

The people were astonished at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

MARK 1:22

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## Teaching with Authority

**W**ho teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right

out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

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### FOR Reflection

- ✳ As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?
- ✳ What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?





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**Reconciliation/Confession:**

Thursday 5:30-6pm

**Baptism:** by appointment

**Marriage Prep:** Notify the  
priest six months in advance

**Anointing of the Sick & Visits**

Please call the office if you know of  
someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Diocesan Website:** [www.cdlex.org](http://www.cdlex.org)

**Mass times:**

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Wednesday 6pm

Thursday 6pm

*Confession 5:30 on Thurs*



**4th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honor you  
with all our mind, and love  
everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son, who lives  
and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Collect from Today's Mass**

**MASS INTENTION TODAY 10:30am...Nick & Edna Breiner**

Wed 6pm....St. Patrick Youth

Thurs .....George, Maggie, Renatus, & Arnold Foldenauer

Feb 7.....Ricky Ortiz & Gavin Reed

Feb 11....Harold Wilson

Feb 14....Dick & Dan Lane

**BIRTHDAYS: Jan 31—Perry Howard Feb 1—Jesus Guadarrama**  
**2—Brad Ackermann, Boris Gonzales Flores 3—Diana Mongarro**  
**5—Robin Waters 6—Lynn Ann King, Andrea Morales**  
**7—Karim Enriquez 8—Vicki Wenz**

**WORD OF LIFE Intercessions for Life**

For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our  
hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every  
need; *We pray to the Lord:*

"Walk with each other. Do not  
be afraid to embrace God's gift  
of life. Whatever storms or  
trials we face, we are not alone.  
He is with us. 'Behold, I am with  
you always, until the end of the  
age. (Matthew 28:20)." NABRE ©  
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ities Respect Life Reflection: Be  
Not Afraid ([respectlife.org/be-not-afraid](http://respectlife.org/be-not-afraid))



**ADORATION THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 4-6PM**

*Spend Some Time With Jesus!*



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Do you shop at Kroger a little or a lot? It doesn't matter.

By signing up for this program you can help the parish receive donations from Kroger. We had 41 households participate this quarter and will receive a donation of \$259.71 soon. This brings the **total received to \$11,551.47** since we began participating in the program. If you have any question please see Jim Bonfield or John Wenz. Here's all you need to do to get signed up. You'll need a Kroger Plus Card.



1. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/signin> and sign in to your account or create an account if necessary
2. Click on the My Account button under your name
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page, you will see Community Rewards
4. Select **St Patrick Church** (Organization Number JC258) and click enroll (note - you may have to scroll down several pages to find this)
5. All done! Log Out, and thank you!

All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!



**"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do."**

// St. Thomas Aquinas

## FRATELLI TUTTI — On Fraternity & Social Friendship

**THEME 11:** Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* is also given the title "On Fraternity and Social Friendship". It speaks of "political love" as a love that integrates and unites. It is expressed in a "spirit of openness to everyone. Government leaders should be the first to make the sacrifices that foster encounter and to seek convergence on at least some issues. They should be ready to listen to other points of view and to make room for everyone." (#190)



"At a time when various forms of fundamentalist intolerance are damaging relationships between individuals, groups and peoples, let us be committed to living and teaching the value of respect for others, a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of the dignity of every human being over his or her ideas, opinions, practices and even sins." "...a good politician will take the first step and insist that different voices be heard." (#191)

**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME!** Rumpke's website has added new items that can be **recycled**: please add to that list **plastic tubs** which are the containers for foods such as yogurt, butter, cottage cheese, etc. Present and future generations thank us!

### New Plastics Category



### Bottles, Jugs & Tubs!

Reattach lids.  
Yogurt & Fruit cups OK.



## Pope Francis' Universal JANUARY 2021 Prayer Intention: Evangelization

- **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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Katherine King, Ann Bonfield, Roseanne Ackermann, Doug Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields, Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness & Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family, Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr. Norris, Erika Janeth Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez, Elizabeth Munoz, Maria de los Ajeles Pecina Rameres, Ampelio Silva, Estevan Gonzalez Salazar, All those in our parish who are unemployed. **Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank & all those who are sick.**





# Dear Padre,

**Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?**

**Y**ou raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.*

ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL UNION  
OF SUPERIORS GENERAL, MAY 8, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation  
of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 7

Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39



# Baby Jesus is Presented in the Temple

On February second we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. That is the day that Saint Joseph and Our Lady took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate Him to God. The Jews were supposed to dedicate their first-born sons to God, so Mary and Joseph were obedient to the law even though their Baby was God Himself!

