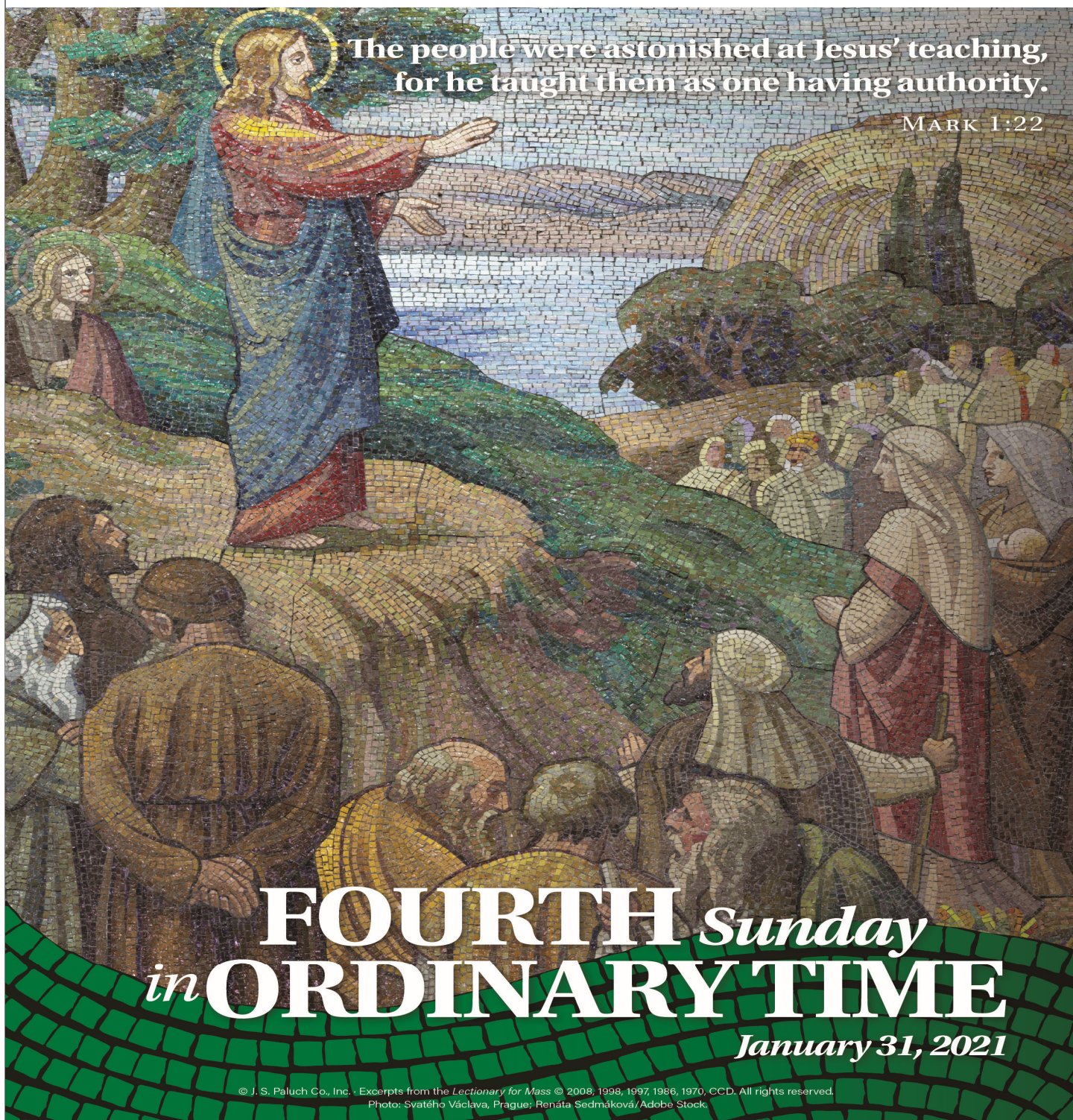


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The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

MARK 1:22

FOURTH *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

January 31, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY: JANUARY 30**

- 4:00 Peter Joyce - Second Anniversary,
req. Bridget Joyce and Family
- 4:00 Frank Giacobbe, req. The Deraco and Raspe Families

