

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 1, 2015

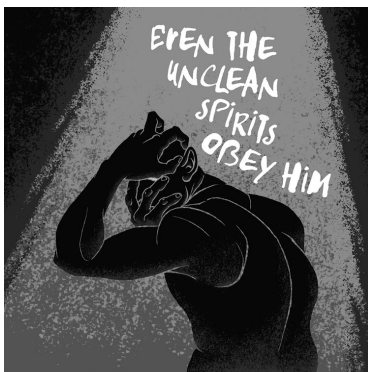
Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— Psalm 95:6

SCRIPTURE THEME AUTHORITY FROM GOD

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic—truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the restoration of the Cathedral Stained Glass Windows. Please be generous.

LITURGY AND LUNCHEON:

Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. single women 17-35 are invited to a special Liturgy and Luncheon in celebration of the year of Consecrated Life. This program is for those who are discerning a religious vocation and those who are just interested in learning more about it. This event will include Mass ~ Guest Speaker Matthew Baugh, S.J. ~ Luncheon ~ Discussion and Q&A with the Little Sisters of the Poor ~ Opportunities for Service to the Poor, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation ~ Closing Benediction. **LOCATION:** Little Sisters of the Poor/Sacred Heart Residence 1655 McGill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604. RSVP by Feb.18. vocmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 591-3700. There is no fee.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. Please, show your love for others through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, February 1, 2015

Sunday February 1	8:00 AM	Rev. William N. Gorman
	10:30 AM	
Monday February 2	12:10 PM	Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. Martin (L)
Tuesday February 3	12:10 PM	Deceased Members of McGill Family
Wednesday February 4	12:10 PM 5:30 PM	Living & Deceased Member of the Cretaro Family
Thursday February 5	10:30 A.M.	Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb (L)
Friday February 6	12:10 PM	Robert Martin
Saturday February 7	8:00 AM 4:30 PM	Jamie Johnson

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations in the amount of \$1,992.64 last weekend. Thank you.



PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Altar Society:

The Altar Society meets the third **Thursday**, of each month at 6:00 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

Knights of Columbus

The Cathedral Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Rectory.

RCIA CLASSES

RCIA CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CATHEDRAL RECTORY BALLROOM.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice is held each Thursday beginning at 7:00 PM in the choir room of the Cathedral Rectory. New members welcome contact Mr. Paul Hanebuth at 434-1573.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the prayer request line at (251) 434-8291 and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.