This was a most amazing moment, even though almost nobody noticed it: here was the great Temple where the people came to worship God, and now God had actually come into it- as a little Baby! But only Mary and Joseph and the prophets Simeon and Anna knew what had happened.

Saint Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Every time you receive Holy Communion, it's like baby Jesus entering the Temple. When you go to Communion, remember that you know that amazing secret- that even though the rest of the world might not know, you have just received Jesus! What a special moment!

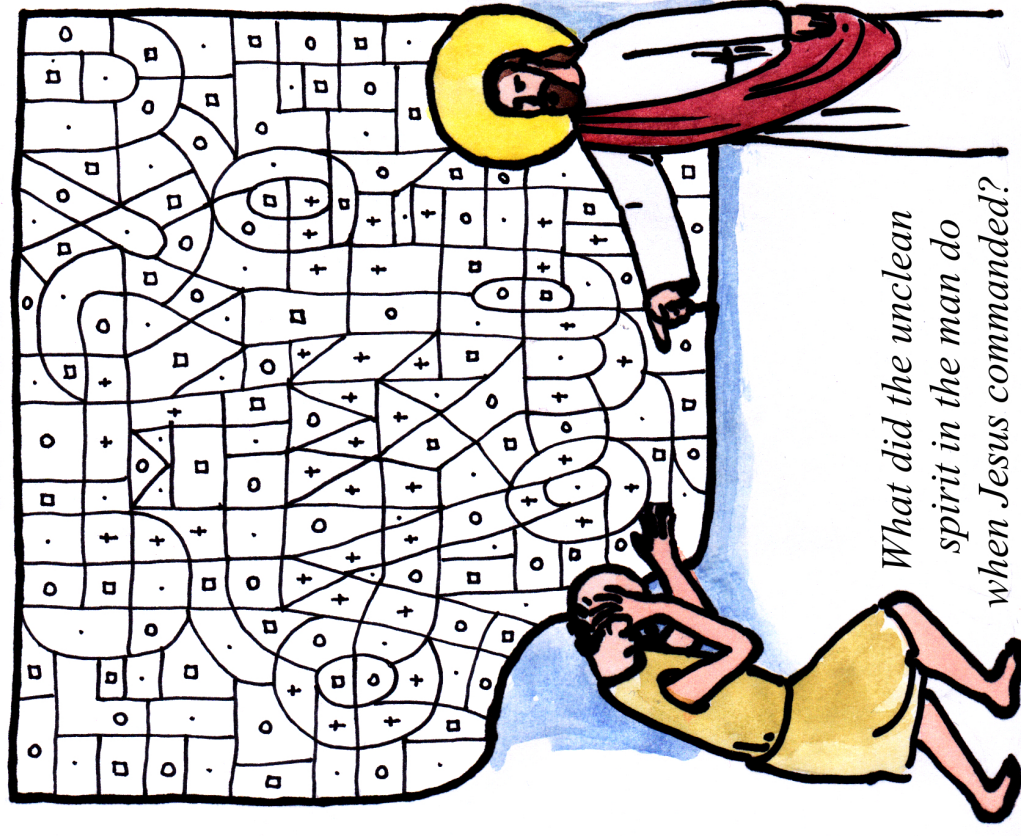


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Answers to Unscramble: man, Jesus,  
destroy, holy, come, spirit, voice, they,  
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# The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 31st, 2021



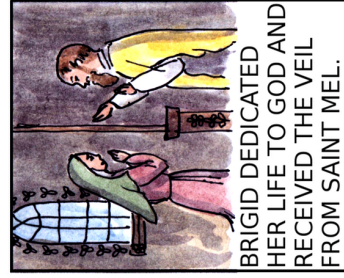
*What did the unclean  
spirit in the man do  
when Jesus commanded?*

*Colour in only the spaces that have crosses  
to find out what it did.*



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## FEBRUARY 1



## Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks.

Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a   (NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us,    (ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come to     (YDSETRO) us? I know who you are, the    (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and    (MEOC) out of him!" And the unclean    (TRSIPI), convulsing him and crying with a loud    (IOCEV), came out of him.

And    (YEHT) were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves,    (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new teaching!

With           he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

