

January 29, 2012
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus taught
with authority



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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Today’s Readings: Deut. 18:15-20; Ps. 95; 1 Cor. 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesdays:** *Legion of Mary* after 9:00am Mass in Lounge
Wednesdays: *Euchre* - 12:00pm in the Lounge
Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods 2:00pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:30 - 9:00pm in the Lounge
Fridays: *Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa* 2:00pm
Sundays: *Children’s Liturgy* 10:00am Mass
Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00am
Vespers in the Church at 4:30pm

Sat, Jan 28	Pro-Life Mass	9:00 am	Church, Hall
Sun, Jan 29	Enrollments at some Masses	10:00am, 12:00noon	Church
	Coffee Sunday	After 10:00 am	Glass House
	E L I M	1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Church Lounge
Mon, Jan 30	Children’s Religion	6:30 pm	Hall
	Catholicism (Session 11)	7:00 pm	Lounge
Tues, Jan 31	K of C Executive	7:00 pm	Lounge
Thurs, Feb 2	CWL Bible Study	9:30 am	Lounge
Fri, Feb 3	St John the Apostle School Dance	7:00 pm	Hall
Sat. Feb 4	Cursillo	9:30 am	Lounge
Sun, Feb 5	Called to the Table	3:00 pm	Church, Hall

Fr. Tom will be out of town for the month of February.

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. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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Counters: In December we put out a call for more volunteers to help with counting the weekly collections. We are hoping to recruit and train enough volunteers so that each team of 4 would only be scheduled once a month. We still need another 2 or 3 members and are asking again: ***Can you spare one morning per month?*** Team members must not be related but that does not exclude husbands and wives from being on separate counting teams. If you are interested in helping, contact Pearl at finance.sjap@gmail.com or call the office at 613-829-1760.

★ Thank You ★

On behalf of the whole parish, we wish to thank the ladies of the CWL for their generous donation to our Building & Renovations Fund.

This week, they presented Fr. Tom with a cheque for **\$6,000!**

HELP TO COOL THE EARTH

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace launched a five year education campaign in fall 2011 centred on ecological justice. For 2011-2012, the focus is sustainable farming with the objective of helping to cool the Earth. Did you know that total emissions from industrialized agriculture account for 44-57% of greenhouse gases? As much as 20% of that is just from the food processing, packaging and transport, and another 18% from land clearing and deforestation. This is why many people try to eat locally produced foods. The promotion of small-scale, sustainable farming can actually help to reduce climate change while it provides poor farmers of the Global South with a livelihood that uses traditional, Earth-friendly farming practices.

Learn more by visiting www.devp.org and please sign this year's action cards, 'Help to cool the Earth', which are available at both entrances to our church. The cards may be mailed directly to Development and Peace in Montreal, or left in the containers holding the cards where they will be picked up.

Lost & Found - 2011 was another bountiful year for our Lost and Found. Next week, we will be emptying the contents; so please take a look to see if any items formerly belonged to you! Walking into the church from the front entrance, it is located on the left side of the church behind the first row of pews.

World Day for Consecrated Life - February 2

The purpose of the day is “to help the entire church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” - John Paul II (1997)

INVITATION TO MEN OF THE DIOCESE: "Be a Man" Series - be the man God is calling you to be, from the book by Fr. Larry Richards. Offered by Men of the Eucharist. **Feb. 3, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Adoration, Confessions & "Be a Man" Series. Info: Keith Doucette (613-790-4071); (keithdoucettedm@gmail.com).



(† indicates deceased)

This list is to publish intentions for Masses. It does not mean there has been a change to regularly scheduled Masses. If a Mass is not listed here, it means that no intention has been booked for that particular Mass and is available.

Sat, Jan 28	9:00 am	Pro-Life Mass
	5:00 pm	† Morris Crate by his wife, Theresa Crate
Sun, Jan 29	10:00 am	† Faustino Arruejo, Jr. by Rosie and children
	12:00noon	The intentions of all our parishioners † Donna Mae Gosselin by Joan & Ron Houlahan
Tues, Jan 31	9:00 am	† Patrick James Grenier by Karen & Mike Leeder
Wed, Feb 1	9:00 am	† Donna Mae Gosselin by the Kerslake family
Thurs, Feb 2	9:00 am	† Adelyn and † Bud Graves by Bob Pearson
Sat, Feb 4	5:00 pm	The intentions of our Parishioners
Sun, Feb 5	8:00 am	† Bela Meszaros by the Ushers
	10:00 am	Life: From conception to natural death
		† Jesus Alvaro by the Alvaro family
		In thanksgiving by Rosie and children

In your kindness and charity toward others, please remember the sick and their families who journey with them: Christopher Gleeson, Gregory Kiez, Theresa Mallette and those who are suffering from long-term chronic disease or mental illness.

Prayers and sympathy for those who have died, remembering especially Frank Stopa and George Weldon.

Last week's Collections:

Regular Collection: \$3,985.25 Building & Reno Fund: \$357.25

Pre-Authorized Contributions:

PAC (Pre-Authorized Contributions) is an alternate way to make regular Sunday contributions and/or donations to our Building & Renovations Fund via credit card payments. To find out more about this easy-to-use facility, please pick up a leaflet at the entrance to the church.