

ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 31, 2021: The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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



Mallia's Moments

A Gospel reflection from Father Joe and an update on upcoming events happening around the parish

In today's first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, we hear Moses tell the people, "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". This is a very ominous verse, but an important one since Moses knew that there would always be those who would try to lead people astray from the truth, primarily for their own purpose.

Today, we face the same challenges with people teaching things that are not true about the Catholic Church and about Christ, even within the church community. There are groups who call themselves Christians who teach things that are not biblical, like the very popular "prosperity gospel". There are those who pretend to be "preachers" and "prophets" that have no seminary training and are only seeking to gain earthly riches off of the backs of unsuspecting believers.

That is why it is important that we know what the Catholic Church really teaches. We need to grow in our understanding of our history as a church and the richness of our traditions. We have to become more confident in our own knowledge of Scripture and how our faith is based on what is found in the Bible so that we are not so easily led away by those who play off of our own doubts.

One of the most painful things I hear from people who leave the Catholic Church is, "I never knew Jesus until I joined this other church". How can we not know Jesus who established the Catholic Church and is fully present in the Eucharist? It is because we have failed to understand what it is we believe; we have failed to grasp the beauty and richness of our faith.

That is why I want you to take advantage of FORMED and the wealth of information and formation that is available to you through this medium. Please feel free to share it with others. Take the time to learn so that we can also be ready to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in and through the Catholic Church. God bless you all.

What goes on at the Young Adult Group?

Well, besides eating and meeting up with people, we discuss our faith and get questions answered. In December we played trivia and learned through it learned about the nativity stories, traditions and other fun stuff dealing with Christmas. Last month, we talked about things we never knew about the Catholic Church in regards to how we are not averse to science, but actually have always seen a connection between science and faith.

For example, did you know that the Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of education and health care in the world? That the first Catholic hospital in Rome was founded in the year 400? That the oldest scientific institute in the world is the University of Bologna which was founded in 1088? Did you know that the father of genetics and the creator of the Big Bang Theory were both priests? Did you know that the Vatican owns two observatories? One is located in Rome and the other in Arizona. That the head of the Vatican Observatory is a Jesuit brother who was born in Detroit and that 35 craters on the moon are actually named for Jesuits?

The Church speaks about issues because we have our own experts in those fields and we have a voice that can merge science and faith together rather than seeing them as opposing forces. The Catholic Church is not simply about getting people to Mass, but about bringing Christ to the world and about witnessing to the manifestation of God in the mystery of all that is around us.

Maybe you might want to join us at our next meeting to see what the next topic will be!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER

Names will remain on our sick list for 6 weeks. After 6 weeks contact the Parish Office if you wish to place the name back on the list. Names will remain on our military list for 1 year.

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MALLIA'S MOMENTS *(continued)***Lenten Reading**

I always think it is a good idea to have a specific book to read during Lent to help us in our journey through these forty days. May I suggest that you read *The Supper of the Lamb* by Scott Hahn or anything by him for that matter.

There is great value in reading works by people who were not raised Catholic but converted to the faith as adults because of what they came to learn, understand and love about the church. Their insights help us to gain a new perspective and appreciation of our faith tradition and see how marvelously wonderful it is to be part of the Catholic Church.

Other resources can be found on Formed if you want to learn more about converts to the Catholic Church. Happy reading!

Mass Intentions

It is not unusual for people to come up to me before Mass or at any point of the day and ask me to pray for someone or something in their life. I am more than happy to do that, but it is also a good idea to have a proper Mass intention offered at the Mass of that day or at a particular time on the weekend when you may be at Mass.

These intentions can be for yourself, someone you know, someone who is living and in need or deceased and we are praying for the repose of their soul. We can offer a Mass for a special intention because we are applying for a job, need to pass a test, going to the doctor, having surgery or for prayers answered. Please consider having your intention be the primary intention of the day. Thank you.

