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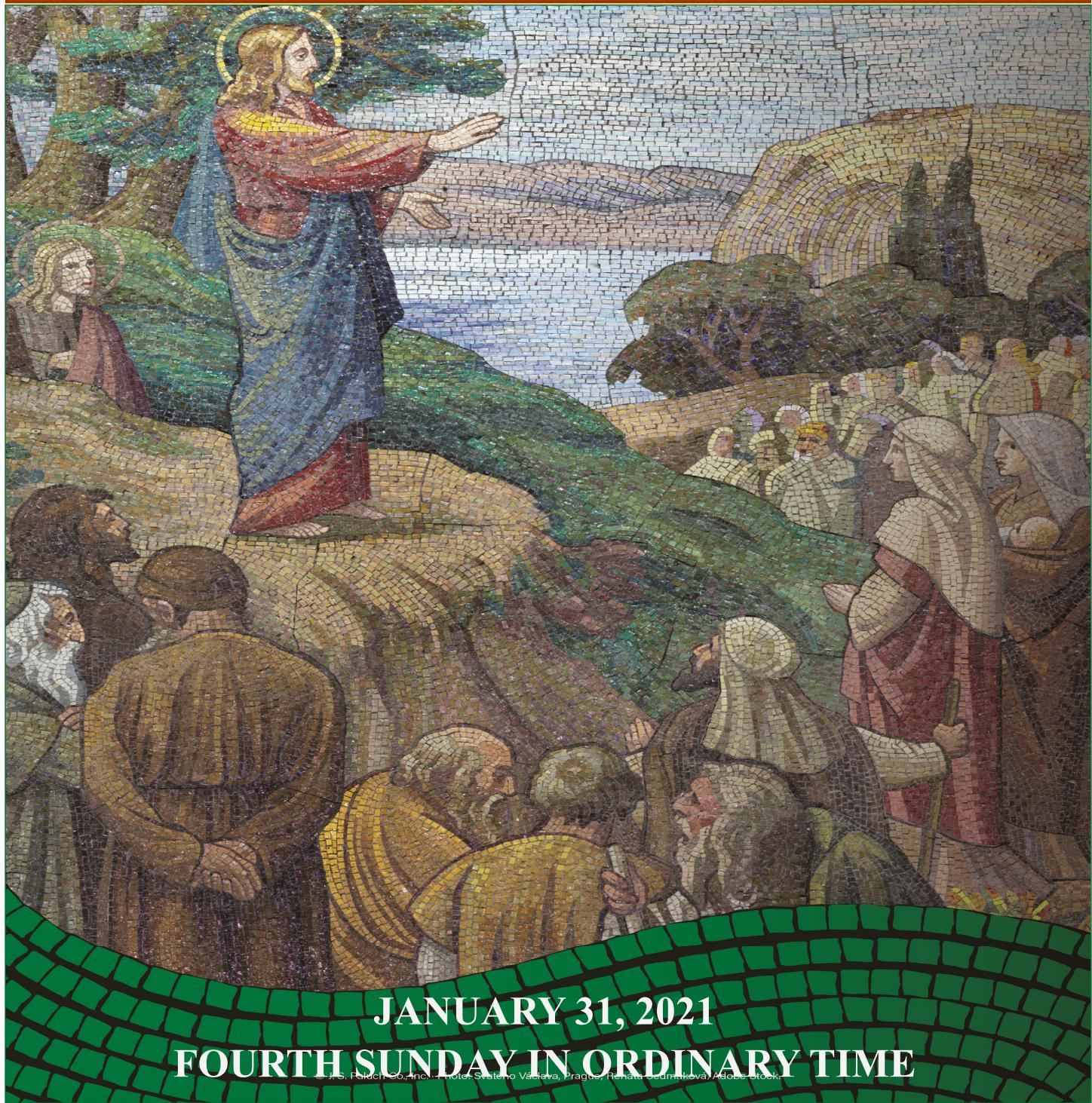
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FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Too often, we define **a prophet** as one who sees into the future – a forecaster, or a psychic. But the biblical meaning of this role is **someone who interprets the divine will**. The prophet delivers God's message to his/her contemporaries and advocates for adherence to God's plan.

In the first reading, we encounter **Moses, God's prophet** who did marvelous deeds in fulfillment of God's will – leading the Israelites out of Egypt, giving them God's commandments, and leading them to the brink of the Promised Land. Moses relays God's message of another, far greater prophet: "*I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him*". Further, **God would hold accountable those who will not listen to his words.**

And God did, indeed, send the greatest prophet of all – his Only Begotten Son.

In Hebrew, the word for this **anointed one** is "**Messiah**." In Greek, it translates as the "**Christ**." The angels confirmed the arrival of this Messiah in their message to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth. The Father confirmed the anointing of Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan and again at his Transfiguration. When Jesus preached, he revealed what the Father wanted him to reveal. Whenever Jesus spoke or performed healings, he did so in harmony with God's will: "His works and words will manifest him as 'the Holy One of God'" (CCC 438).

