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Our Mission Statement

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.*



January 28, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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


Oh, to not be anxious! What would that be like – to not have to worry about how we'll pay the bills or whether our kids are safe or if our health will fail? While anxiety is a very human emotion, we can take comfort in knowing that our God is more powerful than anything that may worry us. It is also important to note that in today's reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, what he means by "anxious" is not a modern psychological concept with only a negative connotation. The connotation is more "to be concerned with," or "caring about" something, and can refer to things that are very good – including spouses and families! But when we care for many things, including our relationship with God, it is only natural for us to be anxious at times. But Jesus Christ gives us the assurance that the troubles of this world are temporary, and the peace of God eternal. Paul is encouraging the Corinthians, and us, to understand the importance of an undivided devotion to God, to care for him above all things – no matter if we are married or single – so that our whole life is devoted to holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I am always thankful when something good that has been anticipated, or predicted, comes to pass: The sunshine and mild weather holds true for that outdoor event I hosted; or the generous gift that a longtime friend mailed arrives unscathed. There is some anxiety in the waiting for, but relief in the fulfillment of, these beneficent promises. And while these are somewhat superficial examples, they do point us in the same direction of hope and gratitude that the divine gifts of God elicit in us. In today's first reading, Moses promises the people that the Lord will raise up for them, from among their own kin, a prophet who will speak God's own words and to whom the people will listen. And the Lord did provide numerous prophets, and kings, and judges, and eventually his only begotten Son, to call his people back to himself, and to save them from the wages of sin and death. The hope and anticipation God's chosen people had was fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We share in that gift of hope and of gratitude for our salvation.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9) is a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement. It helps us steer our minds from those things which may make us anxious. Spend time in the morning or evening each day of the coming week, praying and reflecting on the words.

JANUARY 28	JANUARY 29	JANUARY 30	JANUARY 31	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 3
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	7p RCIA	8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p Senior Cards 	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE



MONDAY EVENINGS FOR 7 WEEKS STARTING ON FEBRUARY 12TH 6:30PM-8PM

THE SEARCH is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

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WE PLEDGE 5%

SERENA (natural family planning) is a non profit volunteer organization that provides couple to couple instruction in the Symptothermal method of natural family planning. Serena's mission is to enable couples to manage their fertility in a natural and effective manner based on better knowledge and understanding of the female cycle of fertility. We are committed to: building healthy marriage relationships based on respect and trust and supporting couples in seeking to delay or achieve pregnancy through the utilization of the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. Thank you for your support. Saskserena.ca

LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Barb Zimmer, Greg Clemence, Father Marc Mireau, Father Bernard de Margerie, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Trev Yager, Jeff Haugen, John Bohnke
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Louis Bud Sarich, Veronica Wourms

We pray to the Lord

CONFIRMATION Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open for children in grade 6 and older.

Confirmation completes initiation into our Catholic Faith. For more information and to register visit :

<https://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca/faith-formation/sacramental-preparation-for-children/>

Please note: if your child was in grade 2 in 2020 or earlier in the Diocese of Saskatoon they likely have already been Confirmed. If you are unsure contact the church of your child's Baptism.



The Day of Prayer for Reverence for Life—Sunday, January 28, 2024

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Celebrating Catholic Health Care February 4-10: Holding all those who are hurting in our hearts – and grateful for the many faithful Catholics who serve in formal and informal expressions of Catholic health care throughout our communities – the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) encourages the faithful to celebrate our commitment to Catholic health care during National Catholic Health Care Week Feb.

4-10. An annual Compassionate Healers Mass will be celebrated that week in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon on the World Day of the Sick, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen presiding at the 9 a.m. celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. All are welcome.

Pro-Life Fundraiser sponsored by The Knights of Columbus In Support of Life Committee

BANQUET, ENTERTAINMENT AND AUCTION

February 24 at The Cathedral of the Holy Family

Refreshments 5:30 Dinner 6:30

Live and Silent Auction

Tickets \$40.00 are available from

John Cook 306-477-1748 or the Parish Office.

A 50/50 Raffle with a maximum prize of \$2500.00 Tickets are \$5.00. These tickets can be purchased via email at cook.j@shaw.ca You do not have to attend the event to win!

All proceeds are donated to Saskatoon Pro-Life Groups.