SUNDAY: JANUARY 31

- 7:30 Bob Creagh, req. The Callahan Family
- 7:30 Joan Fawcett, req. John Flemming
- 9:30 Pilar Buencamino, req. Leo Buencamino
- 9:30 Mattea Morin, req. Maria and Branko Badurina
- 11:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish

MONDAY: FEBRUARY 1

- 8:30 Jean Taylor, req. The Passano Family
- 8:30 Anna Hartmann, req. Her husband, Dan

TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 2

- 8:30 Dennis Dyer, req. Pat and Joe Donnelly
- 8:30 Kathleen McCabe, req. Breeda Bresnan

WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 3

- 8:30 Stephen Dillon, req. Cathy Glynn
- 8:30 Joseph Bonino, req. Carmella Bonino and Family

THURSDAY: FEBRUARY 4

- 8:30 Susan Burgess, req. Maureen, John, Bobby and Katie Finn

FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 5

- 8:30 Joan Fontana, req. The Lotito Family

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 6

- 4:00 For the People of St. Therese Parish

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 7

- 7:30 Bob Creagh, req. Pat and Joe Donnelly
- 7:30 Izzy and Arron Pineda, req. Jenny Aytona and Family
- 9:30 Kelly Ann Dzirko, req. Mary Rose Pasi
- 9:30 Christine Dineen, req. Lois Pagnozzi
- 11:30 Mary and Bob Boylan, req. Winnie Derfus
- 11:30 Antonio and Mattea Morin,
req. Maria and Branko Badurina

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Danny Angelucci	John P. Holohan
Richard C. Barretta	Jeremiah Kissane
Allison Bussa	Gloria Kovach
Baby Everett Bussa	Mike Loiacono
Matthew Bussa	Patti Mazzo
Anne Diggins	Brianna Medeiros
Janet De Felice	Jeff Meeks
Lillian Elliott	Ed Naso
Kathy Foley	Mary Ann Naso
Mary Foley	Joanne Nicastro
Kyle Geran	Judy Porcaro
Pat Geran	Nancy Porcaro
Michelle Guerra	Bob Prince, Jr.
Edward Harthorn	Quinn Rosa
Sr. Judith Hebert, D.O.C.	Cayden Tansey
Louie Hebert	Vincent Tripodi
Joan Henry	Catherine Ulshoefer
Arian Hila	Amanda Wilson

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As a family, we pray for our parishioners
and their relatives who are currently
on active duty in the military.

Austin Cardo	U.S. Army
Gavin John	U.S. Marines
Matt John	U.S. Marines
Mario Medina	U.S. Marines
Andy Naso	U.S. Army
Christopher D. Smith	U.S. Army

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily	8:30AM
Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	7:30AM
	9:30AM
	11:30AM
Holy Days	7:30 PM Vigil
	8:30AM
	12:00 PM
Reconciliation	
	Saturday
	2 - 2:30 PM

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
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Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brian Henden, O. Carm.
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
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Ms. Gina Marie Loiacono
Intern
Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.
Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi
Youth Minister
Izzy Aytona
Business Manager
Ms. Sharon Rabbitt
Trustees
Mrs. Joan Hebert
Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones
who have died, especially
Vincent Barone
may they be at
peace with God.

SACRAMENTAL BREAD & WINE

The bread and wine offered at
the masses this week has been
donated in loving memory of
Peter Joyce
at the request of
His wife, Bridget Joyce
& Family

Dear Parishioners:

Loss and separation seem to have become a part of our everyday experiences over the past several months. The COVID virus has separated us from our loved ones and forced many of us into isolation. It has been tough, but our faith has helped us through many difficult situations.

Once again, our parish family collectively grapples with yet another loss and sadness as we bid farewell to our parochial vicar, Fr. Brian Henden, O. Carm. Fr. Brian has been with us for nearly 3 years. He has been a blessing to our entire parish but most especially to our seniors, our homebound and our sisters and brothers who are ill, whether at home or in hospitals. His gentle spirit and patience have been a source of comfort for many.

Fr. Brian leaves us to tend to the needs of our Carmelite brothers who live in our retirement residence in Darien, Illinois. He will also be working as chaplain with our Carmelite Sisters at St. Patrick nursing home in Naperville, Illinois. Fr. Brian will be a blessing to his new community as he has been to us.