Taking a break

Since I have not taken any time off since my arrival in August, I will be taking a couple of days before Lent begins to collect my thoughts, pray and rejuvenate before this holy season begins. I will be leaving after the last Mass on Sunday February 7th and will be gone until February 10th. I will return to the office and Mass on the morning of February 11th. The Masses will be covered by visiting priests on that Monday night and Tuesday and Wednesday morning as usual.



This coming Tuesday, February 2nd, marks the true end of the Christmas Season. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus, when, in obedience to the Law, Mary and Joseph brought their first-born son, and presented him in the Temple. This is another “epiphany” celebration since the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the prophetic words spoken by Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess.

This feast is also known by other names - the Purification of Mary, the Meeting of the Lord (in the Christian East), and the Feast of Candlemas. It was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter,” then in the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West (in Rome) with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles. The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday.

Behind all of these names and meanings are, however, a few fundamental theological facts worth reflecting upon. Saint Luke’s Gospel recounts the story of the Presentation. And afterwards, Jesus was to enter the temple again as a boy and later as an adult. He would even refer to His own body as a temple which He would raise up in three days. Jesus’ life was a continual self-gift to God the Father from the very beginning to the very end. His parents did not carry their infant Son to a holy mountain, a sacred spring, or a magical forest. It was in His temple that the God of Israel was most present, so they brought their son to God Himself.

Christianity has never had just one sacred place like the Jewish Temple or the Muslims’ Kaaba in Mecca. Our faith has a global reach which does not allow it to be planted in just one culture or one location. Christ is destined for all cultures and all times. Every Catholic church with the Blessed Sacrament is a Holy of Holies, which fully expresses the deepest mysteries of our faith. There is no requirement to go on pilgrimage to Rome or to Jerusalem once in your life. But you should go “on pilgrimage” to your local parish once a week for Mass. The Church is where Christ is, and Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in the Holy Eucharist. How blessed are we to be able to witness Jesus’ presence within the very walls of our own church?

Hope to see you at Mass!

Peace,

Deacon Russ

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THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

First Eucharist families are now meeting in-person, on ZOOM and LIVE on Facebook for their gatherings. We are able to accommodate our families in a safe way, while being socially distanced in Church. We are continuing our friendship and growing our faith in Christ.

At the last Pick-Up Party, faith formation families donated travel-size, personal hygiene items. These will help with St. Al's homeless ministry downtown. Our families are extremely generous and thoughtful! Many volunteers served to make this a successful pick-up!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Offered every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

February 19

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26



The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; First Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28



About the Gospel:

Jesus loves teaching others about God the Father! Jesus' power is shown in today's Gospel when he sends away a bad spirit. Jesus has authority over all things, including us.

For Discussion:

What clamors for attention in your community of faith?
In your family? In your business?
How do hurtful attitudes spread?

In Church:

Listen to the Scripture readings and the Homily. Imagine Jesus is teaching them to you just like he taught in the synagogue.

Family Prayer:

Jesus, please help us to listen to you in all things. Amen



Believe. Grow. Share.

ATTENTION ALL TEENS:
Every Wednesday, from 3:00-4:30 pm, the White Room is open to all teenagers looking for a safe space to do homework or socialize with each other. There is no need to register for this. Just drop in/drop by. Masks must be worn. Even if you are a teen who has not attended SKY, you are welcome. This is not a SKY event, it is a teen opportunity. Any questions, call Jenny Greuling, Youth Minister 586-781-5759 ext. 119

SKY Saint Kieran Youth

Last Sunday, SKY was able to get out and enjoy a social. We rented out our own, private movie theater at AMC 30 and watched the movie "Pursuit of Happyness" (the movie title is intentionally spelled incorrectly). The movie is an amazing, true story with many life lessons in it. SKY meets tonight, Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 pm in the White Room and Gym. Join us! Safety protocols will be in place. Next Sunday, February 7, SKY will meet and attend 11:30 mass together. After mass, we will be participating in a service opportunity where we will be making care packages for homeless. These care packages will be delivered by St. Al's Ministry. Any questions about SKY, please contact Jenny Greuling (Youth Minister) at 586-781-5759 ext. 119



