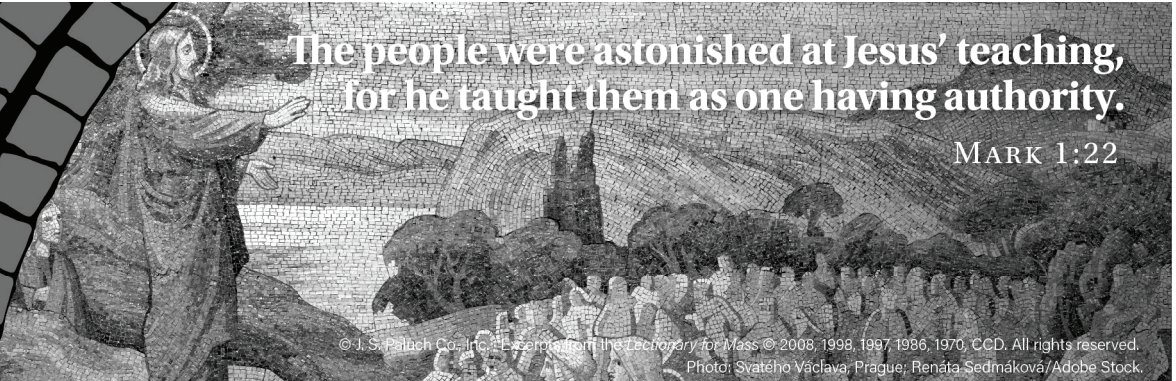


January 31, 2021 **FOURTH Sunday** in **ORDINARY TIME**



The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

MARK 1:22

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Tuesday - Friday: 9AM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon Spanish

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: after 9AM Mass, Benediction at Noon

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Sunday: IV Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deutonomy 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; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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Mass Intentions

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SATURDAY, January 30, 2021

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021

8:00 AM + **Isagani & Luzviminda Halili**

10:00 AM + **America Cisneros Piña**

12:00 Noon **Lauro Bernal** (*health*)

MONDAY, February 1, 2021

NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 2, 2021

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2021

9:00 AM + **Victor Apalit** (*1st death anniv*)

Lani Bercasio (*Birthday*)

THURSDAY, February 4, 2021

9:00 AM

FRIDAY, February 5, 2021

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, February 6, 2021

5:00 PM **Women's Guild** (*Living & Deceased*)

SUNDAY, February 7, 2021

8:00 AM

10:00 AM + **Ann Winderl**

12:00 Noon **Bernal - Parrales Family**

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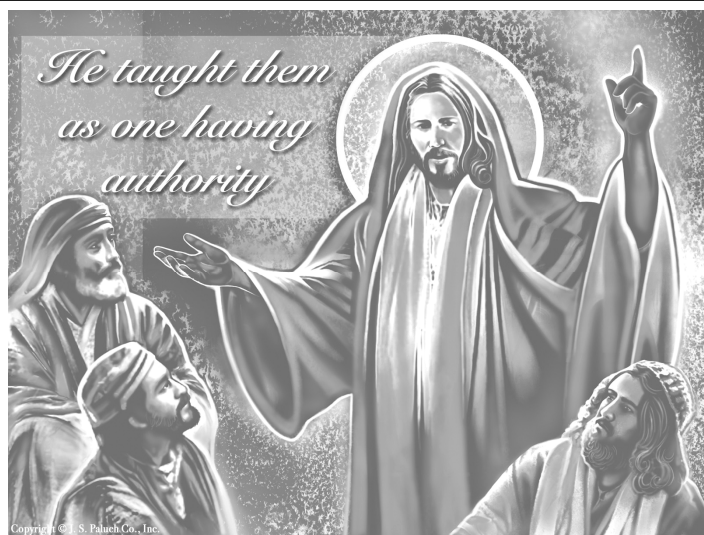
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FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

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.

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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...
Please pray for: **Lilian Henriquez, Sylvia Portillo, Marie Malveaux, Agapito Geronimo, Ron Alfonso, Nicholas Policar, Javier Parrales and Lauro Bernal***

May God bless, comfort them and give them health.

Let us pray for

ALL INTENTIONS in our PRAYER BOOK

Pray also for all who have died...

Alicia Juarez, Mildred Rivera, Rosangela Carla Moresi, Ruben Mendez, Raquel Gutierrez, James Wardell, Edwin Abergas, Charmaine Raymond, Romeo H. Davo, Laura Rodriguez, Conchita Villasoto, Catalina Velasco, Anna Belle Johanson

Who speaks for God? How can we determine which are authentic, authoritative expressions of God's intentions, and which are false? Today's readings explore the question of authority in distinct ways. In Deuteronomy, Moses prepares the people of Israel for his coming death, indicating that God will raise up a new prophet to guide them. Mark describes Jesus as God's authentic voice, by the authority of his teaching and the authority he commands over an unclean spirit. In both, authority comes directly from God. Authority comes from an intimate relationship with God and with God's people. God's spokesperson is one who teaches, protects, and heals the people loved by God. As always, there is great need today for leaders in our communities who radically trust God to work through them. Let us pray that each person who performs in a role of leadership may speak for God with an authentic voice.

RESCUE FROM BONDAGE

Uniquely in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' public ministry begins with a direct confrontation with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel passage reflects a recurring theme in Mark, that Jesus' coming is part of a cosmic battle between God and evil forces. It was commonly believed that many spirits were present in the world, and some sought to control human beings. Mark asserts that in Jesus, God has come to rescue humanity, to free us from every form of bondage.

In today's passage, the unclean spirit does not surrender power quietly. After complaints, convulsions, and screams, the spirit finally departs. As we may witness in our own experience, that which binds us—fear, injustice, resentment—often departs only after a mighty struggle. Confronting anything “unclean” in our hearts, our institutions, or our society often involves a long journey toward freedom. May we sustain our efforts and our trust in God, during these long struggles.

PROPHETS IN DAILY LIFE

Moses assures Israel of God's continued presence by promising a new prophet. Like Moses, the prophet will be raised up directly by God. But how to distinguish a true prophet from a false one? Many claim to speak for God. The task is complicated by the fact that often, true prophets make waves, cause trouble, and disturb how things are normally done. Many simply don't want to hear what God is saying, because it threatens their privilege, comfort, or sense of identity.

Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in love and in faith. We are called upon to always be ready for the prophetic word that may emerge from God's surprises.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura - Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: “El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo” (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

Salmo - Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura - Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelio - Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

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