

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*

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 whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. 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. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. 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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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 (Mark 1:21-28).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,617.00	\$2,278.00
Number of Families contributing	95	75
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$9,595.00	\$9,650.00
Received to Date	\$6,376.00	\$5,031.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,219.00	\$4,619.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$215.00	\$511.00

Twenty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$293.00
Amount Outstanding	

Seven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$200.00	\$335.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$57.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$34.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 95, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 130 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day when I entered a coffee shop I heard the person before me place his order. "Five coffees please. One for me, and four suspended." He pays for his order, takes the one coffee and leaves. Then a young couple came in, "We'll have four coffees. Two for us and two suspended." They pay for their order, take the two and leave. The next person came in, "I'll have three coffees, one for myself and two suspended."

I didn't understand what was going on so I asked my friends, "What is suspended coffee?" My friends replied, "Wait a few minutes and you'll see." I patiently waited to find out the meaning of this. Then an old man, dressed in worn out clothing entered the coffee shop. He slowly crept up to the counter and asked, "Do you have any suspended coffee today?" The girl behind the counter replied, "Yes, we do." She then hands him a nice cup of hot coffee. He takes the cup and goes into a corner to sit and drink it.

The tradition of "suspended" coffee started in Naples and has spread across the world. People pay in advance for coffee and served for those who can't afford it. Sometimes the place offers it, people will also pay for a hot meal to go with it.

One small act of charity can make a difference in someone's life. No kind deed is too small to start an everlasting ripple in making this world a better place.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Newman in loving memory of Tom "Popeye" Sherlock on his 81st Birthday;
2. the Duggan's in loving memory of Tommy "Duggan" Gorman on his 78th Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced for the first time for Matt Riley and Mandy Sherlock.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jim Penn Sherlock and Tinsley Sherlock.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS NOVENA is being held in the Church on Sunday. The Church on Sunday will open at 2:00 P.M. and Novena will begin after the Divine Mercy Rosary.

THANK YOU to a member for a \$500 donation in thanks to St. Theresa and to four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

GRACE, MERCY AND BLESSINGS

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve.

Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.

Blessings are when He is generous with both.

Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.

TRUST YOURSELF

Luck is not in your hands...but *decision* is in your hands.
Your *decision* can make *luck*, but *luck* can never make your *decision*.
So always trust yourself.

MASTER’S TABLE The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master’s Table in Augusta this Thursday, February 1st. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned’s Priscilla.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE St. Blaise is the patron saint of those with throat maladies. We shall celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise this Friday, February 2nd at 10:00 A.M. with Solemn Mass and Blessing of Throats.

BLESSINGS FOR 2018

Faith makes all things possible.

Hope makes all things work.

Love makes everything beautiful.

May you have an abundance of all three and more,
everyday in *2018*.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

2017 TAX STATEMENTS 2017 Tax statements for donations made during the year were mailed to those who contributed \$250 or more during the year. If you have donated less than \$250 but still require a tax statement, please contact the Church Office at 803-279-1837.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Catholic Schools Week
- Wednesday:** St. John Bosco
- Friday:** The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** Funeral.
- Tuesday:** In thanks for Alec on his 11th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete "Cannon Sherlock" on his 66th Birthday.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Jude "Underdog" Sherlock on the 8th Anniversary of his death and his 52nd Birthday and Jr.'s Bridget Ann on her Birthday.

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 27th, 4:00 P.M.
Sable &
Mary Martha | Sat. Jan. 27th, 7:00 P.M.
Carolyn &
Mary Regina |
| Sun. Jan. 28th, 10:00 A.M. | Ned’s Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph |
| Sat. Feb. 3rd, 4:00 P.M.
Grace &
Rita Riley | Sat. Feb. 3rd, 7:00 P.M.
Carolyn &
Mary Regina |
| Sun. Feb. 4th, 10:00 A.M. | Ned’s Rose Marie & Jimmy Joseph |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | Taniel |
| Tuesday | Theresa Maria Cat |
| Wednesday | Natalie |
| Thursday | Christina |
| Friday | Fallon |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Front
Left Cup | January 27th
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann |
| Saturday 7:00 P.M.
Front
Cup | January 27th
Jay
Johnny Jay’s Ann |
| <u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u> | |
| January 28th
Pete Man’s Nora
Rose Marie | February 4th
Pete Man’s Nora
Rose Marie |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Mary Cat |
| Tuesday | Pete Man’s Nora |
| Wednesday | Ann T. |
| Thursday | Bibbie’s Catherine Ann |
| Friday | Bridget Ann |

SPEAK & LISTEN

SPEAK in such a way that others love to **LISTEN** to you.
LISTEN in such a way that others love to **SPEAK** to you.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR FEELING AFRAID

Heavenly Father, I feel afraid, and need Your comfort and guidance. You are the source and strength and courage in my life, and in this moment I need your direction. Help me feel the truth of Your Word that says, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Jesus, I place my trust in You and know that if You are with me, nothing can defeat me. In Christ’s most holy name I earnestly offer up this prayer. Amen.