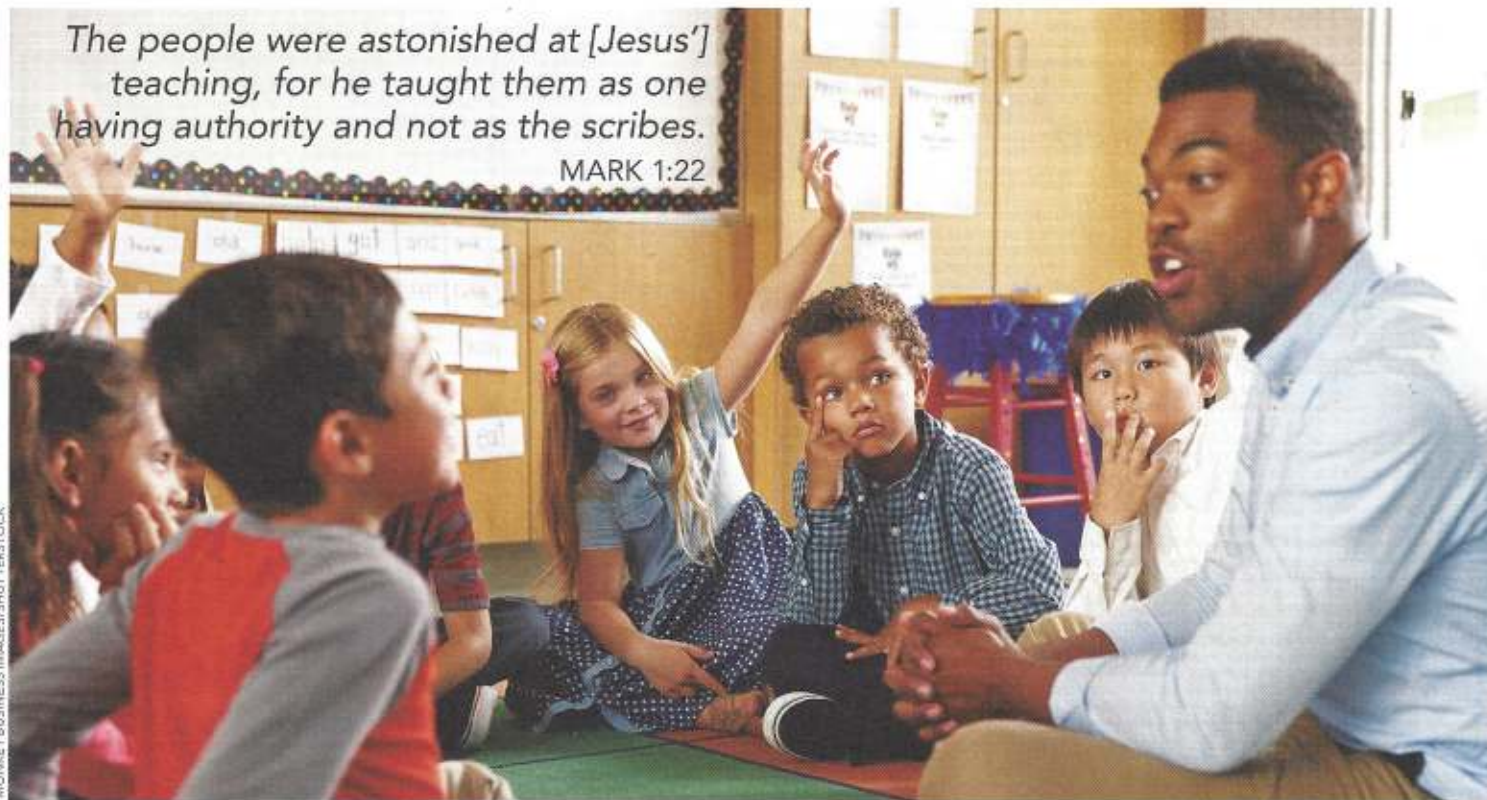


The people were astonished at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

MARK 1:22



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Teaching with Authority

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. 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).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?*
- ★ *What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?*



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-
5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church
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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of February 1, 2021

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM (Blessing of Candles)**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of February 6-7, 2021

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Msgr. Badovsky

† Bernard Schwamberger

† Ann Koenen

† Rosemary Valencia

Offered For

† For The Parishioners

† Special Intention

† Lucy Taylor

Latest Offering's -Online Giving

Holy Trinity - \$4200.00
St. Patrick - \$615.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00
(July-October 2020)

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen
At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
? & ?

****Mass Intentions****

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

****Recurring Special
Church Events****

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM
(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

As We Begin

This New Year

First, I want to thank everyone for their generosity to the churches over the past year! Again I know many are struggling financially. And if you can't give what you would you like, I (we) are still very grateful for your prayers for the churches! And we should pray that things will be better for you this new year!

As we begin this New Year, we need to pray for a better one than the one we just completed. So here is a prayer to pray:

"O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen. "

If everybody would pray more this year, we will, with God's help, make our lives easier this new year than it was in the last!

Confessions

The next confessions will be:
Sat - Feb. 6 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Thomas More Church Hall in the northeast corner of hall.

This Week's Update

Now that the virus vaccines are out. And even if they are limited in distribution. It is a good time to think about coming back to church. I have not talked on the taking of the vaccine only because there are multiple viewpoints on its use. And I would just encourage everyone to thoroughly look at the pluses and minuses of taking the vaccine. Don't rely on just the mainstream media or the more independent news sources before deciding. Look at varying opinions. Just know, Jesus in His messages is against them because He has given us the formula for the Oil of the Good Samaritan (on our website). This formula he says will prevent us from getting the virus without any side effects.

My brother priests have pointed out a big concern about not attending Mass. The main concern is that if people dine out, if you go to an unmasked party, or even going to the grocery store, Catholics are less likely to get the virus going to Mass. And please know we are disinfecting the church pews after each Mass with a disinfectant solution which has a 99% disinfectant rate. This with social distancing and masks give us a pretty safe environment.

This Fourth Week of Ordinary Time, Moses tells the people that God will send one of their own kin to speak God's word to them. And they (we) need to listen carefully and live by the words spoken. False prophets will face their own doom for speaking words not of God. This is why it is important for us to know the Bible so we know when True words are spoken. May God always be with you!

Dear Padre,

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

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Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 7

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39