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Catholic Community

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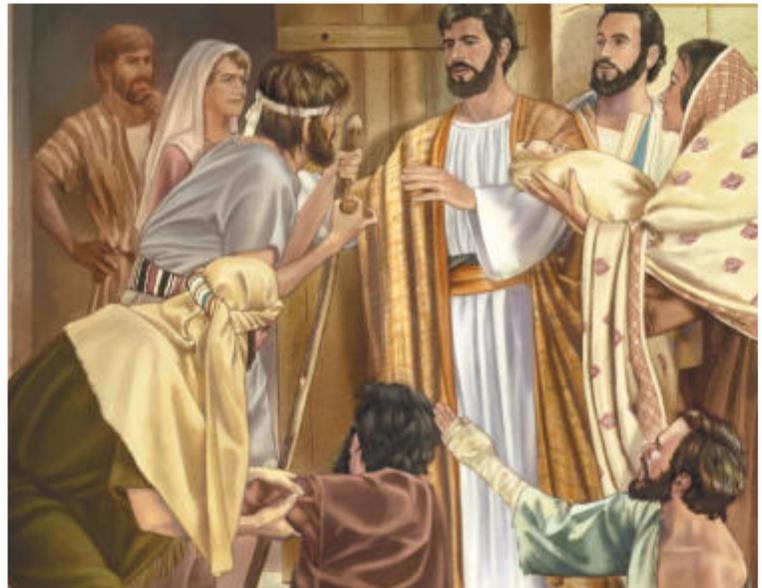
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus taught them as one having authority

They came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. 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!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. 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." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Mark 1: 21-28

The feeling while reading today's gospel, is that we are quickly launched into the work Jesus has been wanting to begin. He is comfortable with Peter and his household, and Jesus expresses his desire to begin preaching to the people. The events in the synagogue reveal the challenge of the man with the unclean spirit, and Jesus quickly silences him and cleanses him. It is also an opportunity to awaken the hearts of his witnesses, who spread the word of Jesus' power and authority. His fame spreads quickly.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande is a member of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and is in union with the Roman Catholic Church. We believe in and celebrate the presence of Christ in our world through Word and Sacrament. We strive to make Jesus known in the local community through ministries of faith, hospitality, liturgy, compassion and justice.

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FYI: RESTRICTIONS & PROTOCOLS

Now that the Christmas Season is behind us please remember that we are still in a pandemic and that precautions need to be taken in order to protect human life and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and on the holy days of obligation continues to be dispensed for all. The faithful are reminded that HOME IS THE HOLY PLACE and that they can gather with the members of their household to keep holy the Lord's Day and the Holy Days by their prayer at home. Participation in the Holy Mass can occur either by television or online streaming services. Reflect on the scriptures for the daily Mass readings, pray the rosary and/or the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Prayerfully reflect on the many blessings which God has bestowed upon you and your family and give thanks to God for His love and mercy.

Masses are being celebrated on a daily basis with limited seating. Holy Communion is also being distributed on a daily basis at the end of Mass.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE IN CHURCH

Saturday: 4:00 pm (live streamed)
Sunday: 10:00 am (Live/You Tube)
[Sunday Mass may be viewed on your mobile device/computer on Sunday beginning about 10:00 am.]

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IN CHURCH

Weekdays: 9:00 am (live streamed)
[Mass uploaded and can be viewed later on mobile device/computer.]

COMMUNION: Distributed after Mass

Weekdays: from 9:30 – 9:40 am
Saturday: from 4:45 – 5:15 pm
Sunday: from 10:45 – 11:15 am
Location: Gathering Space

If you come for Communion only, line up from A – Z on the sidewalk between the church and the Nazareth Center. Keep social distance as indicated on the sidewalk by the blue letters and hash marks.

Enter through the far, right door and exit by the opposite door. There are two communion stations inside.

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:00–3:00 pm
Mask required. Wait outside. Only one penitent enters church at a time.
Confession heard at the glass door with the sign: CONFESS HERE.

Dress for the weather & stay warm.

The first chapter of Mark's gospel has given us aspects of Jesus that open us to several understandings of him in relation to the Old Testament, his opening our eyes to Wisdom, and his beginning His ministry with new disciples with an expectation that they will catch on as time passes.

