

Corpus Christi Parish

January 31, 2021

The Power

Mark 1:21-28

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PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

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OFFICE TO REGISTER

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MORE INFORMATION.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY 4:30 P.M. ~ SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON-THRU-SAT 8:00 A.M.

From the Desk of Father Kelm



HOMILY: 4th Sunday in Ord. Time, Cycle B, 1/30 & 31/2021

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

OPENER: St. Augustine: “In the long run there will be but two kinds of men: those who love God and those who love something else.”

Today we are presented with the classic setup of a promise made, that promise kept in the person of Jesus, and the ensuing consequences for us His followers. Our reading from Deuteronomy quotes the Lord making the promise to Moses and the Hebrews that He will raise up another prophet like Moses from among the Hebrews to relate to them His commands. Then Mark’s Gospel relates the promise’s fulfillment in Jesus’ teaching with authority, which is unlike the scribes’ who merely quote different opinions held by various famous Rabbis going back sometimes centuries.

Jesus’ teaching is issued with authority. Why? ...because it’s His Kingdom! Well, true, but there is more to it than that. Exodus 20:5 quotes God telling the Hebrews “You shall not have other gods besides Me. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God”. Later in Deuteronomy 6:4 Moses relates The Great Commandment, “Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”. Jesus Himself quoted this. Grasp this: God is invested in us, not merely as an owner of something, but emotionally, as a true lover of someone – us! He wants us to want Him, He’d love for us to love Him, and we show Him we do care by obeying His various commands.

That still isn’t all, in Deut 4:24 Moses relates “ The Lord, your God, is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”, and from Heb 12:29 “Our God is a consuming fire.” St John the Apostle wrote that “God is love”, twice, in 1 Jn 4:8 & 16, so, we teach about the mutual love among the three

Persons of the Holy Trinity. Remember the Burning Bush, and Elijah being carried up to heaven in a fiery chariot, these were physical manifestations of God. Since God chose to reveal Himself that way, we in turn describe lovers with “hearts on fire”. In the physical world we know fire needs some sort of fuel, but in the spiritual world, what’s for fuel?? LOVE. The fuel that feeds God’s fire is LOVE. The love within the Trinity and the love of the Church feeds God’s fire like hydrogen feeds the fire of our sun. We also know that love must be manifested by the lovers, it’s indomitable, and in the Trinity’s case it is through this perception of fire and Creation. God created rational beings, angels and humans, to share in this life of love with Him, and toward Him in response to all the care He shows us generally and individually. We owe Him. The love we give Him in time and in eternity feeds His fire.

In 1 Cor 7 Paul is presenting the difficulty of managing multiple focal points once we marry, and those of us who are or have been, understand. Everyday we negotiate something with somebody, be it our customers, suppliers, boss, or our spouse, children, parents, siblings, etc. The main point is, when we’re pitching and wooing and making agreements, don’t forget Who deserves to be fondly remembered, not merely obeyed, and... feed The Fire!

Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass

(Blessing of Throats at each Mass)

6:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass - St. Hyacinth

Monday, February 1st

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Tuesday, February 2nd

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Wednesday, February 3rd

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Feast of St. Blaise - *Blessing of Throats*

Thursday, February 4th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Friday, February 5th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Saturday, February 6th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Celebration of Mass

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass

6:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass - St. Hyacinth

Fr. Kevin’s Corner



The Mystery of Sleep

We do it every night, or try to. But how much do we really know about sleep? In some ways it remains a mystery, even to scientists.

Here are a few interesting tidbits about sleep from American Demographics:

- ◆ Percent of men who snore: 36
- ◆ Percent of women who snore: 23
- ◆ Percent who sleep with two pillows: 42.6
- ◆ Percent who sleep with no pillow: 3.2
- ◆ Percent who consider sleep a necessity: 66
- ◆ Percent who always get a restful night’s sleep: 25
- ◆ Average daily hours of sleep for us: 7.5
- ◆ Average daily hours of sleep for our cats: 15

Various theories have been proposed and debunked about what sleep is and why we need it. Whatever sleep’s purpose, one bout with insomnia is convincing personal evidence of its value.

*Lord, may we all know
the bliss of a good night’s sleep.*

**Corpus Christi Stewardship
January 24, 2021**

Envelopes	\$9,749.00
Loose	\$61.00
Children's	\$6.00
Children's Loose	0.00
Youth	0.00
Total	\$9,816.00
<i>Adult: 154 Children:2 Youth: 0</i>	



**Stewardship Thought
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“I should like you to be free of anxieties.”

1 Corinthians 7:32

Worrying about things often does not help things, yet we can spend many, many hours about circumstances in our lives. Consider a change of approach. If you pray about things, rather than worry, you will have a very different way of approaching and dealing with situations in your life.



Area Help: Region VII Area Agency on Aging, 1615 S. Euclid, Bay City is having a drive up FREE KN95 Mask Giveaway (pack of 5) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (while supplies last and no age requirement). In addition, FREE Non-Perishable Food Boxes and Hygiene Kits will be available for those 60 years and older. A family member or friend may pick up masks, food, and/or hygiene kits. Name, address and date of birth are required for food and hygiene kits. Please call us if you have any questions at 1-800-858-1637

SMILE



The bride was terribly anxious about making a mistake during her wedding ceremony. But the minister reassured her, pointing out the order of service was not difficult to remember.

