



*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...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.*

*1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

### Next Sunday's Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-223

Mark 1:29-39

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2018

### Sunday, January 28

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams from Mike and Mary Clauder

12:00 **BW** Jim Kuszewski

### Monday, January 29

12:10 Emily Mushaben from Howard and Elaine

### Tuesday, January 30

12:10 Jim McMahon from the Family

### Wednesday, January 31

*Saint John Bosco, Priest*

12:10 James Michael Gangloff from the Family

### Thursday, February 1

12:10 Frank Fobiano from Carol and Larry

### Friday, February 2

*The Presentation of the Lord*

12:10 Nancy Hogan from Pat and Ellen

### Saturday, February 3

*Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

12:10 Gus Juengling from Mary Agnes Walter

7:00 **BW** Margaret, Carl-William Heing

### Sunday, February 4

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **DE** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **TH** Dan Fleming from Carol Wessel

12:00 **TH** Gus Juengling from Mary Agnes Walter

This weekend is our annual collection for **Pregnancy Center East**. Since 1982, Pregnancy Center East has been assisting families in Greater Cincinnati through services such as pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, adoption information, mentoring for men, parenting education, post-abortion care, and material assistance. Ushers will be at the doors of church following Mass to collect donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

*February 3rd there will be blessing of throats at the 12:10 and 7PM Mass for the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr.*

You should have received your 2017 charitable contribution letter from St. Rose Church. If you find any discrepancies or have a change of address please call the office.

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2018 please call the office.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. The brochures are here and we will gladly send you one.

**Just a reminder:** the space in front of the convent is a bus stop and, consequently, a no parking zone. To avoid receiving a citation, please do not park in front of the convent along Riverside Drive.

### 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are *Impacting the Story* through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA, visit [CatholicAppeal.info](http://CatholicAppeal.info).  
*Thank you!*



**Opening Prayer**

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honor you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

Having called his first four disciples, Jesus goes to the village of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where he begins to teach in the synagogue. He is confronted by evil, a man with an unclean spirit. There is a foreshadowing here as we know that in the end, Jesus will lose his life in a confrontation with evil. What the reader knew from the beginning of Mark's gospel, namely, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God (1:1), the man with the unclean spirit shouts out, "I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" No human being, only the spirits, call Jesus this during his earthly ministry. The only human being to call him "the Son of God" will be the centurion, and only after he has witnessed Jesus die on the cross (15:39). Jesus' mission necessarily involves a confrontation with evil, suffering, and death, only after which his true identity as "Son of God" can be proclaimed by a human being.

As we have it in this story, Jesus commands the evil spirit to come out of the man, and it obeys, though not without dramatic theatrics. The assembled people were understandably amazed. And, not surprisingly, Jesus' reputation spread. It is significant too that the disciples were with Jesus during this encounter. We see that no sooner had the disciples been called by Jesus to be his followers than did they encounter evil. The disciples are in relationship with Jesus, and as such they witness the opposition he faces. Later they will encounter similar opposition. Even though the gospel does not tell the story, we, like those in Mark's community, know that many of Jesus' disciples lost their lives too in confrontations with evil.

**Closing Prayer**

Father of mercy, hear our prayers and instill in us your Spirit so that, in imitating your Son's humble generosity and reconciling peace, we may bring these prayers to reality. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**For Reflection:**

- When and how do I confront evil or injustice in the world?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel**

Mark 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.

**Readings for the week:**

<b>4th Sunday in Ord. Time</b> Deut 18:15-20 Ps 93:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28	<b>Monday</b> 2 Sam 18:13-14 30; 18:5-13 Ps 93:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 Mark 5:1-20	<b>Tuesday</b> 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 82:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mark 5:21-43	<b>Wednesday</b> 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mark 6:1-6	<b>Thursday</b> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 28:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mark 6:7-13	<b>Friday Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Hab 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	<b>Saturday</b> 1 Kgs 5:4-13 Ps 118:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mark 6:30-34	<b>5th Sunday in Ord. Time</b> Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39
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