Verso L'alto Saint Kieran Young Adults

A.S.K.S. Active St. Kieran Seniors

Thanks to all of the young adults that came out for our last gathering on January 13. It was great hanging out, eating pasta, and hearing about many of the great things about Catholics from Fr. Joe. Join us at our next get together on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm. Destination will be determined as the date gets closer. Look on the St. Kieran website or YA facebook page for details. Bring a friend. All are welcome (ages 18-40). Did you know you can text DetroitCYA to 33777 and receive a monthly link to all things happening with Detroit Catholic Young Adults? For an example, The Archdiocese of Detroit continues providing more daily resources and inspiration for you with great articles, videos, podcasts and more at <https://www.unleashthegospel.org> Are you a Catholic young adult looking to connects with others? Do you have ideas about getting Catholic young adults together and finding a space for them? Please contact Jenny Greuling with any ideas. 586-781-5759 ext.119 .

The A.S.K.S.'s group is excited to announce, the monthly "First Friday Breakfast" and "Lunch Around the World" are RETURNING SOON! Mark your calendars: Thursday, March 18 is lunch at Ike's and Friday, April 2 is breakfast at Marcus Grill. "Monday Movie with Munchies". Mondays, at 2 p.m., in the Green room, St. Kieran will provide the safe distance seating, the movie, coffee, tea, water, and munchies. Masks must be worn properly to enter the building and when not eating. If you would like to join, please R.S.V.P. to Jenny Greuling, by phone or e-mail, so we can plan the seating/snacks. Our next movie will be Monday, February 1. Also, just a reminder, the St. Kieran gym is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm Keep it in mind for walking! Any questions, please contact Jenny Greuling, Senior Adult Ministry 586-781-5759 ext. 119 or jenny@stkieran.org.

Christian Service Matters

Christian Service: the act of doing things for God with a willingness in the heart.



AGAPE CENTER THANKS YOU

I wish to express our thanks for the participation of St. Kieran in our 2020 Sharing Tree program. Through their continuing spirit of giving generously, your parishioners donated \$2000 in gift cards for our families and individuals who would otherwise have little, or nothing at all, for Christmas. In total, together with all our Sharing Tree partners, we were able to help 66 families with Christmas gift cards.

While COVID has put unexpected challenges in our path, it gives us solace to know that we can count on St. Kieran to work beside us to address the growing needs of those we serve. As we enter further into this new year, may God continue to bless you, the staff and parishioners of St. Kieran with peace, good health and the ability to carry on with all your community outreach.

*Gratefully,
Kathy Mollon
Coordinator*

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH:

Dear St. Kieran Parishioners,
We, at Nativity of Our Lord, thank you for your generosity and your continued support of our Christmas Assistance Program. Your donation was especially needed during these unprecedented times. This year we had to pack up the gifts for the families instead of them coming in to "shop." The Target gift cards were either used to shop online for a family or given to families for their needs.

Over the week of December 14, one-hundred families picked up their food and gift boxes, which include fresh produce, a turkey or ham, a loaf of bread and gifts of clothing and toys for 350 children within those families. I can assure you that the joy and appreciation from these families was heartfelt and often brought a tear to the eye.

There are very few resources for the poor in the 48213 zip code. It is a large area with some of the poorest neighborhoods in the city. With your help, we are still able to be a beacon of hope to those in need.

We thank you for your assistance and ask God to bless you for your generosity.

*Yours in Christ,
Brother Raymond Stadmeyer
Pastor-OFM Cap*



Knights Corner

The Knights of Columbus invite you to participate in praying the Rosary every Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm via ZOOM Meeting. We have been gathering this way for several months, and thought now would be an ideal time to invite parish families and friends to join us. Please sign in at:

zoom.us/join with Meeting ID 160 781 160 and the password is 704979.

