

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30am Mass (English)

10:30am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm  
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am  
Also by Appointment

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$1,611.00
Donation Online	\$927.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$2,543.00</b>

UPDATE: Annual Catholic Appeal Goal: \$23,323  
As of 1/19/2021, Pledge & One Time Cash:  
\$32,526, Payments received \$28,821, Rebate \$5,498

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### Sunday Readings

#### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; 1 Cor. 7: 32-35  
Mark 1: 21-28



He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Mark 1: 22

# Jesus Saves

Imagine how the man possessed by the unclean spirit would have felt after this dramatic incident.

- He had been tormented by an evil presence perhaps for years. His life was a series of momentary lulls amid constantly recurring and violent demonic attacks.
- He could take little relief in family life or friendships, because they couldn't protect him either. He had no way of carrying on a normal, peaceful existence.
- To a great extent he had lost his most precious gift, freedom. His only hope in the face of such a hell on earth was the direct intervention of God - a miracle.

In some way, each one of us can relate to that situation.

We are not possessed, but we all have our sufferings and temptations, often hidden, that seem to have a mysterious power over us, just as the devil had power over this man - until Jesus came along.

- Maybe while this possessed man was listening to Jesus in the synagogue he felt the agitation of the evil spirit. Maybe he could sense that the demon felt threatened. Maybe he moved closer to the Lord, drawn by a mysterious, subconscious hope.
- Suddenly the demon exerts his usual power, taking over the man's body and senses in order to lash out at the Messiah.
- With a mere word, Jesus silences and expels him. The man is thrown to the ground in a final burst of evil fury and then, silence. Peace.
- Dare he believe it? He opens his eyes and knows that he is now himself again, finally freed from the unspeakable torment. His eyes meet Christ's; what gratitude fills his heart as he sees the love and gladness that shine from his Savior's face!

Jesus Christ came to bring new life and new hope to every human heart, and he rejoices whenever we let him have his way.

## Finding Jesus Today

This Jesus who saves is not a hero from the past, like Socrates or Julius Caesar.

He is just as real, alive, and present today as he was in that synagogue almost two thousand years ago.

- He is here in the Eucharist, in the tabernacle, every day and every night, as the sanctuary lamp reminds us. Whenever we need to let the power of his grace fortify our tired and weak souls, we can do so right here. And Jesus is present in the confessional, through the ministry of his priest.
- Whenever we need to be cleansed, forgiven, and healed by his grace, we can find him there, the very same Jesus who expelled demons and astonished the crowds.
- And Jesus is also present in the Bible, the only book in the whole world directly inspired by the Holy Spirit. When our worried hearts need to hear his words of wisdom, we can find him there.
- And Jesus is present among us in this liturgy, because he promised that wherever two or three gather in his name, he will be there.

We believe these things with our heads, but do we believe them with our hearts?

- When the Pope comes to visit a city or a town, everyone stops their normal activity and goes out to see him, to be with him. And yet, the Pope is just the Vicar of Christ, Christ's second in command. But we have Christ himself present in all these ways, all the time.

Today, as Jesus renews his commitment to us in this Mass, let's renew our commitment to him. Let's put our hopes for happiness, meaning, and fruitfulness in his saving grace, not in our efforts alone. And this week, let's actively seek out his presence, so that he can make the difference he wants to make in our lives.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

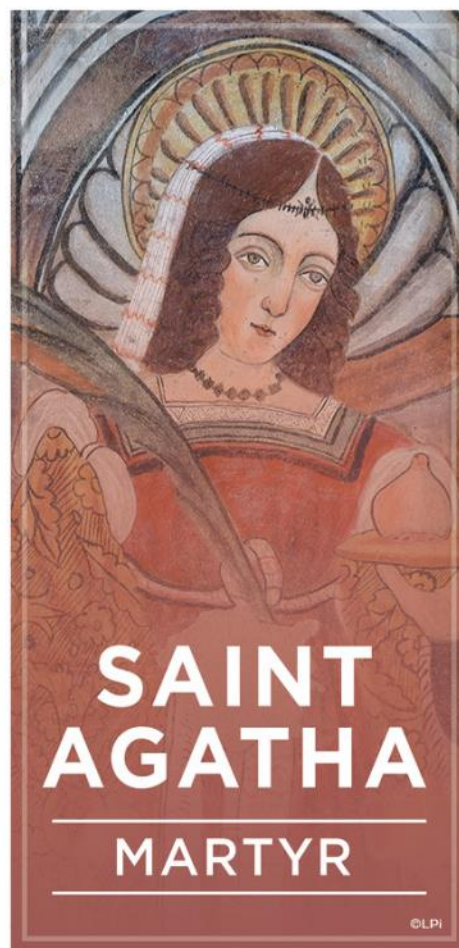
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- MON 2/01** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
- TUE 2/02** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- WED 2/03** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
- THR 2/04** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
- FRI 2/05** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
- SAT 2/06** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
- SUN 2/07** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

- Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Wednesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Friday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



*Everything and  
everyone is won  
by the sweetness  
of our words  
and works.*

— ST. JOHN BOSCO