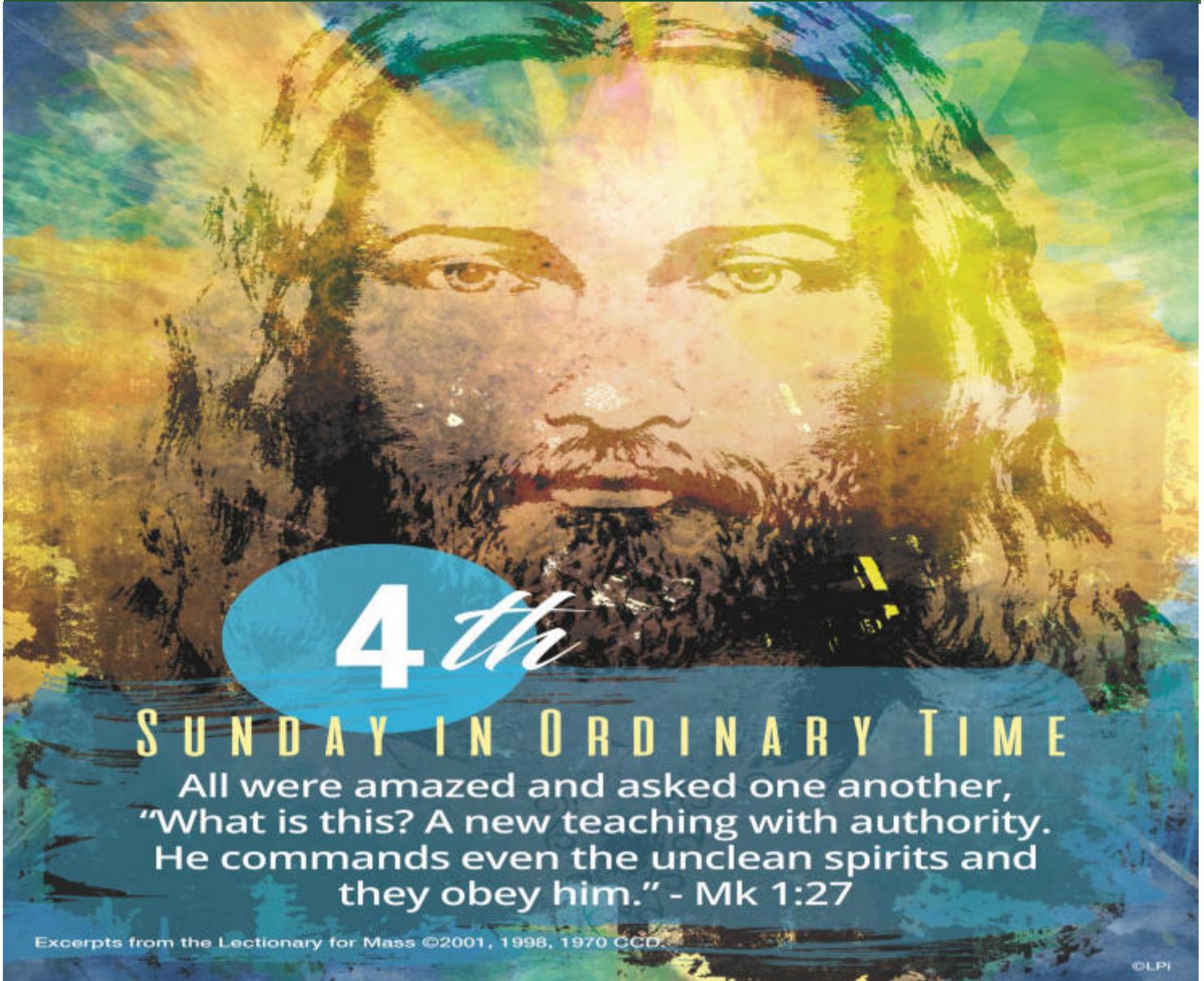




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JANUARY 31, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:30am
Tuesday, Thursday | 7:30am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

CONFESSION

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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Reading I Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:
"A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II 1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:
I should like you to be free of anxieties.
An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord,
how he may please the Lord.
But a married man is anxious about the things of the world,

how he may please his wife, and he is divided.
An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.
A married woman, on the other hand,
is anxious about the things of the world,
how she may please her husband.
I am telling you this for your own benefit,
not to impose a restraint upon you,
but for the sake of propriety
and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Alleluia Mt 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,
light has arisen.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum,
and on the sabbath Jesus 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.

Opening: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Our Lord and Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Text: 66-68; Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection, 1746; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Offertory: Two Fishermen

1. Two fishermen, who lived along
The Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets
Into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar
Then called them each by name;
It changed their lives, these simple men;
They'd never be the same.
Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me.