On behalf of the staff and the entire St. Therese Parish Community, I wish Fr. Brian much happiness and success in his new ministry. We are all very grateful for his service to our parish and his presence in our Carmelite community. He will be greatly missed. Our gratitude, our prayers and our blessings go with him.

Sincerely,

Fr. Sam



Welcome to our Church



The Parish Community of
St. Therese
warmly welcomes
Bishop Michael Saporito
who will celebrate the
9:30AM mass on
February 7th.

We thank him for his visit to our church.

Here comes the Bride (and Groom)!

Our pastor and the entire staff of St. Therese Parish are very happy to announce that our Youth Ministers—Izzy and Aaron are getting married!

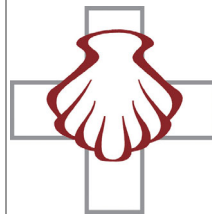
Together with their parents' blessings, Aiza (Izzy) & Aaron request the pleasure of your virtual company at the celebration of their wedding
February 6, 2021 at 1:00PM

On the day of the wedding, please visit our St. Therese website and click on the link for the live-stream video.

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention.

FEBRUARY Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



Chase Kenneth Paul Corizzi
was baptized at
St. Therese on January 24th.
Please pray for him and his family
as we welcome him into our
Parish Community.



The CSW 2021- 2024 theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Although this will be the first time that The Academy of St. Therese will not have the pleasure and honor of celebrating with a school full of children, we can be assured that all who have graced the halls of 220 Jefferson Avenue have been blessed with the all of the purpose outlined above and continue to shine in the little ways of St. Therese as they bring great things to the world!



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS FLOOD FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month and Family of the Year programs promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families by recognizing the good work being done every day in the homes of our neighbors. Recognized families outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, exemplifying Catholic family values and making meaningful contributions to their parish and larger community. These families strive to emulate the blessed model set forth for us by the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This year's selected family has exemplified living by Catholic Christian values for decades. It is for this reason that we, Knights of Columbus Council 7647, would like to recognize the *Flood Family* as the Family of the Year with a lifetime achievement award. *Rosemarie, Jerry and their daughters* have spent decades in service to others. The number of people touched by this faith-filled family is extraordinary. Please join the Knights of Columbus in thanking the Flood family for being an inspiration to our parish community.



THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus Council 7647 would like to thank all those who supported our canned food drive on the weekend of 1/23-1/24 for the Office of Concern in Englewood. Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers at the food pantry, your generous donations will get to families in need. May God bless you all and keep you safe and healthy.



Virtual Lectio Divina

Come join us for weekly, virtual Lectio Divina Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00PM.

Lectio Divina is a form of prayer in which we can learn to become more aware of the presence of God in everyone and everything. It is an ancient practice of reflection and sharing on the scriptures.



To register and receive the virtual ZOOM invite, please email Gina Marie at gloiacono@stthereseccresskill.org

CARES COLLECTION

Our Cares Collection which serves parishioners facing financial hardship will be taken this weekend, January 30/31. All donations to the Cares Fund go directly to help members of the St. Therese Community.

Saint Joseph Regional High School 2021-2022 Tuition Raffle

PRIZE VALUED UP TO \$16,200!

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If you do not have a student at SJR, the prize will be applied to the tuition of any elementary, high school, college or university of your choice for the 2021-2022 school year. You also have the opportunity to donate winnings to the SJR fund to support students in need.

Visit sjrraffle.com to enter or call 201-391-3300 ext. 234 for more information (proof of ticket entry will be mailed to the address provided).

Prize will be transferred directly by SJR to the designated school. Prize is not redeemable for cash. The winning ticket will be drawn after school on Friday, February 26, 2021. Winner need not be present to win. If fewer than a minimum of 250 tickets are sold, the raffle will be canceled and ticket holders will receive a full refund.

HELP WANTED

The Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia's in Englewood is looking for Part-Time warehouse help. Hours between 15 and 20 per week. Please contact Donald Wuertz at 201-568-1465.



Our St. Therese **YOUTH GROUP** is sponsoring the
Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser!

