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Good News!

January 29, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15–20 / 1 Cor 7:32–35 / Mk 1:21–28

Anyone who has served as a substitute teacher or babysitter or interim manager or even guest preacher knows the challenge of stepping into a role of authority over people who aren't familiar with you. It's possible they will hear your message or lesson plan with anticipatory ears, awakened from their usual routine. More likely, though, will be complaints: "Our teacher doesn't do it that way," or "That's not how Mom makes our grilled-cheese sandwiches," or "Our pastor doesn't preach that long!"

Jesus had a similar experience in the synagogue in Capernaum. It was customary for men in the community to take a turn teaching in the synagogue. However, Jesus' teaching was like none the people had heard before—he spoke as one with authority. You can imagine the murmurings that traveled among the hearers, "Our scribes don't teach that way." "That's not what we're used to hearing!" One unclean spirit even confronted Jesus.

Certainly this wouldn't be the last time Jesus' teachings led him into controversy. His continual challenge of the status quo eventually provoked those in power to send him to the cross.

But the Gospel reports that the people in Capernaum were "amazed" at his new teaching. Most responded with awe and respect for his profound words.

We who have been Christians for a while may think we know this Jesus and his teachings. We may have decided what his message is, and we may have constructed for ourselves a simple Christianity that just requires us to be "nice" to others.

But are we willing to hear Jesus with new ears? His teachings are challenging, and they ought to shake us to the core. Will we, too, be amazed?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28 – 29 2012

FAITH FORMATION 9:00 – 9:45 A.M.

USHERS GROUP I

Second Collection Today for the Catholic Elementary School Campaign

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +**Agnes Murphy** request of Richard, Gail and Terri Gidius

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +**Mae Mancino**, request of Lynn Mancino

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +**Mary Nicholson**, request of Dolores Lynch

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 30

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +**Henry Leonard**

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +**Henry Leonard**

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +**Henry Leonard**

9:00 to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, FEB. 2 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 3 – No Mass

SATURDAY, FEB 4

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4 – 5, 2012
TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

4:00 P.M. **Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl**
Altar Servers: Amand Baum, Stephanie Leiner
Lector: Kyle Toce
Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

SUNDAY, FEB 5

7:30 A.M. **Mass Offered for + Lilyan and +Raymond Hunt**
Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Mary**

Nicholson
Alter Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

MONDAY, FEB. 6

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Levi and +Isabell Fournier**

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard**

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard**

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, FEB 9 – No Mass

7:00 p.m. – K of C Business Meeting

FRIDAY, FEB 10 – No Mass

SATURDAY, FEB 11

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

On Sunday, February 5, 2012, the 15th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Very Reverend James Carini, Dean of the Vernon Deanery and Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Tolland.

Last week's Offertory Jan. 21-22 \$3,240

Last year's Offertory Jan. 22-23 \$2,933

"Brothers and Sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.

Make Valentines Day Special This Year

There will be a Valentine's Day Mass , buffet dinner and wine tasting on February 14, 2012 at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. Our Chef, Joe Ethier will prepare a delicious menu. Beat the crowds and come enjoy an evening with friends (tables of 8 available). The cost is reasonable and includes wine tasting also. Thank you. Contact Karen Rossignol, Admin. Asst., 860.760.9717 www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

BIRTHRIGHT

You can help a mother give birth to her baby! At Birthright we realize that no woman wants an abortion, but she might resort to it if there seems to be no other answer. Through loving care and practical support, we can help her give birth to her child and face the future with dignity and hope. Since 1972, the Birthright chapter has offered free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to thousands of women. Volunteers at Birthright are blessed with the opportunity to love a mother to life. Weekly volunteer opportunities are available for friendship counseling (4 hrs) and clerical (3 hrs) volunteers.

Birthright needs gently worn maternity and baby clothing and books on pregnancy and baby and child care. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service staffed by volunteers dedicated to offering the alternative to abortion. Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and caring and practical support.

BIRTHRIGHT is located in East Hartford and served 424 women in 2010. Training provided. Call 860-290-8800 to schedule a visit.

Today's Second Collection

Today's second collection was taken to benefit the 15 Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese. Our catholic schools are an important part of the mission of the Catholic Church. Your contribution will help support a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday Feb. 12th – Coffee Social

Monday Feb. 13th – Property Management Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 14th – Bolton Ecumenical Council Meeting at the Parish Center and Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday Feb. 22nd – Ash Wednesday

IMMACULATA EVENTS

"Jesus of Scripture" – Beginning Feb. 22nd and continuing through Mar. 28, from 7-9 P.M., there is a five session course on the images of Jesus in the Gospels and will be facilitated by Fr. John Hanley, OMI. These sessions will be held at the Immaculata Retreat House. Please call 860-423-8484 for further information.

"Senior Renewal Day" – Wed. Feb. 15th. This is the first of four presentations by Fr. Roger titled "Saints as Models" that will be offered at the Immaculata Retreat House. Please call 860-423-8484 for further information.

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--
19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk
1:29-39

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