2. And as he walked along the shore
'Twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee
Would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear
They left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;
They came without regret.
Leave all things you have...

3. O Simon Peter, Andrew, James
And John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news
Revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene
Who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to him with joy
For he is God adored.
Leave all things you have...

4. And you, good Christians, one and all
Who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound
To trappings of our day,
And listen as he calls your name
To come and follow near,
For still he speaks in varied ways
To those his call will hear.
Leave all things you have...

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Communion: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love,
And do what you would do.

2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.

3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
My will to yours incline,
Until this selfish part of me
Glows with your fire divine.

4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
So I shall never die,
But live with you the perfect life
For all eternity.

Text: CM: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt. Music: Trad. Irish melody.

Closing: Sing a New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from
mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet
sound.

Sing a new song...

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has
come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with
song.

Sing a new song...

3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my
Savior lives.

Sing a new song...
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Opening: Here For You

Verse 1

Let our praise be Your welcome Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You We are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You We are here for You

Chorus

To You our hearts are open Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire You alone are holy
Only You are worthy God let Your fire fall down

Verse 2

Let our shout be Your anthem Your renown fill the sky
We are here for You We are here for You
Let Your Word move in power Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You We are here for You

Interlude

Let it fall Let it fall Let it fall

Bridge

We welcome You with praise We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love Be welcome in this place
(REPEAT)
Let ev'ry heart adore Let ev'ry soul awake
Almighty God of love Be welcome in this place
We welcome You with praise We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love Be welcome in this place

Ending Be welcome in Your house Lord Be welcome in Your house

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Psalms: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

Offertory: Ever Be

Verse 1

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Pre-Chorus

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

Chorus

Your praise will ever be on my lips Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips Ever be on my lips
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

You Father the orphan Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness And Your strength becomes our own

You're making me like You Clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes For You will have Your bride

Pre-Chorus

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

Bridge

You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
(REPEAT)

And it's why I sing

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Communion: We Come To You

Verse 1

By Your body and blood
By Your life and Your love renew us
May Your sacrifice be
Forgiveness in me heal us

Chorus

We come to You
We come to You broken hungry
We come to You
We come to You
Make us whole again

Verse 2

In the body of Christ
We are brought to new life restore us
May the flesh that we eat
And the blood that we drink save us

Bridge

By Your love
By Your grace
We are one

Ending

We come
We come to You
Oh

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Closing: The Lion And The Lamb

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. [Mark 1:25-26](#)

This passage from Mark's Gospel could be the scene from a horror movie. Well, at least if Hollywood were producing the film. In truth, it's the scene of an act of great love and mercy and reveals the power and authority of Jesus!

It's the story of a man with an unclean spirit, a demon. The demon is tormenting him. So, Jesus looks at him with great love and compassion and expels the evil spirit, setting him free. This truly is an act of love.

But one question this clearly brings up is the role of the evil spirits in our world and their ability to control, manipulate, or at least tempt us. They are powerful spiritual beings created by God with free will and they exercised that free will to turn away from God. One of their primary duties, granted them at the moment of their creation, was to care for humanity. Those spirits who fell from grace by their pride and sin still retain their natural spiritual power. But because of their fall, they now only have hatred for mankind and seek to destroy us. This is real. And this is something we should be keenly aware of.

But there is no reason to lose hope or to give in to fear. These beings are, of course, ultimately subject to the power and authority of God. They can do nothing without God permitting it and, in the end, they can have no power over our lives.

But for now we need to be aware of their natural spiritual power and influence. We need to understand that they can and will try to wreak havoc in our lives. When we let fear weaken our faith, and lack trust in God's almighty power, we slowly allow them to have more influence over us. But when we allow the grace and mercy of God to overshadow their evil influence, we hear Jesus rebuke them and order them to cease.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that the spiritual battle is a real one. However, the victory is assured if we only humble ourselves before God and trust in His power and authority. Humility is the key to this spiritual battle. It's the key to overcoming the attacks and temptations of the evil one. So humble yourself before God when you feel oppressed or tempted. Humble yourself by admitting your weaknesses. Acknowledge that only God has the authority to strengthen you. Put your trust in Him. He will not let you down!

Lord, I am weak and nothing without You. Help me to know and believe that. Help me to humble myself before You and to be strengthened in that humility to overcome the temptations and influences of the evil one. Jesus, I trust in You!

