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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 31, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L) Sun., Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. Mass, Joyce Skahill

(C) Sun., Jan. 31 10:30 a.m. Mass, Theresa (Hogan)
Durkin

(L) Sun., Jan. 31 5:00 p.m. Mass, (Spanish) People of
our Parish

(C) Tues., Feb. 2 Noon Mass, Gene Kopp

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(L) Wed., Feb. 3 8:30 a.m. Mass, Bill Taylor

Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

(C) Thur., Feb. 4 8:30 a.m. Mass, Jill Reichenauer

(L) Fri., Feb. 5 8:30 a.m. Mass, Denise Dicks

Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

(L) Sun., Feb. 6 8:30 a.m. Mass, Mary Rychnovsky

(C) Sun., Feb. 6 10:30 a.m. Mass, Anastacio Rosales

(L) Sun., Feb. 6 5:00 p.m. Mass, (Spanish) All Souls
in Purgatory

CONFESSION HEARD BEFORE ALL WEEKEND MASSES

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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IN WHAT WAY AM I HELPING OTHERS I KNOW GROW IN WONDER AT JESUS AND HIS LOVE FOR THEM?

There is an old story about some telephone linemen who were busy putting up telephone poles through a farmer's fields. The farmer ordered them off his land, whereupon they showed him a paper giving them the right to plant poles wherever they pleased. Not long afterward, a big and vicious bull charged the linemen. The old farmer sat on a nearby fence and yelled: 'Show him yer papers, show him yer papers!' To many Christians, Jesus' authority is only a paper authority. His word is something we study for inspiration, but many a times we fail to remember that what Jesus teaches applies to our situation. On this Sunday's gospel, we see Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee (please read Mark 1,21-28). The common theme of this week's readings is Divine authority, as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles, in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry.

There are at least two things this Sunday's gospel teach us. First, we need to approach Jesus for liberation. Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people. He came to set people free. Hence, let us approach Jesus with trusting faith so that He may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and prevent us from loving and sharing our blessings with others, as well as from all the "evil spirits" of fear, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance" (Jn 10:10). So Jesus should be a source of liberation for us. May Jesus free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame, and paralyzed, physically and spiritually. Through Word and Sacrament, Jesus brings that power to us and says the same words to the demons in our life, "Be gone!" — not just once

but as often as we need to hear them, until finally, we are free from these demons entirely. Christ has power over any demon, so whether those demons be addictions, heartaches, secret sins — whatever our chains may be — Christ can set us free and longs to do so.

The second thing that the gospel teaches us is that we need to use our God-given authority to build up lives. No doubt we can think back to people who have made a lasting impression on our lives — either for good or bad. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a schoolteacher gave us. On the other hand, there may be people in our past whom we remember with pain and discomfort. Are children learning something from us as parents that will stand them in good stead for the future? We want our children to grow into strong, wise, confident, capable, mature adults. But we want more than that. We want them to grow in their Faith, to accept Jesus as their Lord and personal Savior. We want children to see in us the love of Jesus and how our Christian Faith affects our lives. A good question for parents, grandparents, teachers and all of us is: “In what way am I helping the children I know grow in wonder at Jesus and his love for them?” When God’s Word and God’s ways are taught and spoken about with authority — with conviction — our children (and others) will see in them, with amazement, God’s love for them in His Son Jesus. God bless.

Fr. Litto Thomas.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 31 SUN: Dt 18: 15-20/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 7-9 (8)/
1 Cor 7: 32-35/ Mk 1: 21-28
Feb 1 Mon: Heb 11: 32-40/ Ps 31: 20. 21. 22. 23. 24/
Mk 5: 1-20
Feb 2 Tue: Mal 3: 1-4/ Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10/ Heb 2:
14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40
Feb 3 Wed: Heb 12: 4-7. 11-15/ Ps 103: 1-2. 13-14.
17-18a/ Mk 6: 1-6
Feb 4 Thu: Heb 12: 18-19. 21-24/ Ps 48: 2-3ab. 3cd-4.
9. 10-11/ Mk 6: 7-13
Feb 5 Fri: Heb 13: 1-8/ Ps 27: 1. 3. 5. 8b-9abc/
Mk 6: 14-29
Feb 6 Sat: Heb 13: 15-17. 20-21/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5.
6/ Mk 6: 30-34
Feb 7 SUN: Jb 7: 1-4. 6-7/ Ps 147: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/
1 Cor 9: 16-19. 22-23/ Mk 1: 29-39

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Lector: Mark Reichenauer
EM: Mark Reichenauer
Sacristan: Rosie Bissell
Hospitality: Doug & Lisa Allison
Musician: Carol Hardisty

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

9:00 AM CORNING
5:30 PM LENOX
7:00 PM CORNING

BIRTHDAYS

February 2 October Edwards
February 3 Judith Butcher
February 5 Karen Graf

1st RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation Retreat is planned for Sunday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, February 10th. Please keep the following students from our parish in your prayers as they prepare for their First Reconciliation: Avery Amdor, Nolan Konecne, Mark Ramsey, Max Ramsey.

FEBRUARY MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, February 1 Linda Schaefroth
Wednesday, February 3 Bob & Ellen Seaton
Saturday, February 6 Kris Richey Family
Sunday, February 7 Michael Hogan Family
Monday, February 8 John & Shirley Boswell
Wednesday, February 10 Linda Scharoth
Saturday, February 13 Kris Richey Family
Sunday, February 14 Michael Hogan Family

RE NOTES

What’s So Ordinary About Ordinary Time?

At the Baptism of the Lord (January 12), we pass from the Christmas season to a segment of Ordinary Time prior to the Lenten season, from the liturgical color white to green. This past week the 3rd – 8th grade students defined Ordinary time as the period of the Catholic year when it is not Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. Have you every given any thought to why it is called “ordinary”?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Joan Maeder Liam Morstorf
Mike Cruise Dave Pettinger
Wayne Moore Catie Hunter
Debbie Hogan Phyllis Brokaw
Isaac Peterson Doug Hardisty
Rita Stamps