle Breakfast and the Lenten Fish Fry. We are grateful for their involvement and dedication to our council, our community and our parish.

## Knights of Columbus Council Knight of The Year

Brother Barry Mellen for all his service work to our Church and all the Ministries he participates in, including the wood yard, blood drive and many others. Thank you for all you Barry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Tuesday, February 2

OLW 12:00 pm: Alvin Heck Sr. †  
Req. by: Alvin & Carolyn Heck

### Wednesday, February 3

OLW 6:00 pm: Aspen Davis  
Req. by: The Davis Family

### Thursday, February 4

OLW 12:00 pm: John Prather Family  
Req. by: Sylvia Prather

### Friday, February 5

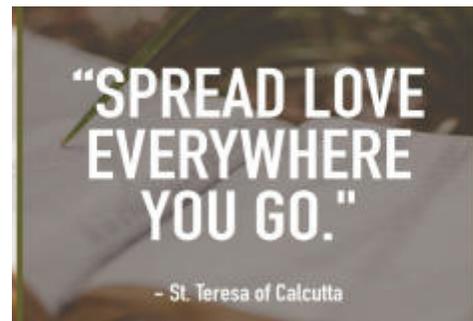
OLW 12:00 pm: Mick Prather  
Req. by: Sylvia Prather

### Saturday, February 6

OLW 4:30 pm: Madeline May Johnson †  
Req. by: Mike & Cindy Weiss

### Sunday, February 7

OLW 9:00 am: Clarann Herring †  
Req. by: John Capps & Kathy Abbott  
SPC 12:00 pm: For the People of the Parish  
Req. by: Fr. Marek



## Financial Update-Fiscal Yr. 7/1/20-6/30/21

### Offertory

#### Our Lady of the Woods   St. Peter Chapel

Annual Budget	\$335,000	\$44,000
Year to Date	\$201,369	\$22,139



#### OLW Capital

Received \$42,789

#### St. Peter Hall

10-Year Loan \$210,895  
Dec. 2020 Hall Inc. \$3,495

#### 2020 RGG Campaign

Annual Goal \$50,594  
Paid to Date \$28,738



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PICK OF THE WEEK

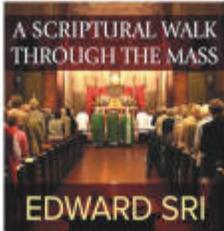
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A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS  
BY EDWARD SRI

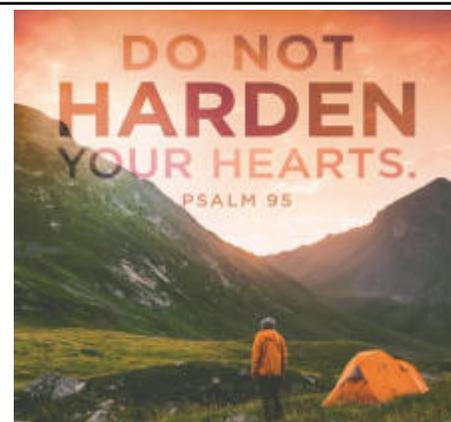
Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.

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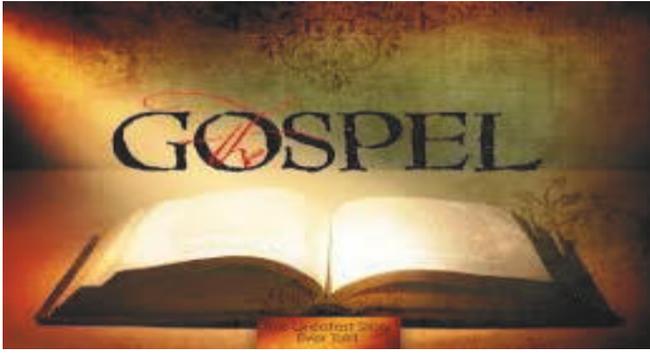


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# Liturgy – are you in it?



## Gospel -

It is the summit of the Liturgy of the Word. In the very beginning of the Church, it was read by a lector, but after few decades it changed and was reserved for a deacon and a priest only. In the Western Church, the meaning of the Gospel was elevated. In Rome, on Christmas Day, it was read by an emperor, the highest and most important person in the Roman Empire. On other days, the Gospel was read by a deacon. He had to go to the pope and kiss his foot and received a special blessing the same time. This blessing continues in our liturgy.

The Gospel is proclaimed from the Ambo. A deacon, after receiving a blessing, approaches the altar where the Book of Gospels is placed. Then, with the assistance of two candles and a thurible, he processes to the Ambo. This part of the liturgy has changed very much in history. In some places, during the procession, people sang special hymns and in other places seven torches were used. In the Eastern Church, it was a time when they had all the lights lit. And, in the late middle ages, they used a cross and banners during the procession.

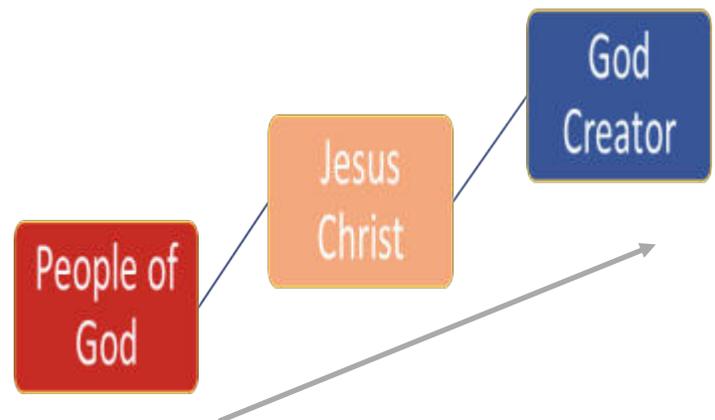
After reaching the Ambo the deacon greeted the people: “*The Lord be with you.*” He continued with the title of the Gospel and people answered: “*Glory to you, ‘O Christ.*” This acclamation was established in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and is a part of the Roman liturgy. From the 9<sup>th</sup> century, we have a tradition of tracing the sign

of the cross on our forehead, and from 11<sup>th</sup> century, also on our lips and chest. This sign was related to the meaning that Satan comes and takes the word away from us, so we have to protect this word and be ready to witness it in our faith. The second meaning related to being ready to welcome the word with all our senses, believe in it with our heart, and fulfill it in our life.

The thurible in the Liturgy of the Word was used to incense only by a deacon after he proclaimed the Gospel. From the 11<sup>th</sup> century, this sign included the Book of Gospels, too, and it was done before and after the proclamation. In the northern part of Europe, this sign was extended and it included the incense of people covered with the blessed incense.

During the proclamation of the Gospel, people stood and faced the Book of Gospels. Just before it began, they took off their coats, gloves, walking sticks, weapons. The knights presented their swords as a sign of being ready to defend the Gospel. Some of the documents from the 13<sup>th</sup> century maintain that people should listen to the Gospel with bowed heads and hands together.

This part of the Liturgy was ended with the words: "*The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*" And people answered: "*Glory to you, Christ.*" (Laudate Tibi, Christe).



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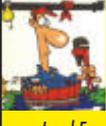


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