

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 31, 2021**

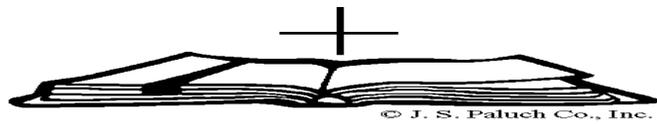
Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD  
who made us.  
— *Psalm 95:6*

**FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

**Mass Intentions**



Sat., Jan. 30, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Margaret Mary Mule', Ethel and Virgil Baham, Joanna Miller, Jim Tacheny, Kenneth Miller, Larry Kass Sr. **and for the living:** Special Intention, Karge Family and Kelly Constanza

Sun. Jan. 31, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

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Sun., Jan. 31, 11:00 a.m. Ruthi Olson

Mon., Feb. 01, 8:00 a.m. Frank Minyard

Tues., Feb. 02 NO MASS

Wed., Feb. 03, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Thurs., Feb. 04, 8:00 a.m. Millard and Regina Falcon

Fri., Feb. 05, 8:00 a.m. Eileen Crotty

**PRAYER LIST**

Rosalind Baham	Ryan Ware
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Kenneth Vicari	Yolanda Bourgeois
Roy M. Piazza	LeLe Kopfler
Catherine Atkins	Roxanne Troxclair
Debra Vandenborre	Walter Boroughs



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Loose	\$ 3,496.00
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 358.00
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**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary:	Jason Stein
Blessed Mother:	Ethel Baham
St. Joseph:	Virgil Baham
St. Anne:	Sydney Penney

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF**

**Gary Joseph Treuil**



Please Pray for **Louis Meyer** husband of Patricia Meyer, who entered peacefully into eternal rest. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]

**POPE FRANCIS'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION**

Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

### LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

**AMEN**

To the Parishioners of St. John,

The Centennial Committee had big plans for this 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of St. John's Catholic Church Parish, but Covid 19 had different plans. Prior to Covid, the Committee had been meeting for about 4 months to plan a year full of events for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Archdiocesan and State regulations, along with the virus, put a halt to all those plans. A couple of weeks ago the Altar Society offered Sanctuary flowers to jump start the event. The following week the Wednesday Work Crew placed the banner on the front of church.

This week on behalf of the Centennial Committee we would like to offer each family a Trifold brochure that describes the history of our church and introduces to you each of the priests who have presided over the parish during the past 100 years. Photos and years of service are included for both priests and deacons. We hope you will take time to stop by one of the tables on your way out to pick up your copy.

The degree to which this virus gets under control will play a vital role in future events that we have planned. There will be more communication and more events scheduled once it is safe to do so.

Thank you,  
St John's Centennial Committee

## PSR NEWS

Public OR private school students currently in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grades seeking to make the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming fall need to register for Confirmation prep class no later than May 1, 2021. There will be two classes held in May and June. Any questions, please email [Amanda.stjohnfolsom@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.stjohnfolsom@gmail.com) or call the office.

## FISH FRIES ARE BACK!

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are on for each Friday in lent. Because of Covid19 the fish fries will be **DRIVE THRU TAKE OUT ONLY**. More information to come.

## FEAST OF FAITH

### I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—"I confess"—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

## REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday night Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Church.

Biblical Walk through the Mass DVD, Tues., 7-8:15 p.m. or Wed., 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Odilo Hall

On Monday, February 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the time period, Protestors and Defenders, by concluding our look at the papacy of Julius II and focusing on his successor, Pope Leo X, the last of the Renaissance popes. We will also begin our study of the German monk, Martin Luther, the man most responsible for the rending of Christendom.