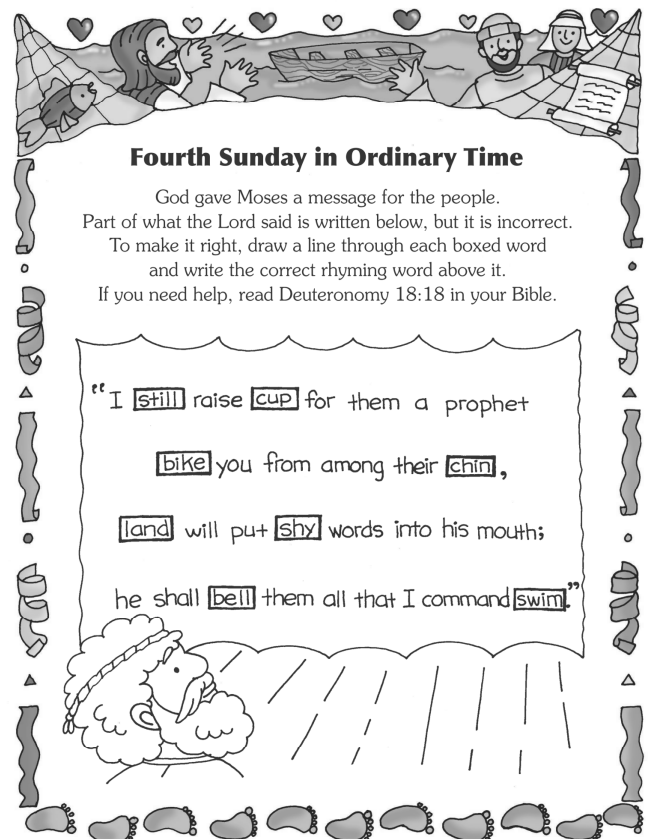
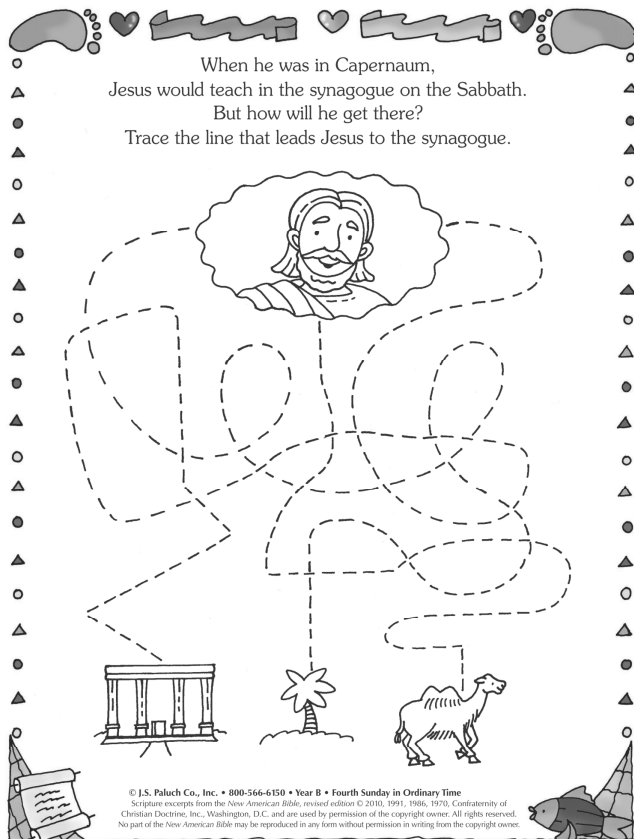
Please join them as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors.
Teen volunteers **OR** Soup Pots will be stationed outside following all the Masses on

Saturday, Feb 6th
Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7th

We ask that you please donate \$1(or more) in the soup pot Your generous donations
will benefit organizations that specifically serve children and teens in need!

LET'S TACKLE HUNGER TOGETHER!

God's Word For Children



Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his
presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Psalm 95:1-2



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GOD'S AUTHENTIC VOICE

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.

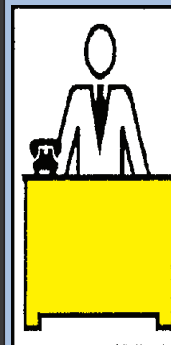
Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in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

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15–20
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7b, 7c–9
1 Corinthians 7:32–35
Mark 1:21–28



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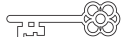
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