Catered by Touch of Ukraine

For tickets contact

John Cook 306- 477-1748

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7 pm

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm

Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon

or by appointment.

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If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away.

Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** Pastoral Associate- Ministry of Care

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3. **Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
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What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

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Join us:

***“The Search”* Monday evenings for 7 weeks**

starting on February 12th

6:30pm-8pm in the Hall

Pre-registration is required to ensure enough participation to run this program.

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Registration for the
Sacrament of Confirmation
for children gr 6+ is now open.
For more information and to
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January 12, 2024
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Day of Prayer for Reverence for Life Sunday **January 28, 2024**

Dear Clergy, Religious, & Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

The day of prayer for Reverence for Life will be celebrated in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon on Sunday, January 28, 2024, providing our faith communities with an opportunity for prayers, reflection and discussion about the value of the precious gift of human life.

This past year has featured terrible conflicts in many parts of the world, including the terrible wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. I continue to hear from many that our current world affairs highlight both the fragility and strength of human life. In these times of reflecting on the prayer of St. Francis, “Lord, make me a channel of your peace,” we continue to hear this prayer in terms of the care of the vulnerable, and especially with regards to the protection and care for the unborn, our elders, and critically ill in our communities.


SINS AGAINST HUMAN LIFE CONTRIBUTES TO AN UNCARING & UTILITARIAN CULTURE

Canada continues to deal with the tragic repercussions of the removal of abortion from the Criminal Code. We now mark the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Morgentaler case on January 28, 1988, which removed all remaining restrictions on abortion in Canada. Incredibly applauded by many in our society, this moment in our nation’s history holds within it the tragic reality of millions of lost lives.

Victims of abortion include the unborn children who are killed, but also the mothers, fathers and families left wounded after an abortion. The community is also weakened and damaged as the weakest and most vulnerable among us are not valued and protected.

As the Canadian government continues to seek to expand access to doctor assisted suicide, also known as Medical Aid in Dying or “MAiD” – the words of the Holy Father only a few years ago continue to ring prophetic:

“The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings – the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, etc. – who are in danger of being ‘thrown away’, expelled from a

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system that must be efficient at all costs.” (See: [+Francis’ Address to a Delegation from the Dignitatus Humanae Institute, Dec. 7, 2013](#))

During the Papal visit to Canada on his “Penitential Pilgrimage” for healing and reconciliation in July 2022, Pope Francis called on all Canadians and people of good will to dream and work for a future that is able to see the God-given dignity of all peoples, and gain inspiration from Indigenous people’s cherishing of the relationship between elders and youth. On the feast day of Saints Joachim and Ann, he implored these grandparents of Our Lord to help us treasure the presence of our elders in order to create a better future:

“...a future in which the elderly are not cast aside because, from a ‘practical’ standpoint, they are ‘no longer useful’. A future that does not judge the value of people simply by what they can produce. A future that is not indifferent to the need of the aged to be cared for and listened to. A future in which the history of violence and marginalization suffered by our indigenous brothers and sisters is never repeated. That future is possible if, with God’s help, we do not sever the bond that joins us with those who have gone before us, and if we foster dialogue with those who will come after us. Young and old, grandparents and grandchildren, all together. Let us move forward together, and together, let us dream.”

(See [+Francis’s presentation at Commonwealth Stadium, Edmonton, July 26, 2022.](#))

This statement reminds me of the Holy Father’s call several years ago to continue the steady work to turn our culture from one of convenience and short-sightedness, to a cultural movement that seeks - through goodwill and honest reflection - the realization of a truly human culture. ([+Francis’s speech to Dignitatis Humanae Institute Dec. 7, 2013](#))

INCOMPATIBILITY OF ‘CARE FOR CREATION’ with ABORTION & EUTHANASIA


Pope Francis continually highlights that respect for creation and for human dignity are issues that are only realized together. As he states in his 2023 Apostolic Exhortation *Laudato Deum*:

“Everything is connected ...no one is saved alone” (#19)

“... our admiration at progress blinded us to the horror of its consequences. But that risk is always present, because “our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience... We stand naked and exposed in the face of our ever-increasing power, lacking the wherewithal to control it.” (#24)

“To recognize... that human life is incomprehensible and unsustainable without other creatures. As part of the universe... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect.” (#67) [See: [Laudato Deum, October 4, 2023](#)]

