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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary

Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry

Cathy McFee

***Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.***

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday

12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation**

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM

12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Today, Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Denise Keagy (Family)

Next Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thomas W. Stoltz, Sr. (Robert & Joan Baker and Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Msgr. Paul Panza (Threse Baywood)

10:00 AM +Fran Moses (Randy & Karen Isenberg Families)

Noon PM +Janet Tomlinson (Patty & Bob Hopfl)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

February 1, Monday, Weekday

6:45 AM +John Bauer (Wife)

12:00 PM +Debbie Fornwalt Beiswenger (Bob & Cathy Char-don)

February 2, Tuesday, The Presentation of the Lord, Feast

6:45 AM +Rose Ciavarella (M/M Pete Rodgers)

12:00 PM +Msgr. Roy Kline (Eileen Edwards)

February 3, Wednesday, Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

6:45 AM +Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Jane Davidson (Tony Hallinan)

February 4, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Richard Anthony (Peggy Arnold)

12:00 PM +Bernard Weaver, Anniv. (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

February 5, Friday, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

6:45 AM +Dorothy Berger (Mike & Mary Malligan)

12:00 PM +Deb & Bill Capotosti (Patrick Irwin)

February 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM +Helen Zurilla, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM +Ken Lytle & Donna Lytle Civils (Nancy & Skip)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Michael Dionis, Anniv. (Mom & Dad)

February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Kirk Kling, Thanksgiving (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

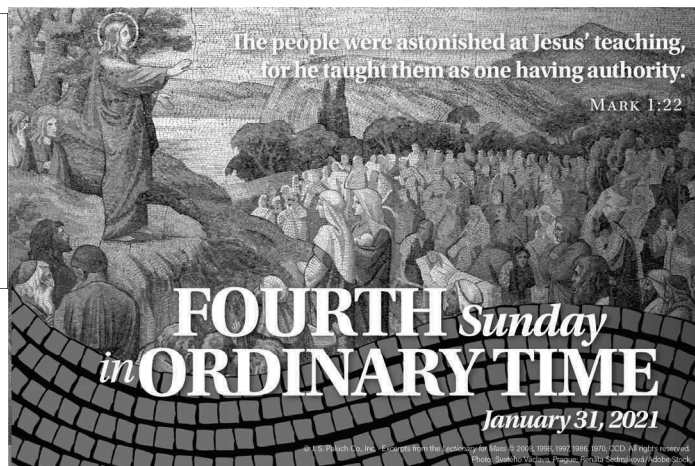
10:00 AM +Belinda Paruch, Anniv. (Family & Friends)

12:00 PM +Brian McCaulley, Anniv. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of February has been donated by the Noel Villadolid Family. Other months are available for \$30.00. Thank you.



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; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

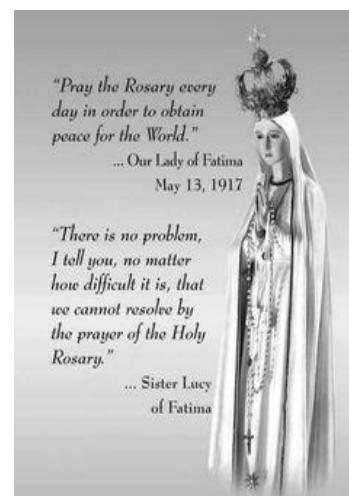
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, January 24, amounted to \$883.00. Thank you very much.

May God bless you for your generosity.



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.

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.

Today's Readings: Dt 18:15–20; Ps 95:1–2, 6–7b, 7c–9; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28

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FEAST OF FAITH

I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or “I confess,” a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—“I confess”—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our “fault,” with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can (“The devil made me do it!”). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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Due to the pandemic, this year there will be no individual blessing of throats with blessed candles. A blessing for the entire congregation will conclude the Prayers of the Faithful on Sundays, January 31 and February 7.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as “The Meeting,” suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.