

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

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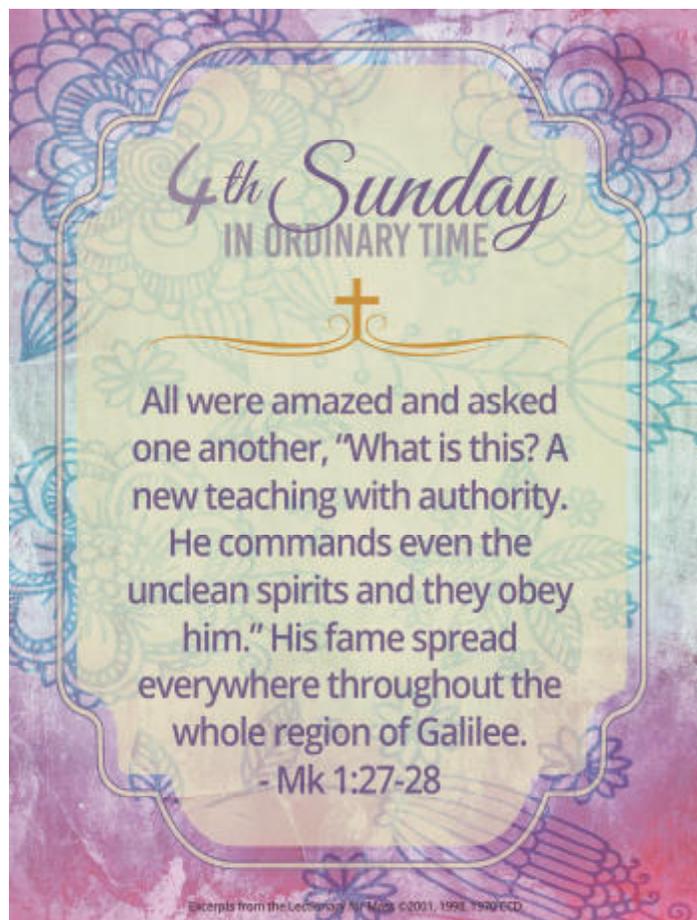
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MISSION STATEMENT:

“Growing in Grace, Gratitude and Giving”

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
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 147:1-6/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The prophetic voice is not always a welcome one. The prophet speaks words that the Lord God puts into his mouth, never his own words. And what the Lord tells us is not always within our accepted norms or level of comfortability. Here in the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses and his people are asking for mediators between the Lord God himself and the people. They have seen the Lord God, they have witnessed his hand and seen his great fire on Mt. Horeb where the Lord gave Moses the Ten Commandments and they tremble at seeing it again. They ask, instead, mediators who will speak for the Lord and the Lord grants their request letting the voice of the prophet to speak with power and authority. Too tremendous to see and hear the Lord himself they ask for a voice more like their own but will soon forget that the prophetic voice is not always a welcome voice.

In the Gospel passage Jesus renews the people's hope and faith by speaking with authority, his voice commands even "the unclean spirits and they obey him." And the unclean spirits know who is in front of them, commanding them to leave and dulling their voices. They know the power of God is in this Son of God and they tremble with fear. This man, Jesus, newly arrived on the scene, does what no one they know could do – he dispels the demons and in the synagogue itself. Not outside the church, not in a neighborhood, but in the synagogue itself, the place of the Holy of Holies, the religious center of the city, it is here that Jesus commands the unclean spirits to "come out of him."

One can only imagine the commotion this event had caused, the flurry of stories that arose and the probably chagrin of the temple priests themselves. This man, this nobody with no degrees or station in life, is doing what the temple priests themselves cannot do. A prophet, indeed, is in their midst, but one that we will observe throughout all the scriptures as bringing to the people God's true word and power and it will not be welcomed. He will die because of scenes like this.

In light of Jesus' saving action and the sending of the Spirit of God, the prophetic voice is still calling us all back into the ways of God's kingdom of grace. There have been and will continue to be throughout history women and men who have a power within themselves to dispel confusion and doubt and set us back on the course God has asked of us. But we must remember that there will always be some pushback if not outright disregard for the work of a prophet. Thankfully, God will always strengthen the prophet not just to turn the people back into God's grace but to strengthen them as they fight against the evils, injustices and wrongs of the world.

With so many voices vying for our attention it is easy to miss the prophetic voice. In fact, with so much time on our hands searching the internet, scrolling on our cellphones has brought a new word into being: doomscrolling. It means "consuming bad news or information you know is detrimental to your mental health and wellness yet being unable to stop." How many times have you searched out the words and phrases that demean another or set your face in stone cold hate? More than ever, we have to turn to the prophets of grace to give us hope. Doomscrolling will only fill us with fear, hate and a sense of hopelessness – it's me against them attitude which is exactly opposite of scripture. As God's people we have to make a choice to listen to the voice of God through his prophetic voice and also spend our time in service to those in needs. Listening to God's word, knowing God's word, fills one with hope and purpose. Doomscrolling only fills one with dread. Why is it that we choose dread over grace? Maybe because doomscrolling makes no demands on us, it lets us be mean, shortsighted and arrogant whereas, the prophetic voice calls us to reform our lives and go and make grace concrete in the world. More than ever we need prophets to get us back on the way to grace and salvation.