In today's Gospel, we read of one such instance. When Jesus was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, *the people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes*. And that authority was further manifested when he drove out the unclean spirit from a man. The people were even more astounded that even the unclean spirits had obeyed him. **The Church, too, continues to act publicly and authoritatively in the name of Christ. She exists to proclaim the Gospel message.** In the name of Jesus, she calls down God's protection against evil in the rites of initiation.

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What is the lesson for us in all of this? Perhaps the clue can be found in today's psalm response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts* (Psalm 95:7-8). We are constantly being bombarded with messages, with voices: from marketers and politicians; from friends and foes; from those who spew hate and from those who seek peace; from voices who want us to satisfy our own interests and from those who seek the common good.

Let us listen to God's prophets. Let us focus on those who have God's words in their mouths. This will take prayer and discernment, but it is possible with God's grace. **In the midst of all the noise, may we always be attentive to the voice of God.**

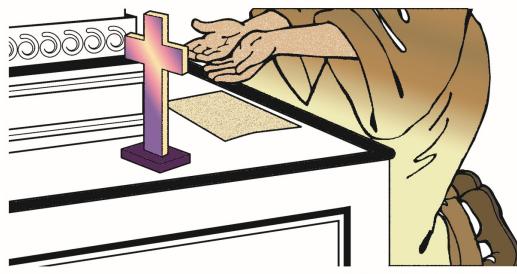
Blessings,
Fr. Tad

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please submit announcement
no later than Monday by 12 pm
to be added to the upcoming bulletin: please email at
churchstanthony@dsj.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day
- Wednesday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
- Friday:** St. Agatha; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Paul Miki and companions;
First Saturday



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MASS TIMES

Outdoor Sunday Masses

(on the Patio)

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

(*Reservations thru weekly constant contact or
<https://churchstanthony.com/>.*

*Please use links for Mass date and time sent that week.
Previous reservation links will not work.)*

Live Stream Indoor Sunday Mass

8:00 a.m.

(without attendees)

<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonycatholicchurchsj/>

Weekday Mass :

Outdoors on the Patio

(*Also Livestreaming*)

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Vali (RIP)

9:30 a.m. Available

11:00 a.m. Parishioners

February 07, 2021

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joe Martarano (RIP)

9:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Available

YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for Religious Education, NOVA, & OASIS

Registration will remain open for all students K-12th grade this whole year!

Please contact Ana Fuentes to register today!

The cost of registration for each student is \$75. Note there are two registration forms, one for Religious Education (K-5th) and one for Youth Ministry (6th - 12th)

Participate

When we are sick, we can try many different things to help us feel better. Maybe you have a special family chicken noodle soup recipe that you use. Perhaps your family claims that Vick's VapoRub cures all - my family sure does. How many of us, though, have ever thought, "Maybe I should grab a mat, lay in the street, and wait for someone's shadow to pass over me"?

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, His apostles continued to work the same signs and wonders. Their works were so well known and expected that people waited in the streets for Peter to pass by.

In Acts 5:12-16, it reads "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured." Peter wasn't able to do this simply by watching and imitating Jesus; it was only by way of the Holy Spirit that Peter continued Jesus' work. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came into the Church, empowering the apostles to continue Jesus' mission.

Miracles, to this day, still play an important role in the Church. Miracles are all approved by the Church. If an event is thought to be a miracle, the local bishop assembles a board of medical professionals, who thoroughly examine the event and compile facts surrounding it. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church is able to confidently confirm a particular event is one of God's miracles. The process is important because witnessing a miracle can inspire us and lead to deep conviction.

While the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit, we are also called to be allow the same Spirit to work in our lives. We call this relationship with the Holy Spirit, "docility." Docility to the Holy Spirit means we are open to the Holy Spirit's promptings and are ready to respond. The first aspect of docility is an openness to the movements of the Holy Spirit - we experience this openness when we have a desire to be taught and guided by God and are eager to follow His plan. The second aspect of docility is that we are ready to act on the promptings of the Holy Spirit. There will always be people who do not believe in Jesus, but He promises that when we live lives of expectant faith, open and ready to act in His name through the Holy Spirit, we will do the works that He did and more. In John 14:12, it reads "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

OASIS

Join us tonight for our second night in our series, Signs and Wonders. The night is titled Liberate - we'll talk about what it means to encounter the power of God through Scripture and trust in God's desire and ability to work in and through our lives. Join our OASIS Live meeting on Zoom, you don't want to miss this!! Check out our Instagram @st.anthony_ym for more updates and content!

NOVA

Mark your calendars, pending a couple more NOVA registrations we will meet Wednesday February 7th on Zoom! NOVA registration will remain open throughout the year, feel free to invite anyone with teens in 6th - 8th grade - contact Ana Fuentes analisa.fuentes@dsj.org for more info.

Confirmation

Mark your calendars. Our next Confirmation class is this Wednesday February 3rd from 7:00pm - 8:00pm on Zoom. We'll be talking about Jesus and the Act of the Apostles. Remember to do your Mass nuggets on Discord every Sunday after attending Mass! Because we are doing livestream Masses, this is how we know you attended.