We recommend that you login 5-10 minutes prior to the start time to get situated. The subject note for the meeting will indicate K of C Family Rosary. Our intentions are for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life, an end to abortion, world peace and prayers for the sick and those in need. Hope to see and hear from more of you on Sunday afternoons.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING 2/10/2021

The Respect Life Committee will host a 2021 planning meeting via Zoom on February 10 at 7 pm. Please contact Mary Peleman, marp480@aol.com for further information/meeting link, or Christian Service, 586-781-4942 ext 132, marilyn@stkieran.org.



Stewardship Reflections

Pray. Share. Give.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.



Be a part of our new tradition:

Bring your palms so we can burn them to make ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday!

Please bring your palms in by

February 14.

Baskets will be in the Narthex.



ENCOUNTER

GROW

WITNESS

52 SUNDAYS . . .

In today's Gospel, Jesus taught in the synagogue. FUN FACTS! *Synagogue* is a Greek word that literally means a gathering of people. In the time of Jesus, a synagogue was a place where Jews gathered, worshiped, prayed, and learned. In the Jewish religion, the Sabbath was observed on Saturday. However, Christians worship on Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday.

As you will remember, we recently asked for suggestions to name some of the individual rooms of our parish.

The following names have been decided. An icon or picture with their name, will be placed by the door of each room.

Chapel	St. Francis
Green Room	Blessed Solanus Casey
White Room	Blessed Carlo Acutis
White Room Kitchen	St. Martha
Music Room	St. Cecilia
Gym	Blessed Gorgio Frassati
Room 1	St. Theresa of Lisieux
Room 2	St. Padre Pio
Room 3	St. Bernadette
Room 4	St. Dominic Savio
Room 5	St. Maria Goretti
Room 7	St. Michael the Archangel
Room 8	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Room 9	St. Joseph
Room 10	Blessed Mother Mary

We will begin calling the rooms by these names when the icons have been placed.



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Celebrating Children at St. Kieran

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST . . .

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.

Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know they are at home in this Liturgical gathering.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS PARISH . . .

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to the parents with small, active children.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 6/7, 2021

Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	Sally McKenna By George & Cynthia Sellers ----- Christopher DeSanto & Joseph Cracchiolo By Marco & Darlene Garcia	James Burton By Mom & Dad	James Virga By His wife, Jennie & family ----- For the "Special" Intention of Janina Uruski By Denise Emery ----- For the "Special" Intention of Angie Coyle By Denise Emery	Robert Kobylarz By Larry & Christine Rejniak
Music	As Assigned	As Assigned	Natalie Wienckowski	As Assigned
Lectors	Monica Thimm Tom Valentine	Tom Petz Judy Poliskie	Charlotte Westbrook Ed Snay	Tim Ames Sherry Ames
Altar Servers	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7	Team 8

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 1-5, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass Lector: Roger Quitter	Joann Kurrie by Family Rosemary Kalair by Family Frank & Evelyn Morrow by Jim Plutschuck
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	Marie Robinson (1st Anniversary) by The Robinson Family Jan Cekiera by Alexandra Pryciak
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	James Virga by his wife, Jennie & family
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	Michael Atkinson by St. Andrews St. Vincent de Paul
Friday 8:00 am Mass	Deceased & Living Members of the Inger Family by Mark Schwark

***CHANGE TO YEAR END ***

GIVING STATEMENTS

In an effort to reduce costs, including printing and postage, we will now mail year end contribution statements *BY REQUEST ONLY*.

There are 3 ways to request a statement:

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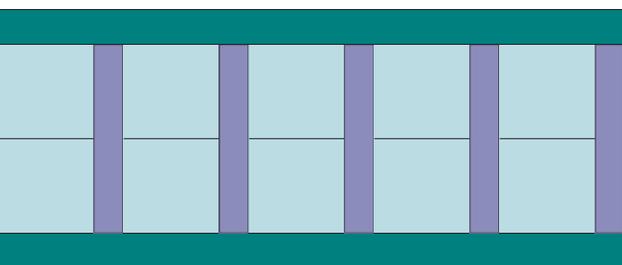


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Daily Readings for the Week of 1/31

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Psalm 95: If today he hears your voice, harden not your hearts

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

Psalm 147: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

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