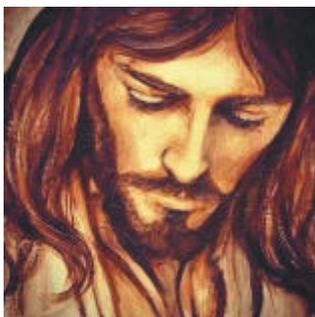
We are aware that Mark had a special relationship with Peter, who may have been a relative of his. Through Peter's eyes, Jesus is seen as focused on the ultimate meaning of his Ministry. Sometimes Peter does not share Jesus' view. Jesus will show us his correction.

Jesus as the Wisdom figure heals those in need. Without even being asked, he restores those impaired. Sometimes it is physical healing, and other times making the person whole again.

His parables and other teachings offer ways to see the goodness of creation, and the goodness of the human person. His respect for those in need is uplifting and non-judgmental.

From the beginning of this gospel, Jesus is seen as doing what needs to be done to restore wholeness to those he encounters.

He will soon be challenged by the spiritual leaders, and those situations will help clarify how Jesus works to restore what has been lost over the years.



Psalm 62: "In you alone is my soul at rest. My help comes from you."

Walking through a residential area this late in January one notices Christmas wreaths on many a door or in windows. Through some windows you can see Christmas trees all lit up. It's easier to leave them up than it was to put them up. Yet for some of us there's a reluctance to see the bright lights and color of that beautiful celebration disappear.

More profoundly we really need more time to comprehend what it means for God to take on human life in the form of an infant. In past times the Church's feasts of Our Lord and the saints colored brightly many an ordinary day.

Target, Macy's and Penney's all start celebrating Christmas right after Thanksgiving so as to benefit from all the gift buying. An older 'enterprise', the Church, celebrates the twelve days after Christmas, the days from December 25th to Epiphany, traditionally January 6th. Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.

Those whose lives have been elevated and brightened by belief and trust in God are especially able to bring some light and joy into the lives of the world around them. I am not suggesting that we come to the workplace and slap a co-worker on the back while saying: "Be happy; cheer up. The Lord loves you and has saved you. Yowee!" But the attitude of one who truly trusts in God's love should, in a much more subtle way, affect for the better his or her environment and way of doing work.

Psalm 27: "I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong; / be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord!"

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(4:00 pm MST)
SUNDAY 8:00 am (Spanish)
10:00 am
12:00 noon
WEEKDAYS: 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 3:00 - 4:30 pm MDT
2:00 - 3:00 pm MST
or by appointment

Amy Suman is the new leader of the Loaves and Fish Ministry.

She presents to us a recent reminder of the importance of this ministry, and the rewards given for our focus and our generosity in participating in this ministry.

Many thanks to all the generous parishioners who continue to donate food to the Loaves & Fish Ministry and the

Caring & Sharing Ministry. Food insecurity is at an all-time high in New Mexico: 25% of our community members live at or below the federal poverty line and that was pre-Covid.

The health and economic implications of the pandemic have only amplified the need to assist our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, and financial strain.

Please continue to support our ministries with non-perishable food item donations in the bins at the Church's main entrance. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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Loaves and Fish and Caring and Sharing Ministries

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For the month of February, we will be collecting:
5.5 oz cans of tomato juice Pull tab cans of pork and beans
Packs of crackers stuffed with cheese or peanut butter.

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2021 Jan 31 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20/ Ps 95 / 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35/
Mark 1: 21-28

2021 Feb 1 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Hebrews 11: 32-40/ Ps 31 / Mark 5: 1-20

2021 Feb 2 Tue: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3: 1-4/ Ps 24 / Hebrews 2: 14-18/ Luke 2: 22-40

2021 Feb 3 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Blais / Ansgar

Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15/ Ps 103 / Mark 6: 1-6

2021 Feb 4 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 21-24/ Ps 48 / Mark 6: 7-13

2021 Feb 5 Fri: Agatha

Hebrews 13: 1-8/ Ps 27 / Mark 6: 14-29

2021 Feb 6 Sat: Paul Miki, & co , mts

Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21/ Ps 23 / Mark 6: 30-34

2021 Feb 7 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7/ Ps 147 / 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23/ Mark 1: 29-39

Gospel for Sunday, February 7

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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