FLOCK COMMUNITY MEAL NEWS

"The Flock Community Meals are so grateful for the support of the parish this past year. The world has faced a terrible Pandemic but through God's grace and the support of many, we have been able to continue our ministry without fail. When COVID first hit, we received entire dinners for 100 people from The Proper Pig (next to St James) and Mary Doss (former parishioner.) Our cooks have prepared hot meals every month since April. Around The Corner has added an extra spaghetti dinner "to go" for each patron. We have been serving folks two meals, fresh fruit, bread, bottled water and dessert at each Community Meal. We've given away hundreds of masks, many donated and hand made. Many folks have stayed around and chatted with us, keeping the Community part of the Meal going. They really enjoy the company.

This past month we gave each person two pair of new wool socks and a \$10 gift certificate to Value World. Value World was generous enough to give a 50% off coupon with each certificate; that's enough for a winter coat.

Our masked/Gloved volunteers have braved every type of weather northeast Ohio can dish out. There were nights when we set up tables in the breezeway and had an outside sit down dinner. We have opened up the church halls on a limited basis with no issues.

We have spent a great deal of time preparing, staging and sanitizing so our workers and patrons have had minimal exposure to the dreaded Virus. We have taken into consideration all local, state and federal health guidelines.

Extremely generous and thoughtful volunteers have contributed numerous hours to make this happen. Others have contributed financially. We could use more volunteers as winter hits. (please contact the parish office to get on our email list)

We can't wait until the situation returns to normal, but until then please continue your support and prayers as we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and provide help to our brothers and sisters. "

~ Cornelius O'Sullivan

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Month of December

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Thank you for your continued support and your generosity of our parish family, especially during the challenging times of the pandemic. It is a true testimony of the passion and love you have for the St. Luke parish community and our important mission of loving Jesus and serving others.

~ Fr. Kevin

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...."

We welcome those baptized in December...

Aira Elizabeth Logar Schreiner

Daughter of Daniel and Ashley

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Son of Mauricio and Monika Barrios

Rowan Edward Taseff

Son of Adam and Holly

We Welcome Those Who Joined the St. Luke Parish Community

In the Month December

Kelly, Mary Grace & Patrick Husain

Abigail Kneisel

Jacquelyn Trocano & Craig Drdek

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 31, 2021**

Monday, February 1, 2021– Weekday

8:30 a.m. Rosemarie Feighan-DeJohn, by Rini & Tim Gauntner

Tuesday, February 2, 2021– The Presentation of the Lore

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Chenevey family, by Kress family

Wednesday, February 3, 2021– Weekday

8:30 a.m. Intentions of George & Marilyn Kress, by Kress Family

Thursday, February 4, 2021– Weekday

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Andrew & Michele Kress, by Kress Family

Friday, February 5, 2021– St. Agatha

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Foran-Nuss family, by Kress Family

Saturday, February 6, 2021– St. Paul Mike & Companions

8:30 a.m. Arnold Anderson, by Gail & Jim Cahill

4:30 p.m. Patricia D. Garner, by Maureen Abel

Sunday, February 7, 2021– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

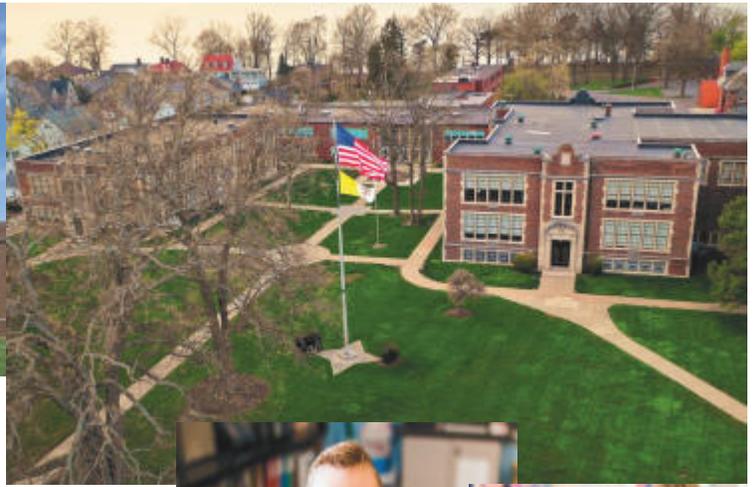
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Luke Parish

11:00 a.m. Louis Fedor, by Maureen Abel

5:30 p.m. Dennis Crabtree, by Family

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/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 [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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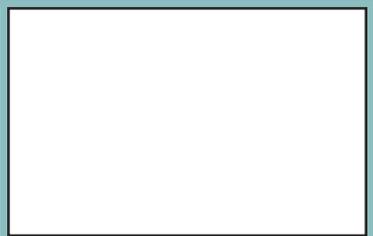
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