

January 28, 2018

Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday



What Is This?

A New Teaching With Authority

We celebrated Christmas with the birth of Jesus, marking the presence of God among us. Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming the gospel of God.

“This is the time of fulfillment.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

He then calls his disciples to follow him. Today, Jesus demonstrates a striking authority over Satan. **“Quiet! Come out of him!”** The teaching and the actions of Jesus prompt the bystanders to question, **What is this? Who is this?** He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” **Do you claim to know Jesus? Who is he for you?**

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 3
4:30 p.m. Hattie & Charlie Pilat
Sunday, February 4
8:00 a.m. Frank Michalak

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147

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

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Mary M. Greive
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment \$ 7,670.00
Contributions So Far \$ 7,770.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Celine Kalina Gail & Dennis Stryk

We thank all those who have contributed towards our 2017 D.S.A. assessment.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2nd



We recall and honor the bringing of the infant Christ to the temple by Mary and Joseph for the prescribed offering. According to Jewish law, this was to take place 40 days after the child's birth. It is in the

midst of this ritual action that two holy prophets, Anna and Simeon, beheld the Christ child and recognized him for who he was: the promised Messiah who would redeem and save all people.

World Day for Consecrated Life - February 2, 2018

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. It is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – FEB. 15-18

Applications are available from any team member or directors. Please consider spending some time spent on Holy Ground. Sign the prayer poster at the back of the church to pray for the retreatants/team members.

For more information contact Kathleen Svatek.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Altar Society will meet February 4, right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The 2018 dues of \$5 are due – you may bring your payment to the meeting or drop it in the collection basket. Mark the envelope *Altar Society* and include your name, address, phone number and email address in applicable. Thank you.

Lori Janecka, Altar Society President



New Members always welcome. Come join us.

REFLECTION

God Will Raise Up Another Moses

Like two sacred bookends, the first reading from Deuteronomy and today's gospel complement one another. Together, they attest to the truth that God's promises are always fulfilled. Speaking for God, Moses announced that God would raise up from among the Israelites a prophet who would also speak for God, as he did. "Listen to this prophet," advised Moses. When Jesus began his public ministry in Capernaum's synagogue, those present sensed that his words were empowered by God. He spoke with such authority that even unclean spirits listened and obeyed.

This scene at the synagogue sets forth the plan and purpose of Jesus' ministry: to take on the forces of evil and its consequences and to emerge from the battle victorious. This Jesus did, both in his words and in his works. As he taught in the synagogue that day, Jesus' unique style amazed his listeners, for he did not speak with an authority derived from any human institution. On the contrary, Jesus' authority originated in his relationship with God and in the power he wielded as God's Son. Not only could Jesus' words amaze people in the synagogue; that same word could expel demons and heal human beings. In each of the exorcisms, Jesus overcomes the hostile forces of evil with the authority that comes from God and grace.

Ironically, many of those who witnessed Jesus' actions did not recognize him or acclaim him for who he was. In the end, for all his efforts at speaking and living for God, Jesus would be rejected, tortured, and put to death.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 28 – Stephen Lev
January 29 – Judy Kubecka
January 30 – Gentry Doyle
January 31 – Jerome Kalina

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Our Family

For Financial Help, Healing From Work Injury & For My Niece

For My Grandson's Return to the Church and Cut Back on Drinking

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA



Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries; trains catechists and supports the Church's work with the poor.

Please be generous.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 14



Mass Schedule:

St. Mary's, Praha
5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's, Moulton
8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving

As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Lenten Food Drive

We will once again be collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Breaking News

In the Gospel today we meet a man described as having an unclean spirit. He makes an outburst at the synagogue in Capernaum, just as Jesus has concluded preaching.

We seldom encounter situations like this in our modern world, but if we did, we might decide that the person was suffering from schizophrenia. The man in the Gospel appears to be deluded, thinking that Jesus has come to destroy him. Just as Jesus cured the physical condition of cripples, lepers and blind men, he cures the mental illness of this man in today's Gospel. Jesus orders the evil spirit to come out of him. But the man is not delusional when he declares that Jesus is the Holy One of God; he is prophetic. He sees that Jesus came to destroy the evil in us so that we can be reborn as children of love.

– Deacon Dick Folger