



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

-- Psalm 95:6



Daily Mass

Week of January 29th – February 2nd

- Monday: 8:00 James Marsden+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Wednesday: 8:00 Zelda & Owen Burns+
- Thursday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+
- Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandrick, Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
January 21, 2024	\$7,050.00

2023 Contributions

The 2023 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2023. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!

Authority From God!

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic -- truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him.

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The gospel readings that we hear at Mass are repeated every three years. The cycle begins with Matthew (Year A), followed by Mark (Year B) and concludes with Luke (Year C). Because these three gospels share a similar theme and structure, they are known as the synoptic gospels.

The Gospel of John stands alone because it is primarily theological treatise on the nature of Jesus. We read from his gospel during the Christmas and Easter Seasons.

During the majority of this year, the gospel reading we will hear at Mass will come to us from the evangelist Mark.

Although it is listed second in the canon of gospels, scripture scholars believe that Mark's gospel was written first. It is the shortest of the gospels and focuses exclusively on Jesus' public ministry. Two-thirds of Mark's gospel gives us a detailed accounting of our Lord's passion and death.

The theme of the good news according to Mark is very clear. The price that Jesus had to pay to be our Messiah included suffering and death. The call to discipleship requires us to accept a similar cross of self-sacrifice.

The hard-edged words of Mark don't sit well with many of us today. We prefer to reflect on more pleasant aspects of the good news. But the truth of Mark's message should not be denied or ignored. To try to live and love as Jesus lived and loved will sometimes lead to pain and suffering.

During this year, we will have ample time to reflect on Mark's hard truth, but we need not feel depressed. His accounting of the Messiah's mission of salvation ends happily. The moral of Mark's gospel is clear: if we follow Jesus to the end of our days, resurrection and not death will be our reward. Now that's **GOOD NEWS!**

Love, Fr. Leo



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel -- The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

2024 Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars and register quickly for the event of the year, the Corpus Christi Men's Club 61st Annual Crab Feed & Auction. This amazing event takes place on Saturday, February 10th, and includes a Tiki theme. The event opens at 5:30 p.m. with silent auction items and appetizers available, followed by the Crab Feed Dinner, live auction and dancing. This year, you have several dining options to select from: the **Sit-Down Dinner** in the School Auditorium, filled with entertainment, an unforgettable live auction and endless crab! As an alternative, you can opt for the take home option, the "**Crab & Go**," which is a fun alternative to dining onsite and will be available for pick-up the day of the event on the School Blacktop, between 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Or for those who prefer to dine in a quieter environment, you can have your meal by **Candlelight in the Gibson Center**.

The event costs are \$95.00 per person for the **Sit-Down Dinner**; \$65.00 and \$125.00 for the varying "**Crab & Go**" packages; and \$85.00 for the **Candlelight Dinner**.

New this year is the Golden Ticket Raffle. Purchase your ticket today at \$100.00, with a chance to win \$10,000 toward next year's School Tuition. The winner will be announced at the Live Auction. Please Note: A limited number of tickets will be sold. For more information and to order your Crab Feed & Golden Tickets, visit: <https://www.ccfed.org/home>. The Corpus Christi Men's Club look forward to seeing everyone at the 61st Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

The Living Our Faith Ministry!

The Living Our Faith Ministry will resume monthly meetings on a new date. Living Our Faith is a group that seeks to discern how the spirit is moving in our personal lives, in our faith community and in the greater community. At these meetings, we pray, share faith journeys and uncover ways to practice faith in action. This is an evolving group that welcomes new members. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8th, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Starting in February, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, with the same time and place. There will be no meetings in July and August. Come join them; there is always a place for you at the table!

Wings!

Wings continues this Winter on Wednesday mornings throughout the months of January and February. The theme for the 2023/2024 season is, *Walking the Journey of Faith*. This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. The Winter meetings, each with a different expert speaker, will take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 30 Mandalay Road in Oakland, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. Feel free to invite a friend! If you're new to Wings or wish to sample a meeting, feel free to attend the meeting at St. Theresa's. If you have any questions, contact Denise at: mollend@aol.com.

Readings For The Week January 29th -- February 3rd

Monday: First Reading 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13;
Psalm 3;
Gospel Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a;
Psalm 86;
Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17;
Psalm 32;
Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: First Reading 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12;
Responsorial Psalm 1 Chronicles 29:10;
Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Friday: First Reading Malachi 3:1-4;
Psalm 24;
Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Saturday: First Reading 1 Kings 3:4-13;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Lenten Faith-Sharing Series!

Delve into the Lenten Season with group study, prayer and faith-sharing, led by spiritual director, Ann Naffziger, MDiv, MA, at Divine Mercy Parish. They will meet for six weeks, basing the reflections on the Sunday readings. This will be offered two different times: Tuesday mornings in person at St. Lawrence O'Toole in the Holy Family Room from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.; and on Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The series will run from February 13th to March 19th. (The March 5th evening session only will be moved to March 4th.) Pre-registration is helpful, but not required. To register, email Ann at: ann@paulandann.org. The Zoom link will be: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88640189641>.

False Prophets, True Prophets!

Qu 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.