Youth Ministry Instagram

Follow along on all adventures youth ministry on our Instagram page @st.anthony_ym!! You can also feel free to DM our Instagram with any questions regarding youth ministry or events!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jakki Stodola, Ryan Keit, Bev Yourstone,
Barbara & Tom Holtsnider, Diego Pelayo,
Juanita Elizabeth Croker, John Malloy,
Luca Colacino, Victoria Gordo,
Encarnacion Leocena, Tom Margolis, Janice Page,
Mark A. Schena, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett,
Steve Fineburg, Jessica Votaw, Kathy Zwibelman,
Sean Banchero, Adonis Causing, Dale Anderson,
Rose Flowers, MaryAnn Fox,
Teresita Roig, Matt Cesario, Michael Rideau,
Dennis Ikerd, Marlene Agnoletti

ANOINTING & CARE OF THE SICK

To add a name to the Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office: churchstanthony@dsj.org

If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, received a recent serious medical diagnosis, or is experiencing the burden of years, please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick.

Communion can be brought to anyone who is ill or homebound through our Pastoral Care Ministers.

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

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.

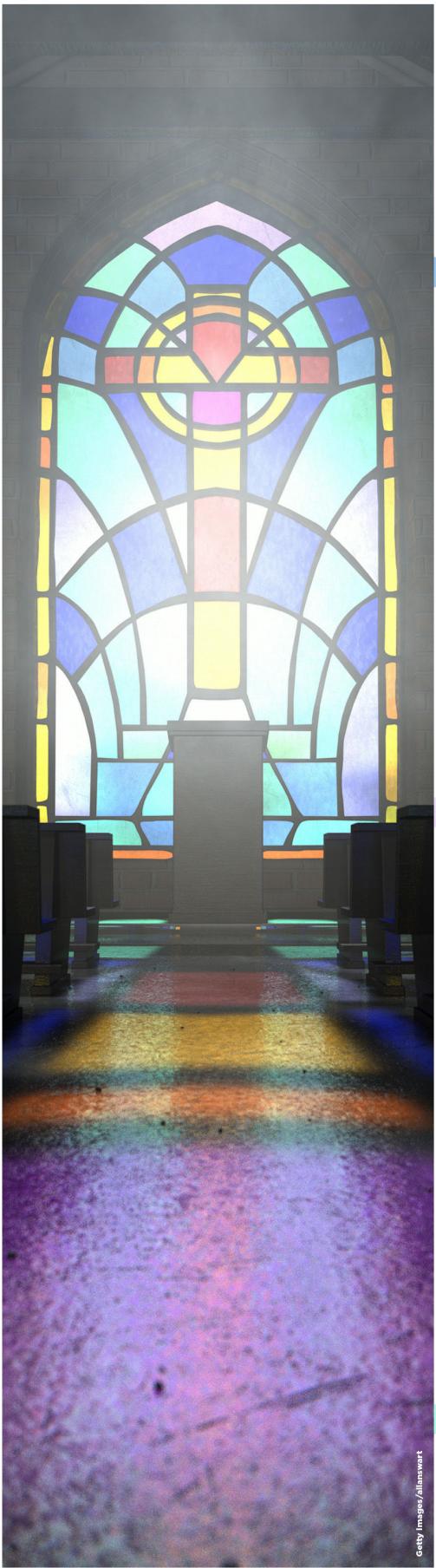
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FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

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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January 31, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When was the last time you were “astonished” and “amazed”? Parents might point to the birth of their child. Space enthusiasts might recall Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon. Perhaps we felt that sense of amazement the first time we saw the Grand Canyon or another natural wonder. For the people of Capernaum, Jesus had that effect. He taught with authority. He commanded an unclean spirit. In our modern society with the constant bombardment of news and social media, it can be easy to become numb to the wonder that surrounds us. Perhaps we think we’ve seen it all. Even Jesus and the words that turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples of the early Church can be something we take for granted or only think about for 20 minutes on Sunday. Our Gospel challenges us to quiet the noise, and Paul encourages us to seek “adherence to the Lord without distraction.” Let us pray that the Lord rekindles our faith, so that we may hear his words again as if for the first time and engage ourselves anew in living according to his teachings.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is very hard to keep exciting news to ourselves. We have an innate desire to share important information and extraordinary events with those whom we love. It could be the call to parents to announce an engagement. Or perhaps telling a friend that you have landed a job or been accepted to college. While these milestones are significant, they pale in comparison to what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we have experienced God’s love, mercy, and redemption, not to mention the direction and means to attain a good life: on earth and with him forever in heaven. Why not share that Good News as well? We don’t have to stand on a street corner to be effective. We can simply let our faith lives enter our conversations, just as our work and other interests do. It could be as simple as, “our priest said something Sunday that really stuck with me,” or “I just finished a remarkable book about Dorothy Day.” As we begin to talk about our faith and listen to others share their insights, we not only grow closer to one another, but can grow in faith together.

WITNESS Today’s psalm struck a chord: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Next Sunday, make a conscious effort to listen to the readings and music with an open heart (and ears). If something strikes you, consider sharing that with others – be it around the dinner table, on a walk with friends, or during a video call.

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Giving Method

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Online	\$ 3,416

Collection Total \$4,841

Two Week Budgeted Collection \$13,224

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