The Gospel’s moral and social teaching calls on all people of good will to bring to bear intellectual, social, and political consciousness on the blatant inconsistency that is affecting the well-being and flourishing of human cultures through our world. As Pope Francis states:

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“It is necessary to raise awareness and form the lay faithful, in whatever state, especially those engaged in the field of politics, so that they may think in accord with the Gospel and the social doctrine of the Church and act consistently by dialoguing and collaborating with those who, in sincerity and intellectual honesty, share – if not the faith – at least a similar vision of mankind and society and its ethical consequences. (See: [+Francis’ Address to a Delegation from the Dignitatus Humanae Institute, Dec. 7, 2013](#))

This effort is at the service of every person on the planet! If we do not engage in calling each other to a greater and fuller humanity, we should then not be surprised at the larger deterioration of a culture of human care and respect.

THE LOSS OF HEART

Current advances in science, genetics and embryology clearly show the distinct humanity of each unborn child, which comes into existence at conception. Each new, distinct human person shares the fundamental human *right to life* that we as Canadians celebrate and support on so many other fronts.

Failing to recognize that right has left our country damaged – not only in the missing and lost lives of millions of unborn children – but also in removing ‘the heart’ from our society. Devaluing human life at any age or stage has inexorably led to the legalization and growing acceptance in our country of euthanasia and assisted suicide: our lives seem to cease to have meaning and value as we face the fear of not being ‘useful’, or that we are a ‘problem’ to those on whom we rely for care.

The ‘loss of heart’ is also the root cause of so many other evils in our midst, including: discrimination, injustice and racism, violence, poverty and hunger, debilitating addiction. It also contributes to the problem of *indifference* towards those outside my own immediate circle of concern. The recovery of *heart* will be a very important feature in the coming times – as we work towards the goals of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous and all peoples. The recovery of *heart* must also contribute to finding true and lasting pathways for a true peace – not a *superficial peace* that removes us from caring for and being engaged with one another.

Sisters and brothers, let us respond to *loss of heart* by holding steady to the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: *the Sacred Heart for our world*. I bring you this message on the memorial of the first woman saint of Canada, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys – who dedicated her life and religious community to care and education children and youth of all races and creeds – especially those dealing with poverty and other disadvantages. Let us join in our common prayer for Reverence for Life on January 28, and throughout this year.

Sisters and Brothers, we pray that as a people and nation we may re-discover our heart!

Yours in Christ



✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen



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Don't abandon Canadians with mental illness to death by euthanasia ("MAiD").



In March 2024, Canada's euthanasia (MAiD) law is scheduled to expand to allow euthanasia for mental illness alone.

The faces of those struggling with mental illness are our brothers, veterans, neighbours, and the face in the mirror. Canadians need access to quality mental health care and other social supports; we need advocacy and resources that support healing and resilience.

WE DO NOT NEED 'MAiD' FOR MENTAL ILLNESS.

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[Sign & share our Euthanasia Prevention Coalition petition](#)

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Diocesan Bulletin

Jan. 28, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Reverence for Life

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Upcoming Events

A Women's Discernment Night will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Thursday, Feb 1** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1202-12th St. East, Saskatoon. Held on the first Thursday of every month, this evening is open to young women who are seeking the Lord's direction in their life and are wanting to journey with other women. Facilitated by Sr. Malou Tibayan (Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity) and Sr. April Mireau (Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.) For more information, call Sr. Malou at (306) 659-5843 or e-mail mtibayan@rcdos.ca.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers to be held at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 1** at St. Michael Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Info: call Edna (306) 382-1680.

World Day of Consecrated Life celebration will be held at 2 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon. Fr. Kevin McGee will preside at Mass.

A Contemplative Mass will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon, led by Fr. Kevin McGee. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion.

Gregorian Chant Mass will be held **Friday, Feb. 2**, at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon, using the *Missa de Angelis* setting, in a reverent and prayerful atmosphere. Booklets (in Latin/English) are provided. Schedule: 6:15 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. chanted evening prayer, 7 p.m. Mass begins (doors locked at 7:20 p.m. for security reasons). Chanted night prayer follows Mass.