Adult Faith Formation

Relax...It's Lent

Having trouble seeing God lately? Is stress taking over your life? Are you finding it hard to sleep? If so, we are offering a five-week Lenten reflection series that will help relax even the most stressed out among us. Using the book, *The Breath of the Soul* by Sr. Joan Chittister, and other materials, we have created a virtual, Lenten, relaxing, meditation experience like none other. Here is the important information needed:

- Session 1: Monday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 2: Monday, March 1st at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 3: Monday, March 8th at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 4: Monday, March 15th at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- Session 5: Monday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm in Church

Class is limited to 25 registered parishioners. Cost: \$10.00
Register by phone: Jeanne Martin 248-681-9424
Register by email: adulsted@princeofpeacecatholic.church

Wedding Anniversary Mass

There were so many things we have not been able to celebrate due to COVID-19, we decided that we could still celebrate special Anniversaries!

Will you be celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or any anniversary beyond your 50th during 2021?

If so we invite parishioners to attend an Anniversary Mass to celebrate your love and commitment to one another on

Saturday, February 13th at the 4:00 pm Mass.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office or contact Linda at 248-681-9424 ext. 214 by Monday, February 8th to register.

Names:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Marriage Date:



COVID Times

We have found out from a few of you that there is still some confusion regarding Mass at Prince of Peace for both In-Person Mass and Video Mass. We hope the following clears things up for you!

In-person Mass resumed on May 23, 2020, and we have offered weekend masses ever since.

Mass times are as follows: Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 12 noon.

Confessions are by appointment for parishioners.

We have offered a video Mass since the pandemic began in March and continue to do so. To access our video Mass, go to the Prince of Peace website:

www.princeofpeacecatholic.church On the home page there will be a picture, usually relating to the Sunday Gospel, when you click on the picture you can view the Mass. You can view the video Mass anytime between late Saturday afternoon through Sunday.

The parish office is open, hours are Monday-Wednesday from 9am-3pm and on Thursday from 9am-12noon. When you call the parish office and we do not answer the phone please leave a message so we can return your call.

If you have a need, concern, or just want to talk, please contact the parish office, we would love to hear from you!

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention you can come to the Parish office Monday-Wednesday from 9am-3pm and 9am-12noon on Thursday or call 248-681-9424.

Due to the ongoing roof project, we have postponed the start of Daily Mass.

We will begin offering Daily Mass with the start of the Lenten Season.

Our New daily Mass time is 8:30 am on Tuesday and Wednesday beginning on February 23rd.

If you attend Mass in person the following guidelines are still in place:

We are no longer taking reservations for Mass but seating is limited.

Seating capacity is 150 people, when we hit our capacity the doors will be locked.

You must enter through the main church doors only.

The doors are lock when Mass begins, you must be on time.

Face-masks must be worn properly the entire time you are in the church building.

Social distancing must be practiced in church.

If you are sick, stay home.

Please do not leave tissues, trash, gloves or masks in the pews or the parking lot.



Stay Connected While You're Away.



Go to www.parishesonline.com to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.



Saturday, January 30

4:00 p.m. Therese Riadi

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Families of Prince of Peace

10:00 a.m. Jack and Dorothy Drahos

12:00 Noon Sebastian Pascoela-Rodrigues
Giovanni Barni

Pray for...

Maceo Boozer
Genevieve Davey

Gracious Lord,

Remember in your mercy those who suffer today.

*Give strength and encouragement
to those who minister to their needs.*

*Remember your promise not to let them be tested
beyond what they are able to bear.*

*Above all, give them the reassurance
that you are with them as they walk
through this valley of the shadow of death.*

*And in your good time send healing of body and
spirit.*

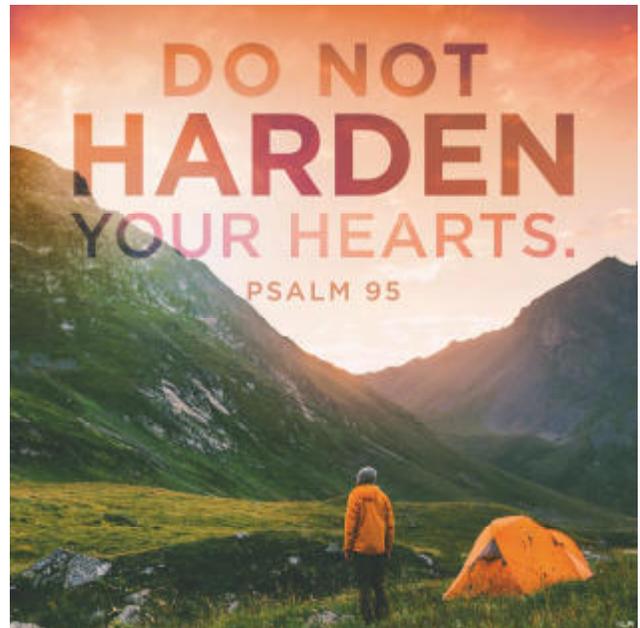
In Jesus' name

Amen

Prince of Peace 2020 Year End

Contribution Statements

2020 Contribution statements were sent out on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 to all families who have contributed \$250.00 or more to Prince of Peace. Please note: this *does not* include your donations made to CSA, as those charitable donations letters will be sent to you directly from the Archdiocese of Detroit. In addition any contributions made from a charitable trust or foundation, those companies will issue you, your tax statement. If you didn't receive your statement, please email parishsecretary@princeofpeacecatholic.church or call the office at 248-681-9424.



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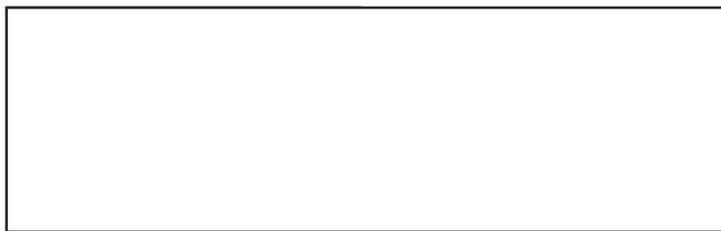
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