“All you have to keep in mind,” the minister said, “is that when you enter the church you walk up the aisle. The groom and the best man will be waiting before the altar. Then I shall request the congregation to sing a hymn. Then we shall get on with the ceremony. Just remember the order and you can’t go wrong!”

The happy day finally arrived, and the bridegroom waited nervously for his bride to appear. As she took her place beside him, he was curious, then horrified, to hear her repeating, “Aisle, altar, hymn. Aisle, altar, hymn. Aisle, altar, hymn”

Prayer Line
 Nita Lamkin 684-7105
 Janet Brandt 684-3366
 Barbara Poirier 895-8700



**Corpus Christi Parish
Christ's Mission Appeal
assessment this year is \$103,418.00**

As of 12/31/20 \$49,410.00 has been contributed to Corpus Christi Parish Christ Mission Appeal. Our outstanding balance is \$58,125.00

We still need \$45,293.00!

You can donate 3 ways:
 online at www.saginaw.org/appeal,
 by mail, returning your pledge card to the Diocese or by your parish collection basket at Mass.

Checks must be made out to Diocese of Saginaw

Thank you to those who have already donated!



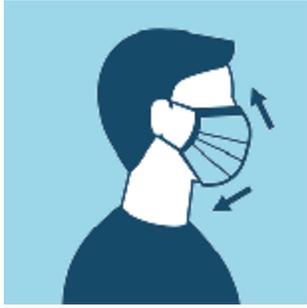
Contact Information

If anyone has changes in address, phone number or no longer have a landline phone please call the parish office (893-4073) with your new phone number in case we need to reach you and so we can have our records up to date. We also would like to update email addresses.

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We are no longer taking RSVP's for weekend Masses, **however, restrictions are still in effect.** You are reminded to keep 6ft of distance (approx. 2 chair widths) between yourself and others that are not from your household, filling seats from the middle so others do not have to climb over you. Please also remember that there is to be **NO gathering to visit after Mass.** When Mass is ended, you should exit church as quickly as possible keeping in mind social distancing. We ask that you be mindful of these guidelines so as to keep everyone safe.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

Our Faith Formation students are starting on their 3rd unit of Gospel Weeklies; lessons based on the Gospel of the week. Last year's classes were abruptly ended due to COVID, and this year is quite different, so kudo's go out to the parents who have taken on the extra task of being their child's catechist along with everything else! This year, children are also attending a monthly zoom meeting with a parish catechist. These zoom meetings help determine progress as well as counted attendance for the year.



Sacramental Prep classes have been scheduled for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The age for the Sacrament of Confirmation is being changed by Bishop Gruss, so we will not have any Confirmation Candidates this year. Parents are reminded that requirements for being in Sacramental Prep classes are that the child has reached the age of 7 yrs, and has attended Faith Formation for the 2 consecutive years prior.

We should never stop wanting to learn about our faith! Please keep our Faith Formation students and catechists in your prayers.



We extend our congratulations to recently baptized, Lily Anna Levine daughter of Brian & Kate. Blessings to her and her family as they continue to grow in their faith and love.



Please return any **Blessed Psalms** to Church. There will be baskets available at the entrances.

If you want to drop off your church envelopes & pick up a bulletin, the parish office will be open from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 until Noon on Friday. If you arrive before or after business hours there is a basket by the front door with bulletins and calendars.

2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements will only be sent to those who drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. Statements will be mailed out **after** January 31, 2021.

Attention Ushers:

We are in need of your updated information. Please provide your address, phone number, and email address to Emily Houle at houleet@hotmail.com or Pete Steyer at 989-906-2410. We also need to know what Mass you normally attend.

Live Mass Streams Online Daily

The Diocese of Saginaw, invites all to join us for daily 8 a.m. Mass (Monday– Saturday)
The celebration of Sunday Mass will be livestreamed at **10:30 a.m.** Videos of Masses will remain online after streaming. Go to: saginaw.org - Offices & Ministries - Live Video from Cathedral.

R.C.I.A. Sign Up

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the church's rite of welcoming newcomers to the faith, and also of refreshing Catholics (already) in their faith. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, fill out this form and return it in one of the weekend collections, **in an envelope marked Sr. Joann**, or call Sr. Joann at 893-4073. *Information is confidential.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Worship Aid Dedications

In Loving Memory of
Marie Balwinski on what would have been
her 97th Birthday!
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Readings February 7, 2021

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Please Note! If you would like to remember a deceased loved one on the anniversary of their death, please call the parish office at least **ONE MONTH** in advance of the weekend you want the anniversary mentioned during the intentions. We will also publish the anniversary in the bulletin.

Lost & Found

Did you lose a couple of keys? We found some between the church and school on Christmas Eve. Call the Parish Office to claim!



ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel located at All Saints Parish, 710 Columbus Ave. welcomes everyone to come and pray anytime day or night. We are in need of adorers on a regular schedule to take an individual hour of prayer. To be a part of the regular schedule of adorers, please call: Dave @ 892-8033

Phone Scam Warning: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are warning members of new phone scams in which callers attempt to obtain personal or health insurance information. If you receive a call asking for your personal information and health insurance ID number, hang up immediately. You may report suspicious calls to our fraud hotline at 1-844-786-7392.



Sister Carol Weber from St. Luke's New Life Center is inviting those who can crochet, knit, or sew with fleece to make hats and scarves for Flint families. Color is not important; warmth is what is most important.

Any finished items can be dropped off to Sister Joann at the Parish Office.



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Act of Spiritual Communion

By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament..**

**I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

Since I cannot at this moment

Receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

**I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

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