Vanscoy celebration - "Ecumenia" (the Ecumenical Choir of Saskatoon) will be leading music for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, corner of 1st Ave. and 1st St. in Vanscoy, SK as they celebrate the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord at 7:30 p.m. **Friday Feb 2**. All are welcome to attend this celebration of Candlemas, which will include a blessing of candles for the congregation. Music will include parts of the "Missa Brevis" Mass setting by Palestrina and the anthem "When to the Temple Mary Went" by Johannes Eccard.

African-Canadian Catholic community monthly Mass is held on the first Sunday of each month at St. Michael Parish, 18-33rd St. E. Saskatoon, with the next celebration at 2 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 4**. Mass is celebrated in English, featuring liturgical music in African languages and with traditional drums.

Reverence for Life Sunday

January 28, 2024

Diocesan Prayer for Reverence for Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
we thank you for the precious gift of human life:
For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,
For the life of children, making us glad with their
freshness and promise,
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,
For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us
that every life has value,
For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the
ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "yes" to Your gift.
Help us to realize the sacredness of human life
and to respect and cherish it
from conception to its natural end.
And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness
of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

**Find a Reverence for Life message from
Bishop Mark Hagemoen at rcdos.ca**

Reverence for Life is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Called and Gifted Workshop Feb. 2-3: Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts are? The Called and Gifted™ discernment process from the Catherine of Siena Institute (a 2.5-month commitment) will be introduced in a workshop held 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 3** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For information, contact Anne Williams at (306) 220-0448. (*Called and Gifted / adult faith is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Theology on Tap for young adults 19 to 35 will be held 5 to 7 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 5** at Louis' on Campus, with special guest Dr. Chris Hrynko speaking about "Pope Francis and Diversity." All are welcome. Find Theology on Tap on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT.

Palliative Care and End-of-life Issues – St. John Bosco Parish, 1202 Ave. O S, Saskatoon will host a two-part Horizons of Hope workshop 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 10** and **Saturday, Feb. 17**. To register, call the parish at (306) 652-1045 (lunch will be provided). All are welcome. For information about hosting Horizons of Hope, contact Jackie Saretsky: jsaretsky@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5839. (*Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Message Board



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A Collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church will be held **Feb. 3-4** in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon to assist the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in their ministry of leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Use the designated envelope on Sunday, Feb. 4, or give online at: dscf.ca/special-collections-2 – in the drop-down box, choose “Needs of the Canadian Church.”

Celebrating Catholic Health Care will be the focus during **National Catholic Health Care Week Feb. 4 to 10**. An annual Compassionate Healers Mass will also be celebrated on the World Day of the Sick, 9 a.m. **Sunday, Feb. 11**, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen presiding at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. All are welcome.

Human Trafficking Awareness and Prayer - Saint Anne Catholic Women's League invites everyone to honour St Josephine Bakhita (patron saint of victims of slavery and human trafficking) on her feast day **Thursday, Feb. 8** through fasting and prayer for victims of human trafficking. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Feb. 8, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 9 p.m. at Saint Anne Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon.

Intake for refugee sponsorship applications for 2024 is now closed in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. For more info about processes, refugee sponsorship, or how to help, contact the Office of Migration at: migration@rcdos.ca. *(This ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Confirmation Retreats 2024 - The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is partnering with Face2Face Ministries to present confirmation retreats in **March 2024** for children preparing to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Choose from various dates and/or retreat locations in Saskatoon, Kindersley, or Humboldt. Find info and registration at: rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats. *(Evangelization and Catechesis is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Search Retreat 2024 – Registration is now open for students in Grades 10-12 to attend the next Search live-in weekend retreat presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, to be held **Feb. 23-25** at E.D. Feehan Catholic School in Saskatoon. Cost for the entire weekend is \$100. Find registration and more info at saskatoonsearch.ca *(Youth ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Celebrate Serena Saskatchewan's 50th Anniversary on **Saturday, Feb. 10**, starting at 6:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1235-12th Street East, Saskatoon, with a catered banquet and a presentation by guests Kelly and Phylisia Aalbers about “Humanae Vitae seen in the light of marriage.” Cost is \$35 per person, includes meal, dessert, and wine; go to www.eventbrite.ca and search “Serena SK 2024 Gala.”

