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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn to Christ for the Truth

“The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.” –
Mark 1:22

Are there people that you tend to listen to more than others? Do you watch a particular news broadcast? Where do you go when you need to find out some important or critical information? Likely, you go to someone or someplace that you know you can trust.

This was the case with Jesus. In this weekend’s Gospel from Mark, we read that Jesus comes to the synagogue and begins to teach. The people are astonished because He taught differently from the scribes. A man with an unclean spirit, says, “What have you to do with us, Jesus? Have you come to destroy us?” He continues, “I know who you are--the Holy One of God!” Jesus commands the spirit to leave and it departs from the man in a rather dramatic fashion. This is the first exorcism of Jesus that we read about. The witnesses were amazed at what they had just witnessed.

An interesting observation in this story is that the unclean spirit recognizes the authority of Jesus, not just as a teacher, but also, the Holy One of God. He recognized the transformative power of Jesus. Yet, throughout his teaching ministry, the church leaders, government officials and many in the community continued to question His authority. This was the case throughout His life, and all the way through His passion and death. Even today there are many who don’t believe in Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we allow many other things in this world to rule our lives—such as political correctness, money, our need for affirmation, and a desire to get to the top. But Christ is the authority and the ruler over all things including you and me.

We say this, but do we really believe it?

Have the courage today to acknowledge and accept Christ as the ruler of your life – the one you turn to when you need the truth. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in all your decisions, and to strengthen you in your witness to others.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 17th 2021

Mass Schedule:

8:00am Mass followed by Imposition of Ash

9:30 ECC Children

11AM– Mass followed by Imposition of Ash

4PM– Mass followed by Imposition of Ash

7PM– Stations of the Cross & Imposition of Ash

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

We need to be good Samaritans..AGAIN

“...But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’...”

Here at St. Luke, we belong to a Parish family and we help and support one another through our contributions of time, talent, and treasure even during this difficult COVID time.

We also belong to a diocesan family which has a mission of helping members of that larger family, especially those who are less fortunate as good Samaritans, through our donations of treasure to the Annual Pastoral Appeal.

Again, last year we met our assessment which allowed the Diocese to support many ministries, some of which directly helped our Parish. In addition, since we exceeded our assessment, we received \$36,000 to put toward the needs of the Parish in our renovation efforts which amount will not be subject to future assessment under what we call “APA economics”. We are extremely thankful to those who made this possible.

We pray that we will all continue to be good Samaritans again this year.

APA: My sincere gratitude & appreciation for those who contributed to APA in 2020. You will soon receive the materials for 2021 campaigns. You are well educated and informed. You will not be told anything during weekend Masses. Please contribute to show your generosity and I encourage you to do as you have done in the past. God Bless you. Thank you.

~ Father Paul



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us “no!” This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life—dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just “re-collect” ourselves. If some worry or concern just won’t leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won’t come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

**READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!**

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

PRAYER

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

**MISSION
FOR THE WEEK**

Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

quiet	<u>q</u> <u>u</u> <u>i</u> <u>e</u> <u>t</u>
Juse	_____
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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>	<i>Office</i>
Sat, 1/30	4:00pm	Sister Vigy Joseph-Birthday † John Dongivin	Closed
Sun, 1/31	8:00am	† Thomas McGoldrick	Closed
		† Jacques deLorimier	
	10:00am	† Larry Labriola	
		† Neda Soldo	
	4:00pm	For the parish family	
Mon, 2/1	8:00am	† Almino Feijoo † Alberto Maggiori	8:30am-12pm
Tues, 2/2	8:00am	† Elina deLorimier † Anton Tangell	8:30am-12pm
Wed, 2/3	8:00am	† John Mercado † Blas Sarte	8:30am-12pm
Thurs, 2/4	8:00am	† The Damiano Family † Edward & Marrie Lorraine O'Leary	8:30am-12pm
Fri, 2/5			8:30am-12pm
Sat, 2/6	4:00pm	† Lillian Ames † Marge Savoca	Closed

Communal Reconciliation Service

Feb 6th & 7th
30 minutes before the start of Mass.

Private Confessions

Feb 13th, 20th & 27th
from 2:30-3:45pm in the church office- in order to practice social distancing.

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