Awaken Adult Faith Winter Webinar

“Everyday Apostles: Ordinary Methods to Help You Share an Extraordinary Message”

A Revive Course hosted by Ryan O'Hara
online from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays

Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12

Cost: \$20 for the series.. Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231798546079270>

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to the Bishop's Annual Appeal: dscf.ca/baa)*

A Come and See weekend with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary will be held **Feb. 16-19** in Saskatoon. Interested women are invited to discover more about the sisters' way of life. For more information, contact Sr. April Mireau, PM, at aprilmireau@gmail.com or (306) 531-9937.

A Billings Ovulation Method® Weekend Workshop and a Free Information Night will be held at St. Therese Institute, 650 Ursuline Ave., Bruno, SK. The Free Information Night about this effective and natural method of family planning will be held at 7 p.m., **Friday, March 1**. The Billings Ovulation Teacher Training Workshop will be held **March 1-3** with teacher trainer, Shawna Van Uden. Fee includes workshop, meals and accommodation for \$200. Organized by NFP Saskatchewan: www.nfpsask.ca. Call or text Marcy at 1-306-276-7954.

Refresh and Recharge Your Marriage: Experience the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference to be held **March 8-9** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Register before Feb. 14 to save \$50. For registration and info, see: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com.

Employment opportunity - Saint Anne Catholic Church in Saskatoon is seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator for one year. Apply before **Feb. 5**: <https://saintannes.ca/careers>

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

February 4 – 10, 2024



CELEBRATING
THE HEALING MINISTRY OF
JESUS CHRIST

Celebrating Catholic Health Care: Holding all those who are hurting in our hearts – and grateful for the many faithful Catholics who serve in formal and informal expressions of Catholic health care throughout our communities – the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) encourages the faithful to celebrate our commitment to Catholic health care during **Feb. 4 to 10 - National Catholic Health Care Week**

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All are welcome.



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Bishop Pocock (Wildwood)

February 7 @ 4:30-5pm

www.gscs.ca/POC

École St. Matthew (French Immersion)

February 8 @ 6pm

www.gscs.ca/MAT

St. Bernard (Lakeview)

January 31 @ 6 – 7pm

www.gscs.ca/BER

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Stonebridge)

January 16 @ 7pm

www.gscs.ca/kat

St. Luke (English and French)

January 31 @ 7pm

www.gscs.ca/LUK

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (Rosewood)

January 25 @ 7pm

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To register:



Sr. April Mireau
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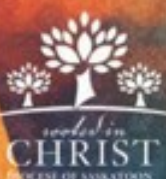
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Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 28, 2024

Teaching with Authority

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well.

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

If a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

1 Corinthians 7:32–35

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

Mark 1:21–28

Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"...He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.

So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). †

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is seen in the integrity
of one's life.***



A Word from Pope Francis

It is easy to be at peace with those we love and with those who do good towards us, but it is not easy to be at peace with those who have wronged us.... Let us ask the Lord, in silence, for the grace to give everyone, good and bad, the gift of peace.

"REGINA COELI" PRISON, ROME,
MARCH 29, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What is your attitude toward authority in the Church, in civil society?
- Do you exercise authority with patience and compassion?

Healing Our Inner Pharisee

Valerie Schultz

The phrase “healing your inner child” is a pop-psychology mainstay. The idea is that we can only become well-adjusted adults if we have made peace with the issues of our childhood. It is a sensible idea, and one I’d like to borrow to confront another character who dwells within all of us: our inner Pharisee.

The Pharisees were appalled that Jesus did not observe the fine points of the law. And Jesus had little patience with the superficial behavior of the Pharisees, who had perhaps forgotten the true purpose of the laws they so scrupulously upheld. “He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart” (Mark 3:1). Yet most of us have a Pharisee lurking in our psyche.

My inner Pharisee plagues me. When I was a child, my mother called me her “little Pharisee,” because I came home from school with stories of the wrongdoing of the other kids—things that I, of



course, never did. It’s easy to be a little Pharisee when you are the perennial teacher’s pet.

When I was a church employee, my inner Pharisee was especially well-nourished. When someone asked the time of an activity, I would answer warmly but think, “Well, if you’d read your bulletin, you would know, wouldn’t

you?” When a parent complained that she could not convince her child to attend confirmation class, I would nod sympathetically but think, “Well, maybe if you showed up for Mass, your kid would come to class.” My inner Pharisee grew out of control.

Fortunately, God made me a parent, which humbles and humanizes me, and makes me aware of how far from holiness I am. My inner Pharisee is silenced whenever one of my daughters does something that makes me look bad. Parenting is one antidote to the inner Pharisee, as it makes us more compassionate and less judgmental, especially of those who share with us the struggles and joys of parenting.

Certainly laws matter; there are specific laws to which we Catholics are bound. But when obeying the law supplants faith and compassion, we have succumbed to our inner Pharisee. And our inner Pharisee, if not confronted and healed, merely “talks the talk,” while Jesus calls us to walk his walk. †

From *Liguorian*, March 2006

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Four Faces of Jesus” by Veronica Smith

Mark, the earliest evangelist, wrote between the years 65 and 70, shortly after Nero’s persecution of Christians. Possibly because of the loss of leaders such as Peter and Paul, Mark deemed it necessary to produce a written record of Jesus. Christianity’s rapid spread also suggests the need for an organized account of Jesus’ life. Mark’s Jesus is in a hurry. Mark introduces you to a Jesus you may not have met before—earthly, relatable, and approachable. In Mark, we meet the most human Jesus. †

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PRAYER

*Holy God, grant us the grace
to recognize the truth
when it is spoken and
live that truth in our daily lives.
We pray in Jesus’ name.
Amen.*

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WEEKDAY READINGS

January 29—February 3

Monday, Weekday:

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

Tuesday, Weekday:

2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30—19:3
Mk 5:21–43

Wednesday, St. John Bosco:

2 Sm 24:2, 9–17 / Mk 6:1–6

Thursday, Weekday:

1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12 / Mk 6:7–13

Friday, Presentation of the Lord:

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

Saturday, Weekday:

1 Kgs 3:4–13 / Mk 6:30–34

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Benedictus \be-nə-'dik-təs\

From Latin meaning "blessed," the hymn sung by Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, an elder priest, who became mute on learning that he and Elizabeth would become parents late in life. After John's birth, Zechariah's tongue is loosed and he praises God with this canticle beginning: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free" (Luke 1:68).

Pronunciation: <http://tinyurl.com/Take5-benedictus>

CONTEXT

Since the early centuries, the **Benedictus** has been sung in the morning prayer of the church's liturgy because of its praise for the coming of the Redeemer and its allusion to Christ coming as the dawn to give light to those in darkness.
—Stephen J. Binz

May I have the courage today/ To live the life that I would love./ To postpone my dream no longer./ But do at last what I came here for/ And waste my heart on fear no more.
—John O'Donohue, **Benedictus**: A Book of Blessings

WHY IT MATTERS

The **Benedictus** is one of four canticles sung at the start of Luke's gospel, including Mary's Magnificat, (*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*), the song of the angels to the shepherds (*Glory to God in the highest!*), and Simeon's prayer at the presentation of Jesus in the temple (*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace*). Together these songs remind us that, in the face of good news, the most reasonable response is to sing. Joyful people know this. It is the most natural response to the graciousness of God who truly has "come to the people and set them free!"

From The General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours: The Gospel canticles, the *Benedictus*, the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis*, should be accorded the same solemnity and dignity as is usual for the hearing of the Gospel (138).

RELATED WORDS

Magnificat | Nunc dimittis | Beatitudes

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Why do we sing at Mass?

Saint Augustine, who said many things well, insisted: "Singing is for one who loves." This is the same Bishop Augustine who considered banning music from his church altogether. In the end he adhered to an older proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over." So pass out the song sheets.

Saint Paul was an earlier proponent of church music, back when church still gathered in somebody's house. He advocated that believers sing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16). While Augustine got it right that singing is for lovers, happy people in general whistle while they work, and grateful people know they have something to sing about. This may explain why some folks in church are reluctant to sing. Without a significant increase in the spirit of joy and gratitude, don't expect an increase in responsive singers. Yet to those who love, feel joy, and are grateful, a little frivolity in public is in order.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-sing-Mass>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEBRUARY 2)

Listen to your elders

Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and desired their son to be raised in the faith that had sustained them. They took Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated and presented to God, where they met Simeon and Anna, elders of the community. The elders immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020224.cfm>). "My eyes have seen your salvation."

FAITH IN ACTION

Follow the wisdom of our biblical elders and call forth the gifts of a child to give light to the world.